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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, October 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, October 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 _____ Andrea Generaux/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, August 13th, 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

- None to Report -

IV – New Business

- Employee of the Month Recognition –

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: _____

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, August 13th, 2025**

The August 13th, 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 6:02 pm 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
Nathan Brungardt, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary
Andrea Generaux - Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Sarah Lynch, Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Recreation
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 August 13th, 2025.

Agenda and seconded by Laura Flores

Motion carried (Ayes 11, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Wednesday, July 9th, 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** – None to Report

- Public Works Projects Update – Angel Ferrara, the Parks and Recreation Department, attempted to obtain a project update from Public Works; however, we did not receive any information for August

III– OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

IV- NEW BUSINESS

Employee of the Month Recognition –Vincent Billaci informed the Park Board that Jeff Robson has been named the Parks and Recreation Department’s Employee of the Month for July. Jeff, who works as a Maintenance Technician, was nominated by his peers for his dedication and hard work. He ensures that the pools and splash pads are well-maintained and also performs general maintenance at the parks, community centers, and halls

V - OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Angel Ferrara - Recreation Updates

- A recap was provided regarding the summer camp programs held at Beatrice L. Lee and Eisenhower. Overall, the programs were successful. During the last week, she attended the talent show at Beatrice L. Lee, where many talented children participated. She informed the Park Board that highlights from the event can be viewed on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page for those who could not attend. Additionally, the recreation staff participated in several back-to-school events, including one at USD 500 over the past weekend
- Parkwood Pool - Final day of operation for the season was this past Sunday, August 10th advised the spray parks will continue to be open, through Labor Day weekend, stated that last Thursday at the Commission meeting the Commissioner’s and the Mayor donated some money to have the kids enter free, we are working on gathering those donations and we will reconcile the admission fees, 101 kids on Saturday, Sunday was rainy, we had around 36 kids and any left over donations will be donated to the Park Foundation, the staff will work to gather information and account for it, and then send it out to the proper parties, this was a nice gesture from our elected body to support the pool, and then also the youth
- Advised Park Board that Shaya Lockett will give the full report on the summer activities at the next Park Board meeting; she was unable to attend tonight's Park Board meeting
- Boston Daniels The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 20th at 11:00 AM. A flyer has been shared with the Park Board. Angel mentioned that it has been a pleasure to work with Karen Daniels and the Boston Daniels Corporation and invited the Park Board to attend the event

- We are planning ribbon-cutting for the Pierson Park celebration on August 26th or 27th. Once the date is confirmed, we will invite the community to come and see the improvements made to the park. This investment at Pierson Park includes the addition of a walking trail, a dog park, and a renovation of the spray park, which now features new attractions. The total investment for these upgrades is approximately \$700,000. This is part of an ARPA project. Parks and Recreation are excited to celebrate these enhancements before the spray park closes for Labor Day weekend
- Paint in the Park - Will be held at Emerson Park on August 30th from 10 am-12 pm
- Parks and Recreation are organizing the Foundation Golf Tournament, scheduled for September 12th
- Movies in the Park will be on September 12th at Copperfield
- Fall sports registration ends tomorrow, August 14th, and Fall sports include flag football, volleyball, and soccer
- Shared with the Park Board the July participation numbers

Vincent Billaci - Park Updates

- Boston Daniels Park, completed, just some final touch-ups there, we are working on a scheduled ribbon cutting date
- Klamm Park trail – Concrete installation is complete, with a minor repair needed by BPU due to a water leak. We will schedule a ribbon-cutting date and communicate it to the community and the Park Board
- The Wyco Park trail has concrete completed, and all backfilling and grading are also finished. The installation of rubber surfacing is scheduled for next month. It's important to allow a curing time for the concrete before the rubber surfacing can be applied. We are looking forward to celebrating the completion of the trail
- The bid process for Kensington Park has successfully concluded, resulting in the selection and awarding of a contractor. This exciting project will feature the installation of state-of-the-art soccer fields, a scenic walking trail, and energy-efficient lighting throughout the area. The anticipated groundbreaking is set to take place within the next two to three weeks, paving the way for enhanced recreational opportunities and improved community enjoyment at Kensington Parks
- Parks & Recreation received approval from the Commission to apply for a second round of Kansas Forest Service grant money. Last November, we applied and were awarded \$100,0000 for tree planting

Angel Ferrara – Department Updates

- Christmas in July – Held at Wyandotte County Lake, it was well attended and received positive feedback. This was one of the larger events we organized this year. The staff worked hard to pull it off, despite facing several challenges and having low staffing levels
- Shared with the Park Board the new program guide for the fall-winter edition
- Updated budget process, Parks and Recreation will present our Capital Improvement plan to the Commission tomorrow. This annual event allows us to address any questions from the Commission about our proposals. We are looking forward to the dialogue and advocating our needs for the upcoming year
- A shared announcement from the Unified Government or the Mayor's page reports that the Parks & Recreation department submitted another Congressional Earmark request through Representative Sharice Davids' office. Additionally, Public Works submitted a request for bridge work estimated at approximately \$3.7 million. The Parks & Recreation department was awarded nearly \$1.1 million for improvements at Mount Marty Park, also known as the Rosedale Arch area

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTION OR COMMENTS

- Mario Escobar -Asked Vincent if there would be a ribbon-cutting for Ruby Park and the new playground, and asked if Vega Park would get more trash cans
 - Vincent Billaci – Answered that the celebration day was rained out, we substituted that with hot dog day, trash cans will be returning to the park soon
- Amanda DeVriese – Sebilla – Asked if we've been in contact with RDA regarding funding, she was sure they would partner with Parks & Recreation
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered yes, we have been working previously with Aaron Stryker, and I know that our assistant, or our County Administrator's office, too, has been in contact with RDA, Parks & Recreation will follow up with them and work alongside them on implementing and executing those dollars
- Mario Escobar – Shared with the Park Board, Angel Ferrara, and Shaya Lockett will be out of town for the next scheduled meeting in September. Mario Escobar asked the Park Board if they wanted to cancel the meeting.
- A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook and seconded by Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, and all Park Board members agreed

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Laura Flores made a motion; Kevin Mitchell seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM. Motion

Carried (Ayes 11, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



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BOO!

BINGO NIGHT

OCTOBER 29, 6:00 P.M.



ARGENTINE COMMUNITY CENTER
2810 METROPOLITAN AVE



Whether you're a Bingo pro or a first-timer, you'll have a blast marking off those spooky squares! Come in costume, bring your lucky Bingo dauber, and get ready for a ghoulishly good time! Don't miss out on your chance to win some fang-tastic prizes! Please register before the event at our civic rec website or by scanning QR code on our flyer!

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Gravestone Cleaning Workshop

October 25, 2025 10am-12pm

Oak Grove Cemetery

3rd St. and Waverly Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101

Hosted by Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum

Contact (913) 573-5002 or wycmuseum@wycokck.org

for questions and more information



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Halloween *Festival*

**FRIDAY
OCT 31**

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**FREE
EVENT**



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

**Kensington Community Center
913-551-0407**

2900 STATE AVE

**Parks and Recreation
913-573-8327**



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OCTOBER 17, 2025

5PM-7PM

ARMOURDALE COMMUNITY CENTER

730 OSAGE AVE

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66105

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING CANDY TO GIVE
BACK TO LOCAL TRICK OR TREATERS DURING
THIS EVENT**

Contact: 913-551-0408 for more details.



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

ARMOURDALE'S MONTHLY BINGO:

SPOOKY BINGO

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

October 10, 2025

Armourdale Community Center

730 Osage Ave



For more information: 913-573-8134 or lvleyva@wycokck.com

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