

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
July 11, 2016 - 4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Ed Klimek, Mr. Mark Bachamp, Dr. David Dzewaltowski, Ms. Pat Hudgins, and Mr. Dave Schafer.

Absent: Ms. Linda Teener and Ms. Marcia Rozell.

Employees present: Mr. Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ms. Angie Sutton, Community Relations Director; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Randi Clifford; Recreation Director; Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; and Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner.

Guests: Mr. Bruce Snead, Mr. Michael Gassman, Mr. Greg Lund, and Mr. Bruce McMillan

MINUTES

Mr. Klimek called the meeting to order. It was moved by Dr. Dzewaltowski, seconded by Mr. Schafer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 6, 2016. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Klimek recommended tabling election of officers until the August 2016 board meeting. It was moved by Mr. Schafer and seconded by Mr. Bachamp. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Eastes gave a brief history and detailed the community engagement that has occurred to date regarding the facility feasibility study. Mr. Eastes gave details regarding indoor aquatics and discussions that are occurring with Kansas State University, USD 383, and the City. Kansas State University and USD383 are entering into separate studies to identify their individual needs. Because of these studies, the City does not want to focus on indoor aquatics until those needs are identified.

Mr. Eastes provided history on the availability of court space throughout the City. Mr. Eastes covered the uses of USD 383 gym space. Mr. Eastes also discussed the need for the department and other entities to utilize gym space. Mr. Bruce Snead, Facility Feasibility Study Steering Committee Chair, provided the steering committee recommends moving forward with getting detailed schematics. Mr. Snead also indicated that steering committee felt the indoor aquatics will need to be further evaluated after the completion of studies from Kansas State University and USD 383.

Dr. Dzewaltowski asked about the Douglass Center Recreation Facility in the process. Mr. Eastes indicated that Bruce McMillan Architects, P.A. is working with the Community Development Department because of the Community Block Grant Development funding. Dr. Dzewaltowski asked about separating recreation facilities and indoor aquatics. Mr. Eastes shared that Bruce McMillan Architects, P.A. has been working in phases for this Study. The City would like to get the indoor recreation spaces caught up to the Douglass Center process to present the package to the City Commission. Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, provided background on utilizing gymnasium space in the community. Mr. Hilgers also shared that the schools will gain additional parking along with the gymnasium space. Mr. Hilgers indicated that the City will address aquatics at some point, but USD383 needs to identify their current and future needs with the study they are completing.

Mr. Klimek asked what expected number of court space will be designed by the architect team. Mr. Hilgers indicated that the maximum allowable expansion was four courts while still allowing for the green space needed for the school and having reasonable parking for a facility of its size. Mr. Klimek indicated that people are expecting four courts in each facility as that is what is circulating in the community. Mr. Hilgers indicated that we anticipate further planning and cooperation with the school district moving forward. Mr. Bachamp asked that the City consider how use may change over time and plan for repurposing and various uses.

The Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study is about getting detailed schematics to the City Commission for approval to move this effort in providing indoor space and outdoor facility improvements to the community for a vote on a funding method to implement new facility construction and facility improvements as outlined in the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study.

City Administration recommends that Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P.A., be retained to develop detailed schematics for indoor spaces at Anthony Middle School and Eisenhower Middle School as well as detailed schematics of CiCo Park improvements to include ball field improvements and tennis court improvements.

Mr. Bachamp moved to provide the support of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to the City Commission to complete Phase II of the Facility Feasibility Study. Mr. Schafer seconded. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Thompson has completed a variety of projects. The master plan for the park at Lee Mill Heights is still in progress and public meetings are expected in July and August. They are nearing completion on the design process for the parkland.

Mr. Clifford indicated that the Recreation Division is busy during this time of the year. The Junior Theatre production was sold out for each performance. The Youth Theatre production will be July 21-23. The Arts in Park concert series has been well attended. Little Apple Day Camp has had maximum registration and attendance this summer. Sports programming has been busy and beginning to wrap up mid-July and beginning of August. Tournaments have been busy and averaging 30 teams per tournament. Little Apple Paddle is sold out for registration due to available boats on Saturday, July 16th. Waterparks are experiencing high attendance due to hot weather during the month of June. Mr. Klimek asked for a summary of tournament numbers for comparison between 2015 and 2016 tournament data.

Ms. Sutton shared that July is National Recreation and Parks month. The theme is SuperHeros. The department will be hosting an outdoor movie night with a viewing of the Incredible's. Ms. Sutton provided the board with the list of daily activities to celebrate the month.

Mr. Shoemaker shared attendance information with the board and explained that June heat has affected attendance. Summer camps are running and are full this summer. Wine in the Wild hosted over 500 people and was sold-out. During the summer, the zoo has the first Saturday of every month as a kid's free day. Brew at the Zoo is August 20th and the proceeds fund conservation activities for the zoo.

Mr. Smithson indicated that the Parks Division is busy with maintenance and projects. Blue Earth Park has been receiving repairs. The water feature now has leapers and the work is continuing to progress. Furniture Amnesty Day will be hosted in City Park on July 25th. A volunteer group provided 74 hours of community service at the Blue River bike trails. Their efforts are highly appreciated.

COLORADO PARK MASTER PLAN

Mr. Thompson indicated that Phase I Sidewalk Replacement was out for bid. An update will be given at the August meeting for that Phase. Future phases and funding sources are still being developed and will be provided to the board at a later time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Flint Hills Daylily Society is making a donation to the City of plants for the area coming into the City Park area. The plantings would have a market value of approximately \$10,000. The group will be at the August meeting to present to the board.

Mr. Klimek requested that we add the disc golf to the future agenda items. Mr. Eastes shared that the 2017 CIP project for a master plan at Warner Park is being proposed as part of the 2017 budget currently being reviewed by the City Commission.

Tim and Angie Shultz will be presenting a \$25,000 donation to the City Commission at the July 19, 2016, meeting.

Meeting adjourned.