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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, April 9, 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, April 9th, 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
*Chairman

_____ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6

_____ Kevin Mitchell/District #1
*First Vice Chairman

_____ Nathan Brungardt/District #7

_____ Jim Schneweise/District #2

_____ Laura Flores/District #8
*Secretary

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3

_____ Vacant/District #1 at Large

_____ Karen Daniels/District #4
*Second Vice Chairwoman

_____ Sarah Lynch/District #2 at Large

_____ 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, March 12th, 2025 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 Projects Update -

III – Old Business

- 2026 Capital Project Planning Workshop Recap presented by Matt Zayas -

IV – New Business

- Employee of the Month Recognition –

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Summer Camp 2025 –
 - b. 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, March 12th, 2025**

The March 12th, 2025, 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 6:00 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 Schneweise, Member
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member
Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman
Andrea Behrman, Member
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Nathan Brungardt, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks, and Recreation
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Parks
Wendy Green, Counselor
Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt January 18th, 2025, Agenda seconded by Kevin Mitchell

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday, January 18th, 2025, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook and seconded by Kevin Mitchell.

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors** – None to Report

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.

- **Correspondence** – Angel Ferrara, shared a Public Works Projects Status Memo from Troy Shaw, Director of Public Works/County Engineer, and Sarah Rose, Senior Engineer on the Stormwater Project Improvements.

III– OLD BUSINESS

- None to Report

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- Employee of the Month Recognition – Angel Ferrara – Introduced Lucas Isaacs as our January employee of the month to the Park Board. He is one of our groundskeepers and has been with the department since March 2019. Angel Ferrara shared that Lucas is always positive and has extensive knowledge of the department. Angel Ferrara explained that the Employee of the Month program launched in December for the Parks and Recreation department. This initiative was designed to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and dedication of the staff, reinforcing the department's commitment to recognizing its employees' contributions. Angel Ferrara wants to recognize February's Employee of the Month, Maria Castellanos, Maria is a caretaker with the Parks Division, where she maintains the Bethany Community Center and Armourdale. She does an outstanding job. Unfortunately, Maria Castellanos was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- Vincent Billaci - expressed his appreciation to the Park Board for Maria Castellanos and Lucas Isaacs's great work.
 - Mario Escobar – It is great to see our Parks & Recreation Department recognizing employees for the excellent work they do
- 2026 Capital Project Planning Workshop –
 - Matthew Zayas – Shared slide presentation with Park Board for the 2026 Capital Project Planning Budget process workshop, he explained what a Capital Project is any asset that costs more than \$50,000, we are asking the Park Board members tonight to provide any suggestions and input regarding any project request for the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan, the recommendation should align with department needs as identified in the Master Plan as well as Commission goals, and then they should also kind of center around deferred maintenance, advised Park Board we have a limited time as we were unable to have a Park Board meeting to hold a workshop in February, due to not enough board members able to join, advised deadline is in early April, advised to please email request to Angel Ferrara and or himself.
 - Jim Schneweise – Asked, about the Waterway Park project, and it looked like they had, picnic tables and other amenities, was this already included in this project budget
- Angel Ferrara – Stated, that she will need to go back and look at the proposal get the information, and send it out to the Park Board
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Responded to Jim Schneweise's question, stating she recalled Public Works made the change to add the park amenities that the community was asking for, which were included in that budget.

- Angel Ferrara – Stated, that she wanted to confirm the amenities before responding, but she does know that the funding is through ARPA, which Public Works leveraged for the parks
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Requesting a list of priorities of projects in order, starting with the highest, she understands her request will have to wait until the list is prioritized, this list will help us engage the community for donations to improve our parks, guiding our efforts with Parks and Recreation, as funds often go through the Parks Foundation.
- Kevin Mitchell - While Klamm Park has seen improvements, we would like to add improvements to the baseball field at Grandstand to the list for enhancement.
- Mario Escobar – Shared an email from Samuel Simmons Sr., regarding tonight's meeting, focusing on the discussions about the Capital Improvement Plan and deferred maintenance, he highlighted the importance of athletics and activities and expressed a desire to see track and field implemented at Eisenhower Park.

V - OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Angel Ferrara -

- Recreation Updates -
 - o Angel Ferrara – Shared the January and February participation numbers for the community centers
 - o The Parks and Recreation Department is preparing the summer camp program for the 2025 summer session. The department is exploring a few options regarding what that will look like, because, unfortunately, the department will only be able to operate one location and not two, as we have done in years past, due to staff shortages and KDHE licensing requirements for staff and students. We wanted to ensure that we shared this information with the Park Board. We are facing an 11% decrease in operating funds and a 64% decrease in capital funds. As a result, we will be making some changes, but we are still committed to providing quality summer camp services, we are keeping in mind to make sure youth in various parts of the county have access to that opportunity and transportation, and we will have more information for the Park Board next month
 - o Advised, the Park Board about an incident at the Argentine Community Center a couple of weeks ago, during free play. This was a situation in which we had to get law enforcement involved, and it did involve just some weapons, Angel clarified

this was not inside the community center, but it is believed to have been on site and then carried out in the parking lot. The incident affected both staff and participants at the center. The staff responded well, ensuring protocols were followed to keep participants safe. Free play has been suspended while staff reevaluates the situation.

- Laura Flores – Asked about free at Eisenhower Community Center, she noticed there was no count on the participation
 - Angel Ferrera - Eisenhower gym is split with USD 500; Parks and Recreation doesn't get access to the gymnasium until 6:00 pm, and then we've got practices scheduled, and some other structured programming
- Mario Escobar - Wanted to comment on the incident at the Argentine Community Center, law enforcement responded quickly and thanked the staff for reacting and taking necessary precautions.

Vincent Billaci –

- Park Updates –
 - Shared with the Park Board, that we received the Tree City U.S.A. Designation again, this is the 17th year, and this is through the Arbor Day Foundation
 - Wyandotte County Lake along with Pierson Lake, Big 11, and Wyco Park are all open for fishing
 - Ruby Park playground is near completion, turf will be installed in the next couple of weeks
 - The Vietnam Korean War Memorial out at Wyandotte County Lake is getting some renovations with new concrete and granite repairs on the wall, jobs should be completed in early June this year
 - The Wyandotte County Park walking trail project will start on April 7th, this project will be around a mile long with concrete, with rubber surfacing
 - Klammer Park walking trail construction began recently
 - The Heathwood splash pad construction demolition started recently; we plan to have opened on Memorial Day
 - Boston Daniels Park renovations, we had our groundbreaking ceremony there recently and construction began, we plan to have completed in the summer
 - Wyandotte County Lake, we are starting the installation of a new fence, which should be completed in May
- Mario Escobar – Asked about the completion of Ruby Park

- o Vincent Billaci – Stated the new playground equipment has been installed at Ruby Park, along with concrete sidewalks and borders, and gravel underlayment, then the turf still needs to be installed, the job is near completion

Angel Ferrara –

- Department Updates –
 - o Shared with the Park Board that Parks and Recreation was recognized by the Kansas Recreation and Park Association in January at their annual State Conference for park project of the year
 - o Advised Park Board to check out the annual report that was handed out last Park Board meeting and stated that the Spring and Summer programs are out, will hand out hard copies in April
 - o Stated, Mario Escobar attended the Standing Committee this past January and spoke on behalf and advocated for Parks and Recreation along with Dana Bye with the Parks Foundation
 - o Angel Ferrara – Asked, Wendy Green with legal to explain the community benefits ordinances
 - o Wendy Green – Answered, that the fees are paid by developers for various incentives, when they apply for specific incentives, they must pay a fee, and a percentage of those fees is allocated to the community benefit fund. This fund is divided into three different categories, with one category specifically designated for parks projects, this is a change that just went into effect, earlier this year

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Karen Daniels – Asked if the budget includes equipment, like pickleball rackets, basketballs, and board games
 - o Matt Zayes – Answered yes, we do have funds set aside
- Dr. Winkler Philbrook – Wanted, to thank Parks & Recreation for their dedication

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla made a motion, Laura Flores seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



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PARKS AND RECREATION
WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US FOR:

ARBOR DAY 2025

Join us for the Arbor Day
proclamation and the
planting of a new tree at
Clopper Field.

SAVE THE DATE!

04.25.2025

**1:30PM AT
CLOPPER FIELD**

3298 POWELL AVE
KANSAS CITY, KS 66106

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START WITH WY FOUNDATION PRESENTS.....THE 12TH ANNUAL

HUNT The Egg

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+ FREE BIKE RAFFLE



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**THE EASTER BUNNY + FREE FOOD + PRIZES + GAMES
+ GATEWAY HIGHSTEPPERS + SCAVENGER HUNT + MORE!**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
THE HUNT IS FOR KIDS 10 AND UNDER AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES



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BIG 11 LAKE
PARK



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The Wyandotte County Parks Foundation

Bird Trail Dedication



FRI APRIL **11** 4PM - 5PM



The public is invited to join us as we officially unveil 7 new interpretive signs, entitled "BECOME A BIRDER!", that will be installed along the 1/4-mile Stotler Cove Trail at the Schlagle Library.

Location:

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Schlagle
Library, Lower Level
4051 W Drive Kansas City, KS
66109

Parking: Available in the library lot, including designated accessible spaces.





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EASTER BASKET Bonanza



Registration is required.
Scan QR code to register!



April 16

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Join us for a fun-filled Easter Basket Decorating event!
For just \$2, bring your creativity and design a unique,
festive basket to celebrate the season.**

Armourdale Community Center
730 Osage Ave
Kansas City, KS 66105

For more information:
913-551-0408
www.wycokck.org/parks



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HEALTHY LIVING

**10:00 - 11:00 AM
SATURDAY APRIL 26TH
EISENHOWER COMMUNITY CENTER
2901 N 72ND ST. KCK 66109
913-573-8329**

Enjoy a presentation with Stephanie Ricke, Nutritional Health Coach, Natural Grocers- Mission Store. Our respiratory system is hard at work every day, supplying the body with the oxygen it needs to function and carry out living processes. It's also one of our first lines of defense against harmful substances and provides detoxification support, among other things.

We will focus on how diet, lifestyle, & supplements can help maintain rockstar lung and respiratory health throughout your lifetime.



Pre-registration is required.

You have three ways to register:

- 1** Online: Visit www.wycokck.org/wycoparks
- 2** By Phone: Call Eisenhower Community Center at 913-596-7050
- 3** In Person: Stop by Eisenhower Community Center, 2901 N 72nd St, KCK 66109, and fill out a registration form.

We can't wait to see you!



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NATURE'S CALL

22
APRIL



5
PM

A DAY OF EARTH-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Join us to make bird feeders out of a toilet paper roll, peanut butter, and strings. Then we will be hanging them out on the trees at Emerson Park, which is right behind the Argentine Community Center.

Participants will need to supply their own toilet paper roll.

Argentine Community Center
2810 Metropolitan Ave



**PARKS &
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2025 NOXIOUS WEED CHEMICAL SALES

SALE DATES

8AM-12PM

APRIL 10

JULY 10

APRIL 17

AUGUST 14

MAY 8

SEPTEMBER 11

JUNE 12

PRODUCT & PRICING

QUALI PRO (ALL KILL)= \$57/2.5 GALLON

ANIME 2-4D= \$24/1 GALLON

*CASH & CREDIT ACCEPTED (EXACT
CHANGE APPRECIATED)

*WYCO RESIDENTS ONLY, MUST SHOW ID

*LIMIT 2 BOTTLES PER VISIT

*PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING
TO SUPPLIER

*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

WHERE TO BUY

3488 WEST DRIVE (WYCO LAKE)

KANSAS CITY, KS 66109

QUESTIONS?

CALL 913-573-8327





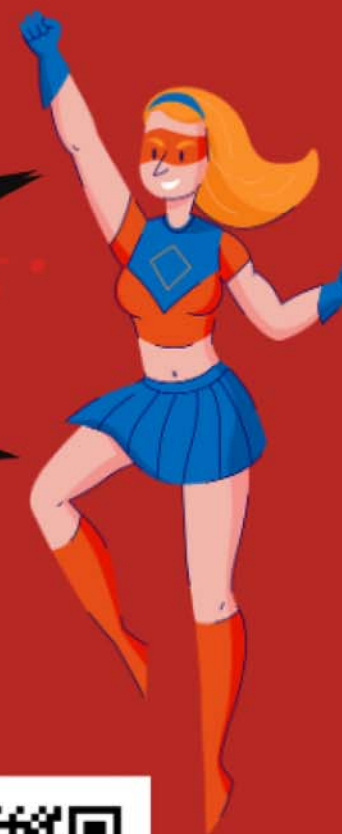
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SUPERHERO BINGO!



Friday, April 11th, 5:30PM



Armourdale Community Center
730 Osage Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106

SECURE YOUR SPOT!