

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

City Hall Jury Room

Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Tx 76114

Members Present:

Hub Makarwich, Chairman

David Ballard, Vice- Chairman, Place 3

Joe Ashton, Council Liaison

Donna Brooks, Place 5- Secretary

Jimmy Warriner, Place 3

Jason Martinez, Place 2

J. Lynn Vandiver, Alternate 1

Sal Limas, Alternate 2

Staff Present:

Marvin Gregory, City Secretary

Visitors Present:

James Myrick, Citizen

Erin Carter, LYSA VP

Melissa Rangel, LYSA

Ruben Abalos, LYSA Commissioner

Shirley Wheat, Citizen

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Makarwich

2. Member Roll Call: (Makarwich, Ballard, Ashton, Warriner, Vandiver, Martinez, Limas and Brooks).

3. Approve Minutes from February 4, 2016: Chairman Makarwich made the motion to approve the minutes of 2/4/2016. Vice- Chair Ballard seconded the motion. All – Aye.

4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton: Joe thanked all the Board members for their service to the community.

5. Discussion and/or Action on request by Shirley Wheat to form a Heritage Park Garden Club in order to maintain Heritage Park and its landscaping.

- a. Shirley has a contact at Lowes' Home Improvement store. The contact person mentioned that Lowes' is interested in assisting River Oaks by completing a project for Heritage Garden. Shirley will discuss the details with her contact on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 regarding the planning, cost, installation and labor being completed by Lowes. Shirley will be the**

- appointee to oversee the Project at Heritage Park. She will report the details to Chairman Makarwich. The Board members will be invited to the on- site planning of the project.
- b. Shirley knows some citizens that would be interesting in volunteering for the project. She will also speak to Boy Scout Leader, Roger Shaw, as the Boy Scouts may be interested in volunteering.
 - c.
 1. Shirley mentioned the water feature is not in operating order.
 2. The Rose beds are full of weeds.
 3. The ground cover is overgrown.
 4. Possibility of moving some of the pavers and making a walkway with the pavers. The walkway would lead to the arbor. Moving the paver bricks from around the garden areas would mean less weed-eating...
 5. Possibility of planting miniature Crepe Myrtle trees on each side of the arbor.
 6. Possibility of placing benches near the large trees.

Noted that: Marvin will provide Shirley with at least 3 yellow Volunteer vest.
6. Consider approval of recommendation by the Parks Board to the City Council as requested by Shirley Wheat in order for the City to be placed on the project list with Lowe's Home Improvements for park improvements.
- a. Joe Ashton will mention this project at the upcoming City Council meeting on Tuesday, 4/12/2016.
 - b. Shirley will receive the project information for the Parks Board review.
 - c. The City Council must approve the project.
7. Discussion and/or Action regarding the Skate Park & BMX Trail now reopened with Crime Stopper sign posted.
- a. City Secretary-Marvin, will check with the Police department to confirm if there has been any recent issues or vandalism.
8. Discussion and/or action on guidelines for McGee Park Rental agreements.
- a. LYSA Commissioner Ruben Abalos requested that the rental agreement be renewed/extended.

- b. LYSA uses the ball fields several times a week for practices and/or games. They have also used the Elementary school playgrounds to practice. There are 9 River Oaks LYSA teams.
 - c. Erin Carter, VP of RO. LYSA reports that she would also like to form a Special Needs league.
 - d. Vice- Chair David Ballard will provide Erin Carter with a copy of the LYSA Contract for review and extension.
 - e. ISSUES: The ant hills at both fields need to be treated. Erin also needs a key to the Men’s restroom. Marvin stated he would provide the key.
 - f. Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to propose that the current agreement be extended for another year. Vice- Chair, Ballard made the motion to approve the extension of the contract. Warriner seconded the motion. All- Aye.
9. Committee Reports: Discussion on any and all other matters relating to all Park Properties.
- I. Heritage Park
 - a. Previously discussed – Items 5 & 6.
 - b. Donna mentioned that the City did place a load of top- soil at Heritage. The dirt needs to be spread into the beds, etc. Donna requested a work day for the members to meet to complete this action.
 - 1. Possibility to await finding out more about the upcoming project before spreading the dirt.
 - 2. Donna asked the members if we could have a work day meeting on Saturday, April 16 to spread the dirt?
 - II. Lions Triangle
 - a. Vice- Chair Ballard reports that the project we started has not been completed. Ballard will buy salvia to plant on Work day, Saturday, April 16.
 - b. Chairman Makarwich mentioned the trees need to be trimmed.
 - III. Coates Park
 - a. No action taken
 - IV. Wooldridge Park
 - a. Previously discussed in #8.
 - V. McGee Park

a. Previously discussed #7. Action Item e.

10. Public Forum:

a. N/A

11. Adjournment: Vice Chair -Ballard entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Vandiver seconded the motion. All- Aye

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