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NOTICE OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in a hybrid format on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th-floor conference room, Suite 515, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, or via a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board regarding staff updates on various projects.

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
REGULAR BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024

City Hall, 701 N. 7th Street, Room 515, KCK 66101

And Via Zoom at 6:00pm

Agenda

Have the proper meeting notices been given? _____

Call to Order, _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

_____ Mario Escobar/Mayor Garner _____ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6
*Chairman

_____ Kevin Mitchell/District #1 _____ Nathan Brungardt/District #7

_____ Jim Schneweise/District #2 _____ Laura Flores/District #8
*Secretary

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3 _____ Ashley Williamson/District #1 at Large

_____ Karen Daniels/District #4 _____ Sarah Lynch/District #2 at Large
*Second Vice Chairwoman

_____ Andrea Behrman/District #5

Non-Voting Members

_____ Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS

Administration Present:

_____ Angel Ferrara, Parks and Recreation, Director

_____ Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Recreation Manager

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager

_____ Wendy Green, Counselor

_____ Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda is presented for Board review, and consideration for adoption.

Additions:

Visitors:

Board Members:

The Agenda is presented for adoption.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Minutes of the Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting were presented for review and consideration for approval.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

II – Presentations, Hearings, Communications

1. Visitors

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time. As a general rule, the Board will not enter into discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary responses, and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate. Anyone addressing the Park Board must state their name and address for the record. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each participant. Per the Commission Rules of Procedure, which are applicable to Park Board meetings, comments should not include any rude or derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

2. Correspondence

- Public Works Status Update for 8th Street Park, Northrup Park and Splitlog Park –

III – Old Business

- Public Works Presentation on Rock Island Bridge Project -

IV – New Business

- Election of Officers -
 - First Vice Chairman -
 - Second Vice Chairman -
 - Secretary -

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Recreation Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
 - a. Park Updates –
- Angel Ferrara
 - a. Department Updates –
- **Board Member's Questions or Comments**

3. Adjournment at _____ P.M.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

The November 13, 2024, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall 701 N. 7th St. Room 515, Kansas City, KS 66101 & Virtually-Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mario Escobar, Chairman. Angel Ferrara, Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Mario Escobar, Chairman
Kevin Mitchell, Member
Jim Schneweis, Member
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member
Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Nathan Brungardt, Vice Chairman
Laura Flores, Secretary
Sarah Lynch, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Ashley Williamson, Member
Andrea Behrman, Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks, and Recreation
Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Recreation Manager
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Parks
Wendy Green, Counselor
Kathleen Mason, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt the November 13, 2024, Agenda seconded by Kevin Mitchell

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Jim Schneweise and seconded by Kevin Mitchell.

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors**

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time.

As a general rule, the Board will not enter discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary response and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

- Pamela Penn Hicks – Came in front of the Park Board, to ask a question about the new business on the renaming of Jersey Creek basketball courts and the renaming process. Pamela stated that we are developing an economic and historical value for the northeast area, with the northeast heritage trail as a key part. It's important that any renaming of this area honors both historical figures and more recent contributors. Jersey Creek was named by William Walker, a member of the Wyandotte nation who was part of the delegation that sought citizenship in 1855. This aspect of our history should be inclusive and respectful of all contributions. She stated that she was not aware of the proposal to rename the basketball court, and came to seek clarification, as she was unable to find the information online.
- Beverly Crawford – Joined via Zoom and on behalf of her son Broderick Crawford, who had initiated plans and was a community activist for the Kansas City Kansas area and had exercised plans for Jersey Creek when he was alive, and is asking the Park Board to

please consider renaming the court at Jersey Creek the Broderick Crawford Basketball Court.

- Kathy Rawlins – Joined via Zoom, shared that Broderick Crawford was her eldest brother and is there to support her mother Beverly Crawford advocating for the renaming of Jersey Creek Park Basketball Court in honor of Broderick Crawford they all grew up near the park and have seen the changes that have been made with the help of her brother
- Crystal Truss – Daughter of Beverly Crawford, came to support her mother and stated she is Broderick Crawford's sister and would like to honor him for his dedication.
- Broderick Crawford Jr. – Introduced himself and is the son of Broderick Crawford stating he is there supporting his family and their request for the name change for Jersey Creek Park basketball court.

Correspondence –

- **None to report**

III– OLD BUSINESS

Angel Ferrara -

- Update On Capital Projects -
 - Angel Ferrara – Provided updates on projects discussed in last month's Park Board meeting. A handout prepared by Matt Zayas detailing the projects for 2024 was shared with the Park Board. This included information on completed projects, anticipated completion dates, costs, and funding sources, noting that some projects will carry into 2025. A more detailed presentation will be made to the Park Board in January. It's roughly 8.6 million dollars of projects and investments.
- Kevin Mitchell – Asked what the ARPA funding was for.
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered, ARPA dollars are the American Rescue Plan Act dollars. It's Federal dollars that were administered to all government or municipal agencies through the Federal Government

IV- NEW BUSINESS

Angel Ferrara –

- Discussion on Renaming the Jersey Creek Park Basketball Courts –
 - Advised, that Parks and Recreation worked with the community and their suggestions on upgrading Jersey Creek Basketball courts, she stated, we recently just celebrated that project with the community. It was a collaborative effort to recognize Broderick Crawford, who was a pillar in the community, and a strong leader in the Northeast,

and in the community in general, we were asked by the Major's office to add this item to the Park Board agenda for open discussion, and presentation, we received the request today, a little late to get it on the November agenda, however, we're happy to have Matt Kleinman, who is here with us, and will come back to give that presentation in December. I want to mention that there is a park and renaming policy that has been presented to the Park Board, and you are all aware of the organization's policy.

- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Ask if the Park Board could have Matt Kleinman go ahead and speak this evening, and the Park Board agreed.
- Matt Kleinman – Agreed to speak tonight on the renaming Jersey Creek Park basketball court, I want to give some context to the project, I don't think the full renaming request is as impactful if you don't hear some context behind the project, this project was a collaboration of many, organizations over multiple years. New Bethel Church, Community Development Corporation, Casey, United Groundwork Energy, Living Loving Space Foundation, along with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County. Livable Neighbors along with Task Force, the Lady Spartans youth basketball team, Health, Equity, Task Force, Vibrant Health, Jt. Daniels, a muralist, Mac McConnell and Associates Kansas City Monarchs Turf Council, and the Wyandotte Parks Foundation, are just a few partners who have engaged in this project. I want to ensure the continued success and sustainability of this project; I'm inviting all stakeholders to actively participate in our upcoming meetings. Your insights and expertise are invaluable as we move forward in enhancing the parks within our community. Asked the Park Board to mark their calendars for the next session, where we will discuss progress and establish actionable steps. Together, we can make a significant impact on our infrastructure and the well-being of our residents, Parks and Recreation will send the presentation out to the Park Board, for them to review the information given tonight. Broderick Crawford was a champion of community health in Wyandotte County for many years. His mentorship means the world to me and many others who are not here today. But I encourage you if you haven't investigated his background, it is an impressive one. Advised the Park Board our intent, is to use some remaining funds to develop a signage package, but the court needs a name. Before we can do that, we have sent in a request letter for renaming for basketball court as the Broderick Crawford Basketball Court, to the Mayor's office
- Karen Daniels – Stated, that she supports the renaming of the basketball court to Broderick Crawford Basketball Court, he was a great leader, and I appreciate all the efforts that's gone into making this happen.
- Nathan Brungardt – Asked, how to move forward with the Park Board forward on the name change on the courts.
- Angel Ferrara – Stated, she would send out the policy on the renaming of an organization.

- Wendy Green – Had a copy of the policy on hand, and shared it with Park Board.
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Asked, if the Mayor is asking to move this request further, to find out how the Park Board may proceed.
- Shaya Lockett – Answered, yes, The Mayor requested to bring this item to the Park Board for a report.
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Asked the Park Board if there are any strong feelings that we shouldn't recommend the name change to Broderick Crawford basketball court.
- Karen Daniels – Asked, if there is a petition, will this information be shared with the Park Board.
 - Wendy Green – Answered, depends on how it comes about. I'm sure an update can be provided if it comes through the Mayor's office and goes straight to the Commission, if it comes by the community then it would come in front of the Park Board.
- Nathan Brungardt – Asked, if the Park Board could make a recommendation to the Mayor's office.
 - Wendy Green – Answered, yes, the item on the agenda is discussing it, so if the Board decides out of that discussion, they want to make a recommendation, they can

Nathan Brungardt made a motion to adopt to have the Mayor present to the full council for review and consideration for approval. Karen Daniels seconded the motion.

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

V - OTHER BUSINESS

- **Staff Agenda**

Shaya Lockett -

- Recreation Updates -
 - Recreation Dept- Shared great news, that in the month of October, we had 10,000 residents come through our community centers as they were the designated voting locations, this year, as well as our community center events, including festivals and Halloween activities, were very successful in terms of attendance. We averaged between 200 and 350 youth at each festival, which was held at Kensington, Beatrice Lee, and Eisenhower. Armourdale Community Center – Hosted a pumpkin painting

event, we had an estimated twenty kids participating, and our recreation staff has been working hard to provide a diverse range of programs to serve the community

- Shaya introduced our Sports Coordinator Taron Batie to the Park Board, he will be responsible for our sports, both youth and adult sports for the department.
- Indoor Futsal season is taking place at Kensington and Armourdale Community Centers. We are collaborating with an outside group to provide coaching and skills clinics for youth aged 13 and older. Although we don't have high attendance and the capacity to run a league for this age group, we believe it's crucial to offer services and support for them.
- Winter Basketball registration started on November 18th, deadline is January 2nd
- Kensington Community Center is currently closed for the next two weeks, due to maintenance projects, all events will be moved to the Watson Community Center.
- Beatrice Lee Community Center will be receiving some upgrades, HVAC, and windows, we don't have the exact project or timeline, but there will be some impacts on the gym usage there as well. But we will keep the board updated.
- Donuts with Santa Event – Will be on December 14th, at Memorial Hall, Shaya asked the Park Board if anyone was interested in volunteering.
- Jim Schneweise – Asked if we have hired a person to work at Earl Watson Community Center.
 - Shaya Lockett – Answered, we are reviewing applications and working closely with our leadership and administration on filling the positions

Vincent Billaci -

- Park Updates -
 - Our staff is continuing to move boats out of the water at Wyandotte County Lake.
 - Marina and fishing season will close for the season on November 30th.

Angel Ferrara –

- Department Updates –
 - Parks and Recreation has secured funding for new asset management software. In the past few months of 2024, we've worked with our performance and innovation team on the RFP and received proposals, noting that this is a time-consuming project
 - We hired an Asset Analyst to lead this initiative for the department and will invite them to introduce themselves to the Park Board in December
 - Park Board, all agree to have Park Board information sent in a digital version

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Escobar – Shared with the Park Board, the elections of officers, will be held in December for First Vice Chairperson and Second Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
- Mario Escobar – Stated that he and Angel Ferrara consulted with legal counsel about the Waterway Project, it was brought to their attention that the Park Board cannot revisit this item and are unable to vote on it again or withdraw their proposed letter.
 - Sarah Lynch – Stated, even though all information was given about the project?
 - Wendy Green - Under the rules of procedure, you can only rescind or reconsider a vote at the same meeting. While you can discuss it again, you can't change or withdraw your vote or the letter of recommendation, agreeing with Chairman, Mario Escobar's statement, if the Park Board is unsure about a vote, it's appropriate to table the matter for more information or community input. However, a reconsideration or rescission of a previous vote cannot be done due to procedural rules, all these tasks must be completed in the same meeting. This Park Board is subject to the same procedural rules as the full commission, and therefore it must comply with those rules as well.
- Karen Daniels – Wanted to go on record that there have been several community members who have come to me and said they did not know anything about the marsh and weren't told, only about the Waterway and the improvements and the underground piping.
- Jim Schneweis – Asked if the Park Board could still get updates on the Waterway Project.
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered, yes, we can certainly bring topic presentations up for discussion, stated Public Works has had a standing agenda item, but they were not available this month, however, they do plan to continue to update on some of those projects.
 - Mario Escobar – Advised and encouraged the Park Board, that if there is anything they would like to request to be added to the agenda, please send their request at least ten days before the meeting to get with him or Angel Ferrara.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar -Chairman requested to adjourn; Karen Daniels made a motion; Jim Schneweise seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



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RECREATION**



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DECEMBER

SATURDAY | 7 | 10AM- 12PM

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH BAG CREATIONS

DETAILS

Join us to create snowflakes from lunch bags! All supplies will be provided, and registration is free, but required to participate. Parents must be present for the duration of the event.



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DECEMBER
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6:00 PM
TO
7:30 PM

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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

December

14

2024



DONUTS WITH SANTA



9 am - 12 pm

Fun for all, activities include inflatables, face painting, holiday crafts, donuts and hot chocolate, and pictures with Santa. (While supplies last)

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YOUTH WINTER

**BASKETBALL
2025**



INFORMATION

- **Registration:** Opens: November 18, Ends: January 3rd
- **Games Start:** January 18th
- **Divisions:** K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, and 6th grade
- **Games:** Played at Argentine and Eisenhower Community Centers on Saturdays

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON: \$20



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Winter underland

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

SATURDAY

10 AM

21

1 PM

DECEMBER

EISENHOWER COMMUNITY CENTER

2801 N 72ND ST

KANSAS CITY, KS 66109

Join us for a fun session of making simple Christmas crafts,
perfect for gifting or keeping for yourself.

Registration is required, and all supplies will be provided.

