

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

City Hall Jury Room

Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas at 6:30 pm

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:

Fabian Neathery, Public Wks Supt.

Visitors Present:

James Myrick, Citizen

Citizens:

Cecilia Thompson

Patrick Thompson & Bill Sivey

Johnny Claridge

John Andress

Anthony Wheeler

Melody Dennis

1. Call to Order: Chairman Makarwich called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

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

3. Approve the Minutes of November 5, 2015. Chairman Makarwich made the motion to accept the minutes. J. Lynn approved the motion. Sal Limas seconded the motion. All- Aye.

4. Report from Council Liaison, Joe Ashton: No report

5. Discussion and/or Action on Statement of Official oath for Member, David Ballard.

a. No Action taken. David Ballard is due to take the oath in May, 2016.

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6. Discussion and/or action on the closing of the Wooldridge Skate Park and BMX Trail that was closed on January 25, 2016. Due to safety concerns, Mayor Earwood closed the park. Signs were posted.

A. Citizen, Cecelia Thompson, her son Patrick and friend, Bill Sivey voiced their concerns regarding the closing of the Skate Park. Patrick and his friends skate at the park often and are very disappointed that the park was closed.

1. Member, Warriner advised Victoria Thompson to draw up a petition and bring signatures to the next City Council meeting.

2. Chairman Makarwich, Vice- Chair Ballard, Fabian Neathery – the City Public works Superintendent – explained the ongoing issues with vandalism/ destruction to the equipment.

B. Citizen, Johnny Claridge- asked what the future plans would be for the park?

1. Question was discussed and will provide an update in the future.

C. Citizen, Melody Dennis asked what the cost for maintenance and repairs for 2015?

D. Citizen, John Andress- offered his advice regarding installing a concrete water fountain with a barrier around it as the water fountain at the Skate Park has been replaced several times due to vandalism damage. John would like to see the park stay opened.

E. Citizen, Anthony Wheeler lives near Wooldridge Park.

1. Mr. Wheeler reports that about 98% of the time there is no one at the Skate/ Bike Park. Anthony asked if the park would be gated and locked? Mr. Wheeler mentioned the light at the ball field is bright and shines onto his property. Supt. Neathery will have the light adjusted.

7. Discussion and/or Actions on guidelines for McGee Park rental agreements.

a. City Secretary, Marvin Gregory provided copies of the agreement form.

b. Pending discussion at the next regular meeting.

8. Committee Reports:

Heritage Park:

Donna requested that soil be provided for the flower gardens at Heritage.

- a. Supt. Neathery has some soil available for the gardens.**

Lion Triangle:

Chairman Makarwich mentioned the trees need to be trimmed.

Coates Park:

Supt. Neathery reports the dead tree was removed.

J.Lynn reports the park grounds needs treated for weeds.

Wooldridge Park :

- a. Previously discussed at length in Item # 6.**

McGee Park:

- a. No report**

9. Public Forum:

- a. Previous Park- Lydick Park lot is for sale.**

10. Adjournment: Chairman Makarwich made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Warriner approved. J. Lynn seconded the motion. All- Aye.

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