

Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board
June 3, 2021

The Council Chambers, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, TX 76114

Members Present:

David Ballard, Chairman
Bob Jamison, Place 1
Jlynn Vandiver, Place 2, Secretary
James Myrick, Place 3
Joksan Holquin, Place 4
Jill Walker, Alternate 1

Staff Present:

Marvin Gregory, City Manager
Gordon Smith, Public Works Director (Virtual)
Maria Tueme, Public Works Secretary

Members Absent:

Joe Ashton (excused)

1. Meeting was called to order by David Ballard, Chairman, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Testimony:
3. Member Roll Call:
Members Ballard, Jamison, Vandiver, Myrick, Holquin, Walker
4. Approval of Board Minutes from the Meeting on May 6, 2021 and also Special Session on May 20, 2021. David Ballard made a motion to approve the minutes and James Myrick 2nd the motion. All Aye. The minutes stand approved as written.
5. Report from Mayor Joe Ashton:
Mayor Ashton absent from meeting.
6. Discussion and/or action from May 20th Special Work Session inspecting Parks:

It was a unanimous decision to maintain McGee and Woolridge Parks as the main focus for repairs/expenditures.

McGee Park

The fence has been repaired on the basketball court for the safety of the players. The kids that were playing during the Special Session asked about new nets.

Grass needs to be mowed shorter. Public Works needs to mow and trim around the fences at the same time. Presently, a riding mower is being used and no trimming is being done where the mower does not reach.

Trash cans are being emptied regularly. New or matching trash cans need to be placed throughout the Park. At this time, they are hodge podge.

The kids would like a security light that is aimed toward the basketball court later. We should install one to have LED all night or at least until 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. which is the curfew. Bob Jamison supplied a list of Park Lighting Grants for which we can apply.

Basketball court needs to be repainted.

Signs need to be repainted.

Park Fencing needs to be repaired. Framework-eye level bracing is missing clamps and is falling down. Ground level fencing is loose.

Baselines on softball fields need to be cleared. Presently, they are overgrown with grass and weeds.

Woolridge Park

Painting on CorePlex plastic was discussed for murals. Jill Walker will contact Mattie Parker after the Fort Worth Mayor election to potentially get the political signs to use to paint the murals for the skate park. If Public Works has any available primer, we could use it to cover the printing on the signs.

By the fall, an ordinance should be passed by the City Council governing murals. At that time, we will contact the Castleberry High Scholl Art department so we can work with them to design and complete the murals. We should get the students to sign up for a "Workday Celebration" and offer food and prizes.

The park is dark. Maybe an LED light fixture could be installed and aimed downward so it will not interfere with the neighbors.

Bob Jamison prepared 14 Maintenance Tickets. Waiting for a response from Gordon Smith and Jeremy. If it can't be done, why? Time Frame? Safety issues must come first.

We need to go through the LYSA contract and see what they should be doing to help maintain the park before Fall Ball Season starts. We should meet with the LYSA Director and discuss the items that have not been done. They need to be held accountable. The Emergency Management plan was never signed and turned in to James Myrick.

It was suggested that we have a work day to help Public Works get McGee Park and Woolridge Park in good shape.

7. Committee Reports:

Lion's Triangle: Looks good. There is grass growing in the crushed granite and needs to be treated with weed killer.

Heritage Park: Looks good. There are a lot of plants.

Woolridge Park: Previously addressed.

McGee Park: Previously addressed.

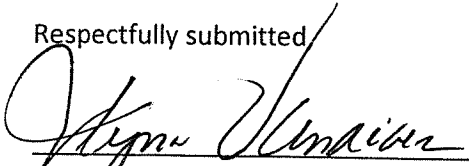
Lone Star JR Park:

The sprinkler system needs to be cut out of the park. There are broken sprinkler parts and landscape fabric visible all over the park and needs to be removed.


A SPECIAL WORK SESSION will be held on June 17th to discuss the budget for 2021-2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

David Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Jamison seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ballard at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Lynn Vandiver, Secretary

APPROVED:


David Ballard, Chairman