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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, January 8, 2025, 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, January 8th, 2025

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
*First Vice Chairman

_____ 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, December 11th, 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

- None to Report

III – Old Business

- None to Report

IV – New Business

- 2025 Budget Overview, presented by Matt Zayas -

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, December 11th, 2024

The December 11th, 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 6:03 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
Andrea Behrman, Member
Nathan Brungardt, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary
Ashley Williamson, Member

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks, and Recreation
Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Recreation Manager
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Parks
Dilini Lan Kachandra, Counselor
Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Nathan Brungardt to adopt the November 13, 2024, Agenda seconded by Amanda DeVriese- Sebilla

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 2024, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval. A motion was made by Jim Schneweise and seconded by Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla.

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors**

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Correspondence –

- Public Works Status Update on Waterway Park is the staging area of 8th Street Park, Northrup Park and Spiltlog Park
 - Angel Ferrara – Shared a memo from Sarah Shafer from Public Works with a status update, this was emailed out to all Park Board members

III– OLD BUSINESS

- Public Works Presentation on Rock Island Bridge Project
 - Sarah White – With Public Works, came in front of the Park Board, she is the engineer that has been assigned to this project, along with consultants with HNTB, Jacob Ambrose project manager on the Armourdale and CIC trailheads and PNG trails, along with Michael Schmidt landscape architect and Bill Matson with Transit

and Urban design department manager, sharing a presentation, for KCK Levee Trails & Riverfront.

- Exciting news about the Kansas City Green Line! This initiative, which started in Kansas City, MO, involves multiple groups, working together on an Urban Trail system. Initially focused on Kansas City MO, it now aims to extend to the riverfront and the levee trails being developed. Once they heard about the riverfront trails and the case of the levee trails that the UG was putting in they altered their plan and wanted us to be the western leg of the Green Line, at that time they were having it go through the west bottoms, but not all way over to the river. We are thrilled about the collaboration and the shared knowledge among all the involved parties. We have also been coordinating with Parks and Recreations on some of the park amenities which will include signage.
- Presentation Outline – Background – KC Levees, Betterment Opportunities & Area Development Momentum
- KCK Levee Trails – Network, Levee Betterments, Trailheads & Critical Gap
- Riverfront Development - Rock Island Bridge, The Helm KCK Waterfront Connector Park, Future Development
- Schedule & Next Steps
- This project is a fully federally funded project through the Corps of Engineers, that is enhancing our levee system along the Kansas River, we have three levee's that are on the side of the Kansas River, located at Argentine, Armourdale along the Central industrial district
- Sarah White – Stated Unified Government has committed to as part of this project, water, sewer, and gas lines.
- Mario Escobar – Asked Sarah if lighting will be installed where some of the parking is.
 - Sarah White – Answered yes, as well as solar lighting in other locations of the project
- Ashley Williamson – Asked about public transportation, how is that connecting to these trails, and if there will be bike hubs
 - Sarah White – Answered, yes, we have 2 future trailheads that are planned. There, there's a conceptual design of them. They're not funded right now, but we are going after grants for those, and that would be 12th St and 5th St, this would be part of our grant applications, we have had initial conversations about bike walks at the Rock Island Bridge, we will be working on once we move into that next phase, we would like to continue conversations with them.
- Ashley Williamson - Asked about participation in the Unified Government, particularly regarding the Parks and Recreation , and what will be required for their ongoing maintenance with Riverfront Development

- Angel Ferrara – Answered, that Parks is still in the early stages and are working closely with our internal team to figure out what makes the most sense, and what may be the most efficient, and maybe possible where we partner with some of these private developments to kind of help if that's landscaping, if that's trash, if that's you know, maintenance and manicuring of the area
- Nathan Brungardt – Asked, if James Street will have public parking with that access
 - Sarah White – Answered, there will be a few spaces on the south side of James Street
- Karen Daniels – Asked about the hazardous waste removal
 - Sarah White - We discussed the hazards related to the KC Levies project, focusing on the levee construction. An environmental assessment of the area addressed all concerns about hazardous waste, and no issues were found.

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- Park Board Elections:
- 1st Vice Chairman –
 - Kevin Mitchell nominated by Ashley Williamson, 9 Ayes, 0 Nays
- 2nd Vice Chairman –
 - Karen Daniels nominated by Laura Flores Ayes, 9 Ayes, 0 Nays
- Secretary –
 - Laura Flores nominated by Mario Escobar , 9 Ayes, 0 Nays

V - OTHER BUSINESS

- **Staff Agenda**

Shaya Lockett -

- Recreation Updates -
 - Basketball registration opened on November 18th, the registration for basketball is open for youth in grades, kindergarten through 6th grade, and the registration is going well, but we're continuing to promote, and will remain open until January 3rd and league games begin on January 18th
 - Kensington Community Center was currently closed, due to maintenance projects, all upgrades have been completed
 - Beatrice Lee Community Center will be receiving some upgrades, HVAC, and windows, the facility will be closed from December 16th, through January 3rd

- Donuts with Santa will be held on December 14, 2024, at Memorial Hall from 8 am-12 pm, we partner with the Parks Foundation. They donate funds so that we can provide a small gift to every child who comes, along with donuts for the kids and their parents, as well as hot cocoa, face painters, balloon twisters, some inflatables, as well as a DJ, and lots of awesome raffles.
- If you follow us on Facebook, you may have noticed this year we are working to enhance our social media presence. One of the initiatives is our marketing team coordinator is currently focusing on is our "Elf on the Shelf" in the department. If you check our Facebook page, you'll see Parker the Elf, who has been helping with Donuts with Santa, assisting with basketball sign-ups, and attending all the parks and recreation events.

Vincent Billaci -

- Park Updates -
 - Wyandotte County Lake Dog Park, we have issued a PO for the fencing project, we will start soon, and get installed before spring
 - Parks and Recreation has been working on the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial at Wyandotte County Lake, this project will be moving forward.

Angel Ferrara –

- Department Updates –
 - Stated how great of a year the Parks and Recreation Department had, to be able to improve infrastructure, and add new amenities, programs, and events for the community, we had a record year, with 9 ribbon cuttings, and thanked the Park Board and the community for all their support
 - Gave a reminder to the Park Board that in January's meeting and again in February, staff will have a presentation for the upcoming year for CIP projects and Capital Improvements for 2025 and to also know, that the list will be small, due to the budget cuts in our department and all others

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Mario Escobar – Shared an announcement to the Park Board, that Ashley Williamson has decided to step down from her position on the Park Board. We want to express our gratitude for her service and commitment during her time with us.
- Nathan Brungardt expressed his appreciation for the excellent job on social media. He mentioned that his family enjoyed participating in all the holiday polls. Additionally, he requested an update from the Mayor's office regarding the renaming of the basketball court at Jersey Creek Park.

- Mario Escobar – Shared with the Park Board, at the Commissioners meeting, the renaming of Jersey Creek Park basketball court, to Broderick Crawford Community Court, and it was passed unanimously by the board
- Ashely Williamson – Wanted; to say it has been an honor to serve that Parks & Recreation and the department are doing an amazing job and is very impressed
- Angel Ferrara – Stated that the request to bring the Waterway Corridor plan back before the Park Board, Public Works is in the process of scheduling a time to update the Park Board in 2025, along with CSO projects

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar -Chairman requested to adjourn; Laura Flores made a motion; Ashley Williamson seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

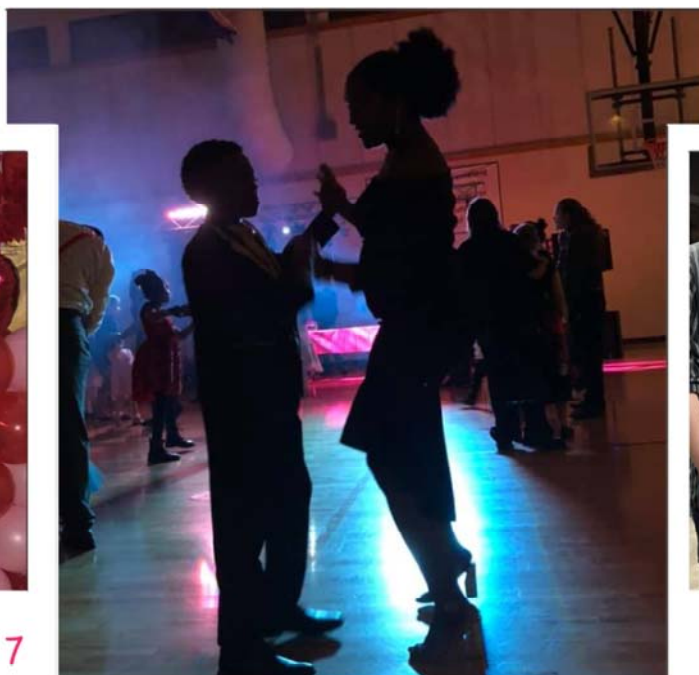
Mario Escobar/Chairman



PARKS & RECREATION



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