

**EL LAGO PARKS BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** January 25, 2010  
**Time:** 7:15 P.M.  
**Location:** El Lago City Hall, 98 Lakeshore Dr., El Lago, TX 77586  
**Board Attendees:** Maria Ludvig, Shirley Brasseaux, Betsy Prescott, Donna Ward  
**City Attendees:** Jeff Tave, City Council Liaison, Kristen Gurka

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MEETING TOPICS:

Review/Approval 11/30/09 minutes. Motion: M. Ludvig /2nd. S. Brasseaux

**Old Business:** Betsy reported that there is a possible drainage issue regarding a new water fountain for McNair Park, and that she expects to get a bid from Sunbelt Plumbing.

Maria has looked into purchasing a cover for the refuse container at Witty Park. Since a new can and cover is a somewhat minor expense, she may replace the current one.

**New Business:** Donna plans on contacting friends who own a marine business about the possibility of obtaining marine piling scraps to be used to attractively border the driveway leading from Boondoggle's parking lot. Exiting vehicles are regularly over-shooting the concrete and leaving ruts in the grassy area on the south side of the driveway.

Betsy presented the Parks Board Transaction Detail Report provided by City Hall. Donna questioned the listing of \$160.00 to Bay Area Design & Landscape. This figure is in reference to the 4 maple trees donated and planted at no charge by the aforementioned business, and should not be listed as an expense amount and therefor not deducted from the Board's 2010 budget. She shall inquire at City Hall.

We took under consideration Rob's suggestion to set up a paper collection site in order to generate funds that could be used to beautify our city. He states that he is personally aware of a community that is quite successful in this endeavor. However, Maria jogged our memories in that our city has undertaken this project in the past. A collection site was set up at the edge of the Ed White School property. Unfortunately, it became an out of control dumping ground, and the city had the dumpster removed.

Betsy suggested that Donna email the minutes of each meeting to members of the board when she has finished compiling/writing them. Since some members cannot attend regularly, they can still be kept current as to the board's actions. They can be approved, or amended at the next scheduled meeting. Donna agreed to do so.

Rob Wohrer has scheduling conflicts with our scheduled meeting date, and Maria suggested that perhaps we could change our meeting date to accommodate his schedule.

She will check with Ann re the availability of the last Wednesday of the month, and also check on Rob's agreement to this change.

Kristen Gurka has expressed her desire to become a member of the El Lago Parks Board, and Betsy will check with Ann as to the manner in which this is to be accomplished.

**Entrances:** Shirley reported that many of the flowers at the entrances are dead due to the recent freezing weather. She stated that some are returning, but the prospect looks bleak for most. Since it is too late to plant winter replacements, and too early for spring planting, it would be best to leave as is. In all probability the nurseries were hard hit by the freeze also, and will have very little to offer in the way of blooming plants.

**McNair /Witty/Armstrong Parks:** Donna reported that the lacebark elm planted last year in Armstrong Park (donated by Dig 'n' Design Garden Club) has been severely damaged, presumably by the lawn service hired by the city to mow our parks. She states that its demise is quite likely.

**Mayor/Council Report:** Jeff reported on the ordinance changes considered by City Council at their recent workshop. He also stated that a resident has complained about the water fountain in McNair not working. We all surmised that Felix had turned it off in anticipation of the predicted freeze, thereby eliminating plumbing problems.

Adjournment: 8:50 P.M.

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Donna, J. Ward, Secretary