

**Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board**

**Thursday, October 3, 2013**

**5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN**

**DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY**

**JOE ASHTON, COUNCIL LIAISON**

**JUDITH ( J. LYNN) VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**JAMES HATLEY, Public Works DIRECTOR**

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

**JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN**

**ABSENT:**

**DAVID BALLARD, VICE-CHAIR (excuse - not requested)**

**NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, PLACE 2(excuse- not requested)**

**CHARLES McComb, ALTERNATE 2 (excuse -not requested)**

**JIMMY WARRINER ( Excused)**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Makarwich**
- 2. Member Roll Call: ( Makarwich, Vandiver, Brooks, Ashton)**
- 3. Approve Minutes from Meeting on September 5,2013**

**J.Lynn made the motion to approve. Hub seconded the motion. All – Aye.**

**4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton: Thanks to everyone on the Board for your Service to the City.**

**5. Consider Recommendation to City Council regarding the repairs of the Heritage Park Pavilion and electrical system.**

**a. James Hatley provided the written quote from Ingean Construction for all repairs necessary = \$2,513.50**

**b. Hub stated he would confirm with Brad with Ingean concerning all details including, that they would install 4 new poles for the gazebo. Hub will find out how the new poles will be secured as the original poles were secured in the concrete. The wood on the existing poles are split.**

c. Hub confirmed with Marvin that Heritage Park electric bill is \$15.00 per month (\$ 180.00 yearly).

**6. Update on Skateboard Competition at Wooldridge Park:**

a. Jimmy and David **checking into activities.**

b. Concerning the racing cars event at Wooldridge Bike park- postponed for now, the men that were to meet with us, did not show up for the scheduled meeting. ( Special work meeting, SUNDAY 9/15 at 10 am).

**7. Update on the Security Cameras for McGee and Wooldridge Parks:**

a. Hub Makarwich recommended that we do price LED motion sensors with cover/shields and the price for installing post for the Parks. We need to request a street light to be placed above out meter. James Hatley said he will check with our Electric rep.

b. Neighbors in the vicinity of the Parks will have to agree on the lighting. James Hatley with check with the Police Chief, **Avin Carter** about the possibility of adding a fence. James will ask Chief **Carter** for his input.

c. Hub will go to the Parks to confirm how many light poles there are and if other areas need lighting.

**8. Discussion and/or Action on Sign Rules at McGee Park:**

a. Recently James Hatley provided pictures of W.S. Parks signs.

b. Hub asked that others on the Board check out other signs in the area so that we would have ideas regarding verbiage needed to note on our River Oaks Parks signs.

**9. Updates on Building Maintenance requests ( Cumberledge/Hatley)**

a. Restroom locks are repaired.

b. Per James H- the last major piece of new equipment for the Playground at McGee was installed on 10/3. James team will apply mulch in the area.

c. James team will apply red dirt at McGee and Wooldridge in the walkways/drainage ditch.

d. The water system has been changed from a 25 setting to a 12 setting

**10: Committee Reports: Discussion of any and all matters relating to all Park Properties. ( next page)**

**NOTED:** Lydick Park- there is a major manhole on the lot, so if the lot is sold, there could not be a home built on the property. We will discuss this further, regarding the Citywide Election to change the property from a Park.

1. Heritage Park - Note: Discussed above ~ See number 5.
2. Lion Triangle:
  - a. J.Lynn and Jimmy recently went to the Plant Shed sale to check out the plants and did not find any drought resistant plants.
  - b. James H. has a CD called Smartscape which displays native plants.
  - c. Hub mentioned that crushed granite would look nice in the flowerbed at Lions Triangle.
  - d. James M. showed some pictures of area displays with knockout roses, Large Rocks, etc. That type of display would look great at the Lion's Triangle.
    1. Hydrangea is drought resistant. ( white, blue, pink, purple).
    2. Texas Scarlet ( flowering quince) has red blooms and is drought-resistant.
    3. If we plant flowers that need to be watered, we could take turns watering.
    4. Plan the garden in January
3. Coates Park
  - a. Oak Tree looks ill
4. Wooldridge – discussed in Item 6.
5. McGee Park- discussed in Item 6 & 7.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** We discussed the Christmas Parade scheduled for December 14 at 6:30. All that want to be in the parade must sign up at the Community Center, whether driving or walking in the parade. The Community Center is opened M, W, F. Center closes at 3 pm.

**Adjournment –** Hub Makarwich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.  
J.Lynn Vandiver seconded the motion.

