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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, May 14, 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, May14th, 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, April 9th, 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

- Handout of CIP Request from Park Board Members -

IV – New Business

- Employee of the Month Recognition –

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Recreation Updates –
 - b. Department Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
 - a. Park 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, April 9th, 2025**

The April 9th, 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
Nathan Brungardt, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr /KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present:

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

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt April 9th, 2025, Agenda and seconded by Kevin Mitchell

Motion carried (Ayes 11, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Wednesday, March 12th, 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 11, 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 to the Park Board, the update was Funding Status Notification-Enterprise Debt Budget Authority, the decision of the Finance Department was to exclude requested stormwater and sanitary sewer capital debt funding from the 2025, Public Works is notifying Parks and Recreation that this decision impacts projects in construction, Waterway Park - Potential delays in restoration, 8th Street Park & Northrup Park there will be impact

III– OLD BUSINESS

- 2026 Capital Project Planning Workshop Recap -
- Matt Zayas - Shared with the Park Board the project request for the 2026 budget, noting appreciation for the feedback received; the list focuses mainly on deferred maintenance due to budget cuts, with a few new items added as funding is not expected to increase significantly in 2026
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Ask if Pierson Park's walking trail, splash pad area, and dog park are all in the 2024 budget
 - Angel Ferrara - Answered yes, all was funded through ARPA dollars \$700,000 and the Commission approved a few years ago through the American Rescue Plan Act

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- Employee of the Month Recognition – Shaya Lockett shared with the Park Board that the new Employee of the Month for March is Ariadne Acuna, who is a Recreation Specialist at the Joe Amayo Argentine Community Center, Ariadne is dedicated and innovative in her programming, and her bilingual skills help to overcome communication barriers, making her a valuable asset to the community and the recreation center, many community members have expressed their appreciation for her welcoming approach, we invited her to attend the Park Board meeting, but she declined; she wanted to thank everyone for this recognition

V - OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Shaya Lockett - Recreation Updates -

- Shared with the Park Board the challenges we are having being short staffed, due to this problem along with KDHE licensing requirements for staff and students, advised Summer camp will be from 7:30 am -5:30 pm, enrollment cost is \$40 00 per week, we also accept BCF payments, Shaya shared the charges in different locations for pricing for their summer camps, the Y M C A , charges \$185 00 per week, Turner Recreation charges \$125 00 per week, and then kids on campus, which is at the community college, also charge \$ 125 00 per week; our staff has worked diligently to make sure we are using resources wisely, we are working with partner organizations to provide a balanced

program to make sure that we are serving all areas of the community, we are offering camp at two locations. The camp at Eisenhower Community Center will take place from June 2nd to June 27th, staff will then transition to the Beatrice Lee Community Center for the camp, running from July 7th to August 2nd, summer camps will not be concurrent, each camp will accommodate up to 45 children, and registration for summer camp will open on April 14th

- Shaya also shared participation numbers for the community centers with the Park Board, along with our new Spring and Summer activities guide for 2025, Shaya gave an invitation to the Park Board on the KU rowing event that will be taking place this Saturday April 12th at the Wyandotte County Lake, race begins 8:00 am, we will also begin on Saturday the youth soccer season, at Compass Minerals Stadium, she also shared that our annual Kids To The Park Day on May 17th at 10:00 am at Emerson Parks we are having a superhero theme
 - Mario Escobar – Asked, Shaya if Parks & Recreation can provide a percentage on the difference in participation each month at the community centers
- Shaya Lockett – Answered, yes, they can add to report
 - Kevin Mitchell – Asked, if the youth baseball has been set up yet
- Shaya Lockett – Answered yes, we are taking registration for T-ball and machine pitch for the eight and nine-year-olds, we are working with KCKBA with the older group, and they will be accepting ages ten and older

Vincent Billaci – Park Updates -

- Noxious weed sales will begin tomorrow at Wyandotte County Lake at 8:00 am and continue through September
- Shelter season will begin April 19th; our parks staff will start a weekend shift to clean the shelter and run trash routes
- Pierson Park is underway; the trail is graded, and the fencing for the dog park should start on Monday, along with the splash pad
- Boston Daniels Park, a lot of work in process and heading for completion
- Klamm Park walking trail construction has made a lot of progress
- Wyandotte County Lake dog park fencing is moving right along
- Vietnam and Korean War Memorial is almost completed, pending three granite panels to come in and be installed
- Wyandotte County Park: The walking trail should be starting up in the next couple of weeks

- Ruby Park playground is completed; advised that this is our first playground using turf, and it looks amazing. We will have a ribbon cutting, and we are working on a set date
 - Mario Escobar - Stated he took a drive over to Ruby Park, and he said the Park looked nice
 - Amanda DeVriese -Sebilla commented on how nice the park looked and was very impressed and asked if a picnic table could be installed

Angel Ferrara – Department Updates –

- Shared that Emerson tennis courts, and Edgerton basketball courts are having some court repairs and sealing done on those courts; this will be done sometime late spring
- Shared with Park Board a little insight that they have been working with the Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association for several years trying to get a playground for the community, this has been ten years in the making, we are excited to announce we're working with the community group to install a playground at St John's Park, this will be a community build in early May weather pending, it's another example of collaborating with local community groups who are also doing the work to get Grant funds to make these types of projects possible
- Parks and Recreation staff and leadership will attend Commission meetings to discuss city and county budgets, as well as our needs. It's important to keep the Park Board informed and to help advocate, on May 29th we are scheduled to go before full commission with a presentation on Parkwood Pool
- Working on a document gathering comments and the projects from each Park Board member that were sent in and will be shared with the Park Board
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, asked if Parks would like some of Park Board to come to the Commission meeting when presenting information about Parkwood Pool
- Angel Ferrara – Stated, that it would be great to have the support of the Park Board

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, asked if Parks and Recreation would like some of us to come to the Commission meeting when presenting information about Parkwood Pool
- Angel Ferrara – Answered yes, that it would be great to have the support of the Park Board
 - Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla – I wanted to make a comment that I've had opportunities to work with Ruben Sanchez over the last year, and I want to say that his customer service is exemplary
 - Karen Daniels – Asked if Parks and Recreation had any planned for Earth Day

- Shaya Lockett – Answered yes, we have an event on Arbor Day at Clopper field on April 25th at 1:30 pm
 - Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla – Shared with Park Board's Livable Neighborhoods initiative is coordinating community cleanups on the same day. The Argentine Betterment Corporation, along with several other MBR organizations, will also be participating in these cleanups if anyone is interested in volunteering

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Jim Schneweise made a motion, Amanda DeVriese- Sebilla seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM
Motion

Carried (Ayes 11, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

KIDS TO PARK DAY

Wow!

**MAY 17
10AM-12PM**



**KICK OFF SUMMER BY
CELEBRATING NATIONAL
DAY OF OUTDOOR PLAY!**

**COME DRESSED IN YOUR
BEST SUPERHERO
COSTUMES!**

**FEATURING YOUR
FAVORITE SUPERHERO
THEMED OUTDOOR GAMES
AND MORE!**

This free event is recommended for
children 4 and up!
Swag bags and refreshments will
be given out (while supplies last).

**EMERSON PARK
1423 S 29th St
Kansas City, KS 66106**



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

PARKWOOD POOL

2025 OPENING DAY

MAY 24

CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

HOURS OF OPERATION

MON: CLOSED
TUE-SAT: 12PM-7PM
SUN: 12PM-6PM

ADMISSION

\$1 - DAILY ENTRY

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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

SPRAY PARKS

2025 Opening Day

MAY 24

OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY

LOCATIONS:

**EISENHOWER PARK, 2901 NORTH 72ND STREET
PIERSON PARK, 1800 SOUTH 55TH STREET**

**HEATHWOOD PARK, PARALLEL PKWY & N. 11TH ST.
CLIFTON PARK, 75 S. 23RD STREET**

**HOURS OF OPERATION
SUN-SAT: 9AM-9PM**

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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

YOUTH SUMMER NIGHT HOOPS 2025

DIVISIONS

**K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th,
& 6th Grade**

**Games will be played at
Joe E. Amayo/Argentine,
Eisenhower, & Kensington
Community Centers.**

REGISTRATION

April 7th-May 15th

**Register online at
wycokck.org/wycoparks
or in person at
5033 State Ave.**

**GAMES BEGIN
JUNE 10**

**REGISTER
NOW!**

**\$20
PER
PERSON**



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5033 State Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66102



PARKS & RECREATION

Registration Form

Return the completed form with the fee. Make cashiers or money orders payable to Unified Treasury. Mail to: Parks and Recreation, 5033 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102. The main office will also take cash or credit cards.

Youth Name _____ **Grade** _____ **DOB** _____

Age _____ **Gender** _____ **Shirt Size** _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email _____

Address _____ **City/State** _____ **Zip** _____

School _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ **Volunteer Coach** _____

Division: K/1st _____ **2nd/3rd** _____ **4th/5th** _____ **6th** _____

***All coaches' kids must fill out a registration form.**

The undersigned states that he/she understands that the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS Parks and Recreation is not and shall not be responsible for or liable for any illness, or injury to person or damage to property resulting from the program in which the participant and the undersigned if the participant is a minor or under other legal disability, Kansas City, KS Parks and Recreation its employee's agents and representatives from any and executors, administrators, or assign may have or claim to have resulted from participation in said program. Also, the undersigned and the participant authorize the Unified Government of Wyandotte / Kansas City, Kansas Parks, and Recreation to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have read and understand the waiver statement, and the registration and cancellation policies.

Registration invalid without signature

Parent Signature _____

Date _____