

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
September 11, 2017 - 4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Ed Klimek, Mr. Mark Bachamp, Mr. Dave Schafer, Mr. Darrell Edie, Mr. Brian Thomason, and Mr. Curt Herrman.

Absent: Ms. Linda Teener.

Employees present: Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Randi Clifford, Recreation Director; Ms. Susan Adams, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; Ms. Melissa Kirkwood, Community Relations Officer; Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; and Lindsay Stucki and Caroline Finck, Park Planner Interns.

MINUTES

Mr. Klimek called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Bachamp, seconded by Mr. Schafer, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2017. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

JOHNNY KAW PLAZA UPDATE

A private group has approached the City with a proposal to improve access and awareness of the Johnny Kaw statue in City Park. Mr. Eastes introduced the topic, stating that the Parks and Recreation Department has met several times with the group. The proposed improvements are consistent with the draft City Park Master Plan which identifies a need for access to the Johnny Kaw statue.

Todd Knight with McCown-Gordon Construction presented a status update on the project. The Johnny Kaw viewing plaza site plan includes sidewalks leading to the plaza, sunflower design in the plaza surrounding the statue, landscaping, a retaining wall with railings, and interpretive panels featuring artwork of the Johnny Kaw Story.

Mr. Bachamp moved to recommend approval of the Johnny Kaw Committee to coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Department to construct a viewing plaza around the Johnny Kaw statue in city Park, seconded by Mr. Herrman. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

SALES TAX EDUCATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

City Administration has been working on a sales tax renewal educational campaign and the components related to education for the public. Ms. Kirkwood provided an update on the informational handouts, web page, and social media campaign that has been developed to help with the education of the special tax question for Recreation and Trails.

Mr. Klimek invited Aaron Apel, Chair of the Vote Yes for Recreation and Trails committee, to provide an update on the group's efforts to promote the ballot initiative.

FUTURE BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

STAFF UPDATES

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting Adjourned.