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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 14, 2026, 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 14th, 2026

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

_____ Vacant/District #1 _____ Nathan Brungardt/District #7

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

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3 _____ Andrea Generaux/District #1 at Large
*First Vice Chairman

_____ 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

_____ Michael Rankin, 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 10th, 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: _____

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

The December 10th, 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
Laura Flores, Secretary
Andera Generaux, Member

Board Members Absent:

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

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation
Shaya Lockett, Recreation Assistant Director
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Recreation
Michael Rankin, Counselor

Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt December 10th, 2025, Agenda and seconded by Jim Schneeweise

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval. A motion was made by Karen Daniels, Andrea Generaux

Motion carried (Ayes 9, 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 Project Update** - Angel Ferrara - Stated no new update since November

III– OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers** –

- Mario Escobar announced the current slate: First Vice Chairman - Kevin Mitchell, Second Vice Chairman - Karen Daniels, and Secretary – Laura Flores
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Moved for approval of slate as presented on agenda.
 - Kevin Mitchell – Stated he would have to remove his name and consideration from the vote, and this would be his last meeting with the Park Board. He advised that the position would be replaced next month
 - Mario Escobar – Continued with the vote for new officers, asked for any nominations, or if anyone would like to serve as First Vice Chairperson
 - Jim Schneeweise – Ask what the First Vice Chairman does in this position
 - Mario Escobar – Answered, the First Vice Chairperson covers for the Chairperson, and the Second Vice Chairperson takes over if the First Vice Chairperson cannot attend the meeting. He continued by requesting nominations for the First Vice Chairperson.
 - Karen Daniel – Nominated Amanda DeVriese – Sebilla
 - Amanda DeVriese – Sebilla – Declined nomination due to busy family life
 - Andrea Generaux - Responded that she would be willing to serve as First Vice Chairperson
 - Mario Escobar - Asked Counselor Michael Rankin for guidance on the voting process
 - Michael Rankin – Stated, if there were no other nominees, they could either conduct a roll call vote specifically for the First Vice Chairperson's position or vote on the entire slate, depending on what they pre
 - Mario Escobar - Requested the Park Board take a vote on Andrea Generaux as First Vice Chairperson; vote was taken, 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, vote passed
 - Mario Escobar – Continued voting for the position of Second Vice Chairperson; Karen Daniels holds the position of Second Vice Chair. Mario Escobar asked Karen if she would like to continue serving in this role, which she is now holding
 - Karen Daniel responded affirmatively, stating that she would like to serve as Second Vice Chairperson
 - Mario Escobar - Opened the floor to the Park Board for any additional nominations.
 - Mario Escobar - Requested the Park Board to vote on Karen Daniels as the Second Vice Chairperson; all in favor motion carried
- (Ayes 9, Nays 0)
- Mario Escobar – Continued with Park Boards nomination for Secretary; currently holding this position is Laura Flores
 - Laura Flores – Accepted to continue holding the position as Secretary for the Park Board

- Mario Escobar – Opened the floor to the Park Board for any additional nominations; there were none, all in favor, motion carried

(Ayes 9, Nays 0)

- Employee of the Month Recognition – Vincent Billaci announced that the Parks and Recreation Department's Employee of the Month for November is Eric Way, who serves as Maintenance Technician II. He was nominated for his outstanding consistency, positive attitude, and commitment. As the lead maintenance technician, Eric plays a crucial role in keeping our parks, pool, splash pads, and community centers operational. His hard work keeps the facilities running smoothly. Eric was able to attend the Park Board meeting tonight for his recognition, accompanied by his Operations Superintendent, Ryan Teel. The Park Board expressed its gratitude for his dedicated efforts

V - OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Shaya Lockett - Recreation Updates

- Registration for Winter basketball is open until January 2nd; the league will begin January 17th we will have teams from kindergarten through 6th grade
- Sugar Cookie Studio, on December 23rd at 5 pm, at Beatrice L. Lee, Kensington, will be busy holding a futsal league
- Saturday, December 13th, we will have a basketball clinic from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Earl Watson Senior Community Center. The event will be hosted by Earl Watson Academy. He was able to finalize, and it'll be a free clinic for boys and girls, ages from 8 years through 11, to learn skills and drills, and help promote basketball to our youth basketball registration
- The Gingerbread House Ornament event will be held this Thursday, December 11th, at 5:30 pm. Participants had to register for this event; registration is full
- Doughnuts with Santa will take place on December 13th at Memorial Hall from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa Claus and receive a gift. There will also be activities, crafts, doughnuts, and hot cocoa available.
- Ms. Claus. She will read Christmas stories to the children, and there will also be several crafts and activities for them to enjoy that day. Wednesday, December 17th, at the Armourdale Community Center

- Great Gingerbread Glow-Up, kids will get to decorate Gingerbread men for this event. Registration is full, the event will be held at Joe Amayo Community Center from noon to 2:00 pm, December 20th
- Sugar Cookie Studios at Beatrice Lee will be held at 5:00 pm. This registration is full as well
- The Recreation Division will have several retirements this year. Today, we honored the group. We will be losing 65 years of experience in the Recreation Park Division among all the retirees. Ed Burton has 25 years of service, Mr. George Stein has 12 and a half years of service, and Ms. Shelley Boyd has 28 years of service in the Parks and Recreation Department, and they will be greatly missed

Vincent Billaci - Park Updates

- Shared updates on the three ribbon-cutting ceremonies we held since our last Park Board meeting, one for Klamm Park and another for the Kensington project. We are still waiting for the rubber surfacing, which is scheduled to be completed in the spring when the weather warms up. We were pleased to have U.S. Representative Sharice Davids in attendance, as her role in securing congressional funding was instrumental. It was also great to have our Park Board members present, including Chairman Mario Escobar, Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, and Karen Daniels, who joined us for the ribbon-cutting events. Reminded the Park Board that the Welborn Park Dog Trail project originated with students from Washington High School, and advised that the group was in the STAR paper
- Wyandotte County Lake – We selected a contractor, now working on getting all the paperwork finalized, construction will begin soon, and we hope to have it completed before opening day
- Vincent informed the Park Board that Jay Sutera is retiring this month from the Sunflower Golf Course after 12 years with the Department.

Angel Ferrara- Department Updates

- Advised that Mr. Rios came in front of the Park Board last month, asking for their support with a request for renaming the baseball field to Elijah Ming Memorial, to honor him, located at Heathwood Park. We will honor Elijah Ming on December 11th, and invited the Park Board to attend his honor
- Guest Tax (TGT) went in front of the Full Commission last week and was passed on the consent agenda, which is great news for the Parks and Recreation Department. Advised that over the next 2 years will be dedicated 3% of the total TGT tax is estimated to be roughly 1.8million dollars annually. Angel thanked the Park Board for all their support and advocacy. As we move into the new year, Angel would like to highlight that we'll be

holding discussions about our budget workshops, focusing on project investments over the next few years. Although it's the end of the year, we begin these workshops early, in February. I wanted to bring to everyone's attention as we start considering our priorities for the upcoming budget. We will return in January with more information and guidance, and then we can engage in workshops in February, continuing the practice we've established over the past few years.

- We've shared an update on our Asset Management system with the Park Board. This process has taken several years, starting with budget approval, hiring a full-time Asset Manager, and releasing an RFP for software. As of December, we selected Cartograph Open-Gov as our vendor and are preparing to use the project next year. This system will allow us to track all our assets in one centralized place, which we haven't had before. We look forward to sharing more with the Park Board. And be able to tell you where every playground, bench, tree, irrigation system, and water line are located in a few years, once we get it built out, but that software is going to be really important, just to be able to have real-time data, Park Board and the elected officials can see those metrics and see what it takes to manage our entire park system
- Shared a video recap with the Park Board of all the events and accomplishments that we all had a part of for the year 2025, even with the setbacks and adjustments we had to make with the revenue-neutral year

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook - Ask if we have hired an Asset Manager to work with the software
- Angel Ferrara – Answered yes, through the budget process, we received funding for the software, and then also funding for an FTE. The department was able to hire Brandon Byers, who has been with Parks and Recreation for about a year
- Karen Daniels– Asked if Parks and Recreation is planning and preparing for the World Cup
- Angel Ferrara – Yes, we have submitted several requests, and some of them have been approved. Many maintenance projects are tied to the World Cup, like upgrades to our futsal courts and various playgrounds. We are also continuing to develop a program for the community, along with a few marketing pieces, that promote our futsal courts and some of our updated parks and sports courts. We are trying to create a concise publication or marketing piece for visitors. Angel asked the Park Board for any suggestions

- Karen Daniels – Suggested a map and a tour of all the barbecue places, and has something where people can see all the wonderful parks we have
- Angel Ferrara - We are currently developing several marketing materials to promote our futsal courts, as well as our updated parks and sports courts. Our goal is to create a clear and concise publication or marketing piece that will appeal to potential visitors
- Amanda DeVriese - Sibilla – Asked about the roof for the Emerson Park Gazebo
- Angel Ferrara – Answered that the contractor was able to schedule in the next couple of weeks to get the project completed
- Kevin Mitchell – Wanted to let the Park Board know that he enjoyed being part of the Park Board, and it was a great experience

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook made a motion, Kevin Mitchell seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM. Motion Carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman