

LA MARQUE PARKS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2013

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman McGaffey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Mac McGaffey, Bo Hunter, Larry Walker, C.J. Leggett, Herbert Franklin & Al Reida,

ABSENT:

STAFF: Carol Buttler & Nathan Epperson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Called Meeting, September 19, 2013

C.J. Leggett made a motion to approve the minutes. Bo Hunter seconded the motion. Minutes were passed unanimously.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Comments from the Public (At this time, any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Parks Board limited to three (3) minutes). In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act the Parks Board may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours - None

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action- approving the Parks Board Monthly Financial Report

Bo Hunter made a motion to approve the financial report. C. J. Leggett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action – repairs to equipment in all parks – Staff informed members about the hiring of an employee in the Parks Department. Chairman began the discussion on the upcoming Bayou Fest event with updates about the BBQ teams, re-location of the stage area for the bands and the donation of 50 new metal drums for trash cans by Monsanto Chemical Company for use in the parks.

- c. Discussion/possible action – Bayou Fest – Discussion continued on Bayou Fest with Bo Hunter updating members about the “3 on 3” basketball tournament. Larry Walker volunteered to assist Bo and Cleveland Lane with the tournament. Chairman invited all members to attend and enjoy this years’ event.
- d. Discussion/possible action – agreement for use of Mahan Park Football – (Tigers): chairman informed members about the usage of the field lights by the Tiger Football League. Chairman also discussed the terms that the city worked out with the Hustlers Baseball to share cost for the electrical payments for Mahan Park. Chairman explained that there is no legal agreement between the City and Tiger Football for the use of the facilities at Mahan Park and that the Tiger Football organization never came before Council to authorize the programs’ use of facilities. No representatives from Tiger Football program were present at meeting. This item was a discussion only topic – no action taken.
- e. Discussion/possible action – adding an additional 15ft. Right-of-Way to Dow Pipeline corridor through Highland Bayou Park – Chairman recognized Mr. Chico Negal and Ms. Jennie Myers with the Woodgroup Mustang. Mr. Negal explained the scope of the project and the future additional pipeline that required expanding the corridor by 15 feet. Board members followed up with questions and concerns regarding the construction practices with pipeline projects. Chairman began the discussion on contributions and easement fees that is measured per rod (16.5 feet). Subjects covered were a matching contribution equal to the EDC’s total amount. The cost per rod equal to the EDC’s per rod price. Improvements to the two streets leading to and within the park (Maxwell and Bayou Road Ext.) Other improvements discussed were a walking trail within the park, new playground equipment, a donation to the Bayou Fest event and new signage through-out the park. Mr. Negal noted the items discussed and indicated that he alone could not agree to any terms discussed but would meet with Dow representatives to provide details of the Board Chairman’s requests. The motion to recommend to Council the granting of an additional 15 feet to the existing pipeline corridor was called for by the Chairman. C.J. Leggett made the motion to approve. Al Reida seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action – to continue utilizing the company that mows and bails – Chairman and staff clarified to the Board members that this was an individual using the cutting for personal use and not for resale and that 8 bails would be marked for Bayou Fest to be used for the pumpkin patch area. Brief discussion followed. Bo Hunter made a motion to recommend to Council to continue and allow the area located within the south section of Highland Bayou Park to be cut and bailed. Larry Walker seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion/possible action – next meeting date: November 21, 2013

7. CHAIRMAN REPORT – Chairman reminded members to try and attend the Bayou Fest event and the ceremony to be held in front of the pavilion at 12:00pm (noon) to honor

Calvin "Cowboy" Jones. Also, that the city employees have been doing a good job in preparing the park for the Bayou Fest event.

- 8. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Bo Hunter, Larry Walker, Al Reida and C.J. Leggett stated everything good; no comment. Herbert Franklin stated the men's restroom at Mahan Park, the door going into the stall is missing; need to repair. Mac McGaffey reminded everyone about Bayou Fest on Saturday from 8:00am to 10:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Herbert Franklin made a motion to adjourn. C.J. Leggett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Louis McGaffey, Chairperson