

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER OAKS  
PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 2, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
MARICELA WELLS, PLACE 3  
DAVID BALLARD, PLACE 4  
JOHN CLARIDGE, PLACE 5  
STEVE WINTERS, ALTERNATE 2

**STAFF PRESENT:**

HERMAN EARWOOD, LIASON  
MARVIN GREGORY, CITY SECRETARY  
JAMES HATLEY, PW SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN  
JIMMY WARRINER, ALTERNATE 1

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

JAMES MYRICK, RESIDENT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Vice-chairman Cumberledge called the meeting of the River Oaks Park Board to order at 6:32 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the River Oaks Community Center, 5200 Blackstone, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

**2. MEMBER ROLL CALL**

Roll call completed. Excused Absentees: Chairman Makarwich and Member Warriner.

**3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Member Claridge, seconded by Member Wells to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 4. Motion passed.

**4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON WORK ORDERS SUBMITTED**

In reference to a work order that was submitted to replace a missing bolt on the skate equipment: Superintendent Hatley said that he met with the contractor and he would replace the bolt. The contractors also found that there were plastic bolts under the equipment. They were going to research to see if those should be there.

**5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A GRANT WRITER**

Member Claridge recommended Jack Thompson with Orasi, who was used by the City of Kennedale. Member Claridge will call the grant writer to see if he would be interested in a park grant proposal. If they are a good candidate for us, then Member Claridge will follow-up with a meeting with Bill Crews and City Secretary Marvin Gregory. Member Ballard will follow-up on the Lowe's grant. He will also contact both UT Arlington and Texas Tech to see if there are any students that might be interested in grant writing. City Secretary Gregory was to forward the Lowe's grant application that Jim Benner started.

**6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE CHESAPEAKE GRANT**

Chesapeake will present check to City Council in December 14 in the amount of \$16,812. They will probably coordinate the grand opening. Member Wells will work on the signage.

**7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE DRAINAGE PROJECT AND INSTALLATION OF A WATER FOUNTAIN AT WOOLDRIDGE PARK**

Raydon will honor their bid from last year for the next phase of construction at Wooldridge Park (BMX Track). It will take 3-4 weeks to complete the BMX track. Raydon still plans to extend the Skate Park retaining wall at no extra charge. The City also has a contract with Raydon to fix the drainage by installing a drainage pipe. This will take approximately 1.5-2 weeks to complete. Secretary Gregory said that the water fountain will not be installed until the drainage is completed. This year's budget does not include a water fountain.

Secretary Gregory said that the City could install a spigot with a natural pea gravel drain, which is included in the master plan. The spigot could be used as a source of water for drinking. He suggested that we might want to use some of the dollar fund to purchase a water fountain. Member Wells asked if we should consider handicap accessibility of the spigot. It was said that it should be tall enough for wheelchair height. Members agreed that this was a good solution, and that a water fountain could always be purchased at a future date.

**8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE BALLPARK GUIDELINES**

Mayor Earwood presented discussion about using the ballpark for purposes other than baseball. L.Y.S.A. requested to use the ballpark outfield for football practice. City Council deemed that it would be at the discretion of the Park Board Chairman. The Board expressed that there should be responsible leadership to monitor the football usage.

**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

No items to discuss.


**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Wells motioned, seconded by Member Claridge, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27.

**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011:**

  
Chairman of the Park Board

**Attest:**

  
City Secretary