

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, April 22, 2019**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 5:02 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Johnson, Markley, and Murguia, substitute. Commissioners Kane, Philbrook, and BPU Board Member Tom Groneman, were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell, Joe Connor and Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrators; Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel; Alan Howze, Knowledge Director; Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works; James Bain, Assistant Counsel; John Kelly, Director of Buildings and Logistics; Michael Callahan, Fire Chief; Shawn McLaughlin, Project Manager; Lideana Laboy, Traffic Engineer; Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation; Angel Obert, Recreation Division Manager; and Kris Finger, Engineer.

Chairman Bynum called the meeting to order.

Chairman Bynum said as you can see, we are down a few of our regular standing committee members. Commissioner Murguia, I really want to thank you for stepping in to sit on the committee with us tonight. Without you, we'd have a real problem. Thank you so much.

Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes for February 25, 2019. **On motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Markley, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 19679...RESOLUTION: PUMP STATIONS 4 & 5 IMPROVEMENTS, CMIP 6131

Synopsis: A resolution declaring the Pump Stations 4 & 5 Improvement Project (CMIP 6131), located at Kansas Avenue and South 51st Street, is a necessary and valid improvement project, and authorizing a survey of land for said project submitted by James Bain Assistant Counsel

Pump Stations 4 & 5 Improvements



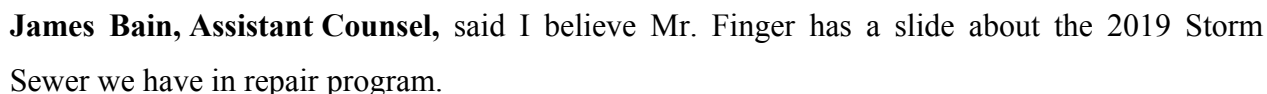
James Bain, Assistant Counsel, said as stated, this is a resolution authorizing a survey for the Pump Stations 4 & 5 Improvement projects. Mr. Finger is here to talk us through the project.

Kris Finger, Engineer, said this project's going to consist of a full rebuild of both of these pump stations. From some investigation we've done, we've found that these pump stations actually don't exist on our property or right-of-way. They exist on a combination of our right-a-way and railroad right-a-way for Pump Station 5 on the right. For Pump Station 4, it's on property owned by a subsidiary of a railroad company as well. We'll be needing to do some land acquisition as we move forward with our upgrades to these pump stations.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Murguia, Markley, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 19680...RESOLUTION: 2019 STORM SEWER R & R PROJECT, CMIP 5303

Synopsis: A resolution declaring the 2019 Storm Sewer R & R Project (CMIP 5303) is a necessary and valid improvement project, and authorizing a survey of land for said project, submitted by James Bain, Assistant Counsel.



Kris Finger, Engineer, said basically, the one site we know of that we're planning on working on right now is going to be associated with Safe Routes to Schools Program. They're increasing some drainage when they go and put some sidewalk in—redoing some additional line as well as putting in some curb and gutter. We're going to tie into that project and help get the water distributed downstream to a place where it won't flood some people's backyards. There may be another site or two that comes up on the rehab and repair contract where we also need easements, but that's the known site right now.

Action: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were four “Ayes,” Murguia, Markley, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 3 – 19683...RESOLUTION: ARMOURDALE AND CID LEVEE UNIT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing an agreement between the Department of Army, the UG, the Kaw Valley Drainage District, and the City of Kansas City, MO, for the Armourdale and Central Industrial District Levee Unit Flood Risk Management Project, submitted by Melissa Sieben,

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Assistant County Administrator; Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel; Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works; and Sarah White, Project Engineer.

Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator, said this is the second of our partnership agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, Kaw Valley and the City of Kansas City, MO, in this instance, for the Kansas Levee project which is to raise the levees along the Kansas River. This project portion, the design portion, is just over \$4M. The share that's to be worked out between the parties is about \$1.5M. We already are ready to commit to that with funds available. This coming Thursday, you'll actually be seeing a resolution put forward to help us claw back those dollars as part of our bonding capacity instead. We would really like to keep this moving along and encumber those funds from the federal government that total over \$365M for just this portion of the project. I do want to thank Misty Brown for summarizing this rather dull meeting for us. Thank you.

Chairman Bynum said it is so very important and I appreciate all the work because I know it's a heavy lift just to say the very least. It's been a long, long time in the making and here we are ready to go. I really do appreciate all that.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Murguia, Markley, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 4 – 19684...RESOLUTION: MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing an agreement with the city of Edwardsville, KS, and the city of Bonner Springs, KS, to provide fire and EMS mutual aid services, submitted by Katie Devlin, Assistant Counsel.

Katie Devlin, Assistant Counsel, said this is a resolution for an agreement to have mutual aid with the city of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville in the case of a natural disaster or catastrophe to provide Fire and EMS services. Chief Callahan is here to answer any questions if you have them.

Chairman Bynum asked is it similar to what we just did a month or so ago with the other small communities up around the northwest corner of the county. **Michael Callahan, Fire Chief**, said in scope and nature it's similar, but technically, it's not an auto aid agreement. These assets have to be requested. They don't come automatically.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Murguia, Markley, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 5 – 19686...UPDATE: FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SCHEDULING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Synopsis: An update on the Fire Department's scheduling system implementation, submitted by Michael Callahan, Fire Chief. The new software will manage firefighters' shifts, including overtime, vacation and sick leave.

Michael Callahan, Fire Chief, said I'm going to eventually turn this over to my project manager Chief McLaughlin but essentially what this is, is an automated system to keep better track of payroll and time management.



Fire Kronos TeleStaff

Project Update

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Topics

- ❑ Project Objectives and Success Factors
- ❑ Background
- ❑ Accomplishments
- ❑ Budget
- ❑ Next Steps

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Chief Shawn McLaughlin, Project Manager, said I'm going to go over some project objectives and success factors, the background of the project, our accomplishments to date, some budget notes, and our next steps



Project Objectives and Success Factors

- ❑ Project objectives:
 - Develop and maintain a centralized schedule that can be updated in real-time
 - Reduce/eliminate manual processes
 - Hiring, Overtime
 - Daily roster
 - Simplify leave requests and shift trades
 - Eliminate lost paperwork
 - Reduce manual paperwork into payroll
- ❑ Success factors:
 - Reduce time to fill vacancies
 - Eliminate manual approval processes
 - Reduce payroll processing time

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The project objectives of this, we're looking to develop and maintain a centralized schedule that can be updated in real-time. The Fire Department has some issues and some challenges with our current scheduling procedures and processes. We're looking to improve that. Again, we're looking to reduce and eliminate some manual processes with hiring, overtime, and our daily roster, the way that's set up and managed.

We're looking to simplify some leave requests and shift trades. Currently, those are manual paperwork processes and we're looking to streamline those; also looking to eliminate lost paperwork and reduce manual paperwork that gets submitted through Payroll.

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Our success factors for the project, we're looking to reduce time to fill vacancies on our shift schedule each day. We're looking at eliminating manual approval processes for any changes to the schedule, and we're looking to reduce payroll processing time by automating that process as we send it over to the Payroll Department.



Background

- UG initiated the Kronos TeleStaff Implementation Project in September, 2018. At that time the team completed the following key tasks:

- Identified stakeholders and project team
- Purchased the Kronos software solution and implementation services including
 - 750 TeleStaff licenses
 - 410 Bidding licenses
 - 12 months of Software as a Service
- Agreed to a Kronos Statement of Work for Fire implementation
 - Project approach
 - UG roles and responsibilities
 - Kronos team participation and services
- Established a preliminary timeline

The UG initiated the Kronos TeleStaff Implementation Project in September 2018. At that time, the team completed the following key tasks. We identified our stakeholders and our project team. We purchased the Kronos Software Solution and the implementation services that included 750 TeleStaff licenses and 410 bidding module licenses. Those are two separate modules that we're actually working with. We also purchased 12 months of software as a service. That means the company Kronos is actually going to host the software for us and we will access it through the internet.

We also agreed to a Kronos Statement of Work for Fire implementation. We looked at the project approach, our roles and responsibilities through the UG, and the Kronos team participation of services that they're going to provide to us. Then we also established a preliminary timeline.



Accomplishments

□ Accomplishments:

- Participated in process review sessions with Kronos
- Configured the application to meet KCK Fire Department's requirements
- Participating in system testing
- Scheduled the train-the-trainer session with Kronos (week of April 29)
- Building the training plan for TeleStaff roll-out to Fire end-users
- Reviewed licensing count – currently licensed for about 440 users out of 750 potential licenses
- Participating in a series of comprehensive UG meetings to integrate Telestaff and Cayenta
 - Accrual import into TeleStaff from Cayenta
 - Time Keeping export out of TeleStaff into Cayenta
- Installed the interface between TeleStaff and the New World CAD application
- Preparing related Letter of Understanding for potential overtime process impacts from TeleStaff implementation

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To date, we've participated in process review sessions with Kronos. Those were held in January of this year and they're also ongoing. We also configured the application to meet the KCK Fire Department's requirements. We're participating in system testing right now currently. That's an ongoing process. We look to probably continue that for about the next 30 days.

We're scheduling train-the-trainer sessions with Kronos for next week, the week of April 29th. We're also building a training plan for TeleStaff to roll out to the end users of the Fire Department.

We're reviewing the licensing count. We currently have licenses for about 440 users, approximately out of the 750 potential licenses that we have purchased. We're also participating in a series of comprehensive UG meetings to integrate TeleStaff in Cayenta, which is the payroll system that we use. We're looking to import accrual data from Cayenta into our system and then also export our timekeeping records out of our system into Cayenta. We're looking to streamline those two things.

We've installed an interface between TeleStaff and the New World CAD application. That's just importing personnel records into some existing software that we use every day for reporting. We've also prepared a letter of understanding for potential overtime process impacts from the TeleStaff implementation. That's in reference to IAFF Local 64. There's some minor procedural overtime issues that we're just working through.

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Budget

□ Budget

Kronos Project Budget Items	Amounts
Budget Amount	\$ 200,000
Projected Expenses	
* Projected Kronos services & training for Fire Implementation	\$ 67,275
* Annual Software as a Service & licensing fees	\$ 46,619
* Tyler New World/TeleStaff interface	\$ 16,205
* Cayenta integration with Kronos	TBD
* Other potential project expenses	TBD

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We have allocated \$200,000 to the budget for this project. Currently, the services and training for the implementation is \$67,275. The annual software, service, and licensing fees are \$46,619. Then the interface between New World and TeleStaff is \$16,205. We're also, right now assessing the integration between Cayenta and Kronos and then other potential expenses.



Next Steps

□ Next Steps

- Schedule the Go-Live date and update the UG KCK community
- Schedule the end-user training sessions
- Complete development of the appropriate interfaces/integrations between Cayenta and TeleStaff
 - For Go-Live
 - For potential later phase(s)

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Our next steps are we're looking at scheduling a go-live date, hopefully, within the next 30-45 days, and then update the community when we get that date set. Scheduling the end-user training sessions is going to be an ongoing process for probably about the next 60 days. Then completing

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the development of the appropriate interfaces integrations between Cayenta and TeleStaff for both the go-live date and potential later phases of the project.

Chairman Bynum said I have one question. When you say update the UG and KCK community, this is more really an internal process, correct? **Chief McLaughlin** said it is. Updating the community would just be more of an informational like we're doing tonight. **Chairman Bynum** said I mean I'm really happy to see that you've done this. It's a huge step forward.

Commissioner Johnson said I was just shaking my head in agreement to this. I think that this is great. It solves a lot of the question marks we've had in the past. I think this automated system will help to alleviate some of the question marks and make it a whole lot easier. Again, kudos to you all and job well done.

Action: For information only.

Item No. 6 – 19688...UPDATE: NEW FIRE STATION

Synopsis: Update on the progress of the new fire station at Hutton and Leavenworth Road by staff and Kile Morrison of Arch/Images, submitted by John Kelly, Director of Buildings and Logistics.

Chairman Bynum said I will say, while you get situated, that we had a wonderful groundbreaking event. I was very happy to be there, and we're just really excited to get this.

John Kelly, Director of Buildings and Logistics, said we don't have a presentation tonight just because after our last update, there's been a little movement. We're getting bids and such. I'm going to go ahead and let Kile kind of talk where we're at to date.

Kile Morrison, Arch/Images, said the groundbreaking was held on April 13th. Those of you who've been out there have noticed the site has been cleared and we're working on some of the soil issues that we've brought up before and we've known about. The specific issue is a small

area, we hope a small area, where dirt was dumped sometime in the past, probably to fill in some erosion, ravine or something like that.

We've been working with Kansas City Testing, the geotechnical engineer here in contracting, the Fire Department, Building & Logistics, and Arch/Images have all been involved in analyzing some different strategies to address the issue and consider the relevant costs and schedule impacts of some of the alternatives. Starting tomorrow morning Herron will be digging and removing that material so we can determine exactly how far it goes. It's probably a week or two from now when they'll be finished with that. Once that work is complete, they'll continue with the building pad and then start right into foundations on the project.

Subcontract bidding has been completed. Herron is now issuing subcontracts for the various suppliers and specialty contractors. We had a lot of interest and good bidding. We got a lot of bids in every category. Once the subcontractor is in place, that allows us to move forward with material ordering, shop drawings, scheduling in the various trades and so forth. Things are falling right into line. We are looking toward a February move in next year.

Mr. Kelly said I would just like to state we gave the February date just due to our winter and the site conditions that we're up against. That's why we're kind of moving from that end of the year to that February. Like I said, over the next week or so, we'll hopefully have a better idea. To be safe, we're thinking that February 2020 is going to be the date that we'll be able to have that station open.

Chairman Bynum said I have one question. On this project, it's a UG project. Are there local business, minority business and women-owned business goals? **Mr. Kelly** said yes. Through that process with the CMR process, we go through the same thing through Purchasing. To say that there's an actual percentage, we try to hit that mark. We did get some Wyandotte County folks involved and some minority and women business-owned people participation; not huge, but there are some. **Chairman Bynum** said good and I appreciate that.

When you give an update as we see the project coming up out of the ground, would you bring us how those totals shook out? **Mr. Kelly** said yes. We can share that information. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you.

Mr. Kelly said I would add that Herron really did an outstanding job of both advertising and seeking all three of those categories of bids as well as just tracking the results. They really did a good job. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you. I really appreciate that.

Action: For information only.

Item No. 7 – 19687...UPDATE: NEW JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

Synopsis: Update on the progress of the new Juvenile Justice Center by staff and members of the construction team, submitted by John Kelly, Director of Buildings and Logistics.

John Kelly, Director of Buildings and Logistics, said we have Scott Mead here with Newkirk Novak who will be giving us an update. Once again, we don't have a presentation for tonight to show you. I think as we talk about the steps here that he's getting ready to talk about, our next presentation we give to you guys, the past one, the fire and this update, we'll have some more drone videos to show you as the project is starting to really come together with the exterior shell.

Scott Mead, Newkirk Novak, said for the Juvenile Justice Center, since our last update, we held a topping out ceremony on April 2nd at the project site. We had a really good participation turnout. It was a really nice day.

For the update on the three-story portion of the building, all the structural steel is complete. We poured both slab on decks for the building. The exterior framing is now going so on the west side or the courtyard of the building, that is completed and is now going around the building. We'll be starting on the front this week. With that, sheathing of the exterior will start May 6th. That's really where we're at with the multistory, three-story portion of the building.

On the single-story portion, we are finishing up the masonry in two weeks. We had our first round of precast roofing; it was set last week. In two weeks, we'll come back and set the second round. From there, we'll start kind of the interior, kind of overhead MEP in those portions. Everything's going really well and we remain on schedule.

Mr. Kelly said I just want to add, I know that sounds like a lot and you're trying to capture what that looks like without seeing something. Like I said, our next update we'll be able to walk you through that with a drone video and some pictures to kind of show you how it's looking. As you

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guys can see, the building is coming up more and more out of the ground, but we'll be able to walk you through it a little bit better with a video.

Chairman Bynum said I work directly across the street. I think I say that all the time. I do know what it looks like and I continue to be fascinated by the incredible process of building things.

The topping out ceremony I thought was extraordinary. I was really happy that the gentleman standing up on top of that beam was appropriately tied off.

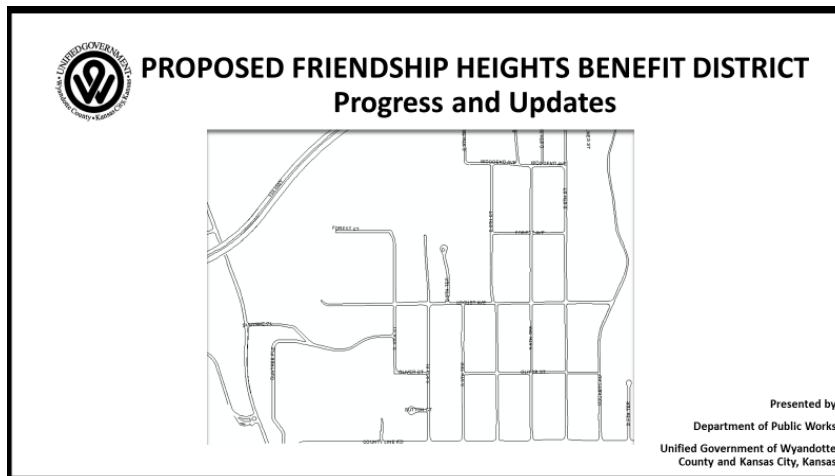
I would just ask that we bring also those targets on LBE, MBE, WBE, etc., and give us an update on that next time you bring us a project update. **Mr. Kelly** said okay.

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Item No. 8 – 19689...UPDATE: FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS BENEFIT DISTRICT

Synopsis: Update on the status of the Friendship Heights Sidewalk Benefit District by Public Works staff, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

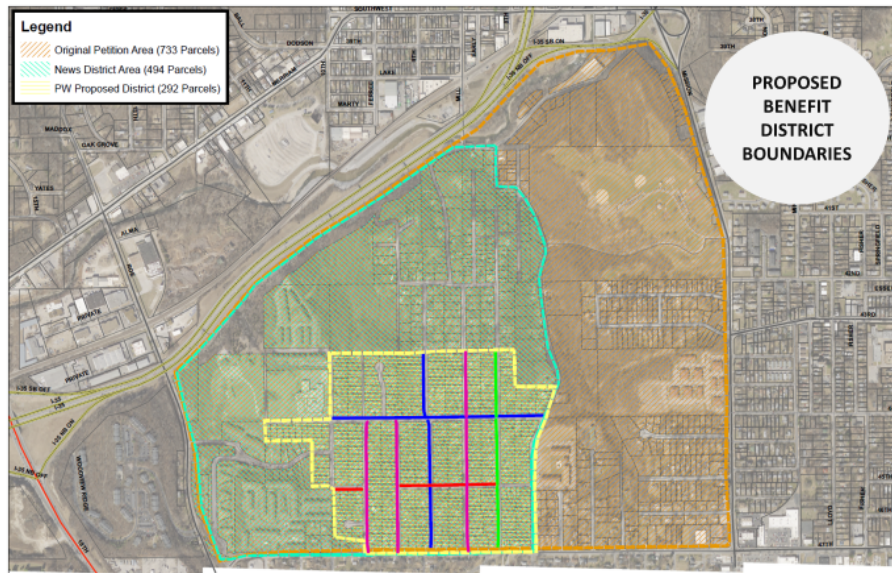
Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works, said due to the confusion and delays of the past and last summer's discussion, we just simply wanted to report back to you tonight to provide progress. Lideana's got a number of examples and she's working with the commissioner and neighborhood groups and will continue to work through those. We'll have some public engagement to follow this, but I'll let Lideana highlight that and take any questions you may have.



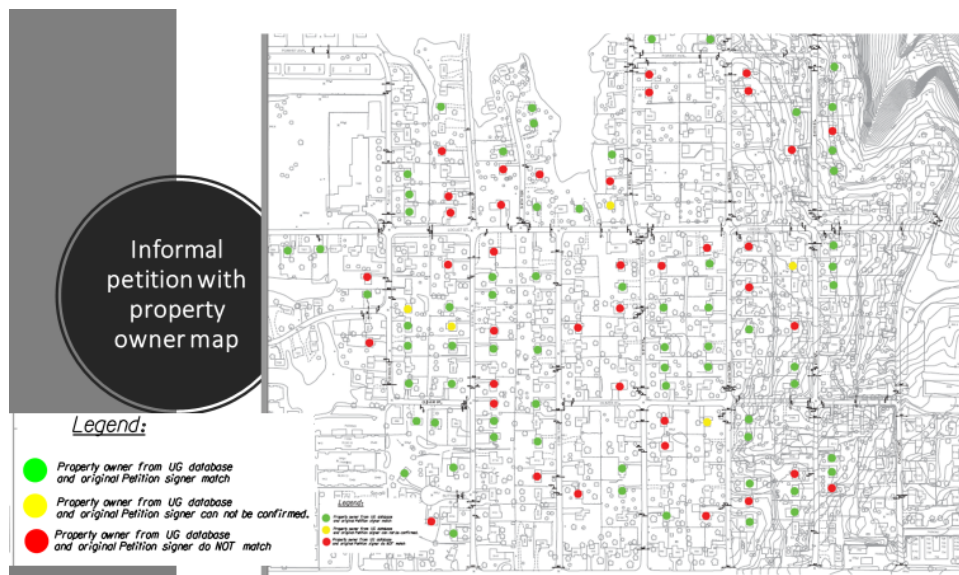
Overview of the past

- Prior 2013 – Informal Petition of Interest for curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm drainage started by Neighborhood Group (Step 1)
- 2013 – UG budgeted \$400K for the 2018 CMIP as seed funding for proposed Benefit District.
 - (amount associated with the potential design)
- 2014 – Budget modified to \$200k in 2018 and \$400k in 2019
- 2015 – Budget modified to \$400k in 2016 and \$200k in 2017
- 2016 – Feasibility study began in parallel with nearby Safe Routes to School (Step 2)
- Fall 2016 – Initial study returned, and alternate options explored because of affordability
- May 2017 – Final study returned with 4 project site options within the initial district.
- February 2018 – Considered additional funding sources to offset costs.
- April 2018 – Project not selected for potential federal funding.
- April 2019-Present situation

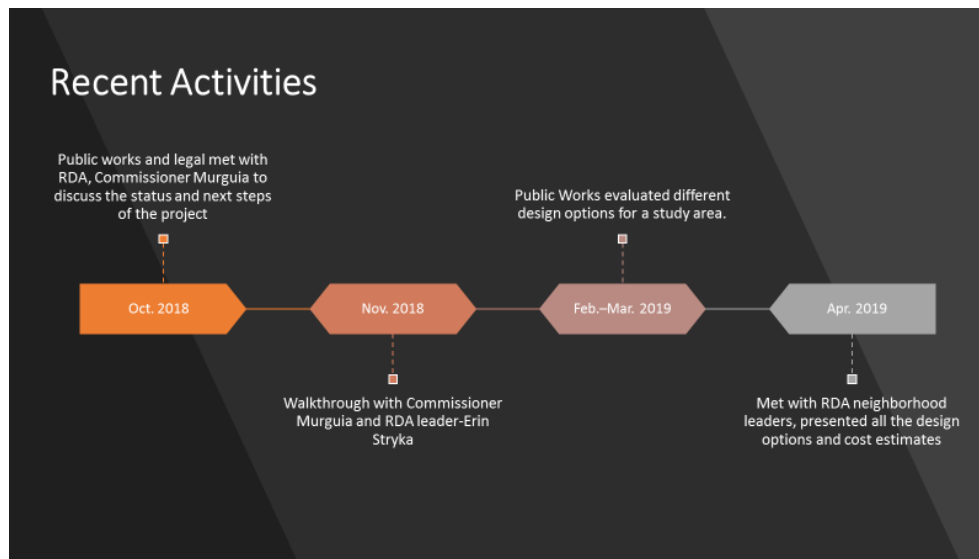
Lideana Laboy, Traffic Engineer/Project Manager for the Friendship Heights Benefit District, said as he said, this is an update on the project. The first slide is just an outline of the history of the project. I'm not going to go through all the details of that but kind of just a summary to bring everybody to context on where we are today.



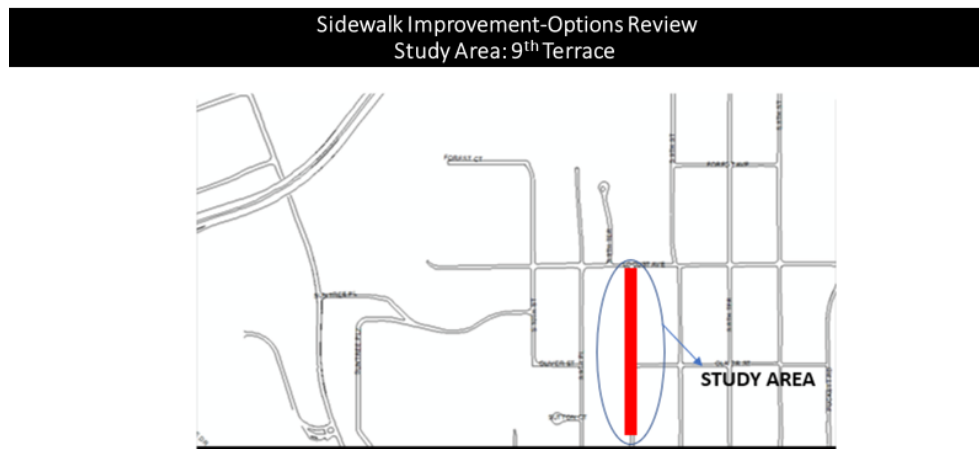
The second slide is just what's in the area with our line on the petition form. The area in yellow is the area where the boundaries of the Friendship Heights neighborhood.



This slide represents the households that were included in the first petition. You can see the majority of the neighbors in the Friendship Heights neighborhood were included on it.



Since we met with you last time, we met in October with the commissioner, the RDA leader and some representatives from the neighborhood and discussed the challenges of the project. We also went in the next month, walked the area and identified the challenges too and defined that we would go again and reevaluate the engineering of this, and also define some options to try to minimize the cost related to the project. For the last few months, we've been working on those options. That's what we're presenting today.



We selected 9th Terrace as a represented case study. This is about a quarter mile area of roadway between 47th Street and Locust Road.

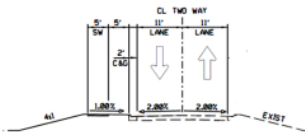


This is a picture of the existing conditions. As you see, people park parallel to the road and also their fences. They have large and small vehicles. Driveways have to be improved or they're in fair condition, and maybe the pavement also might need some consideration.

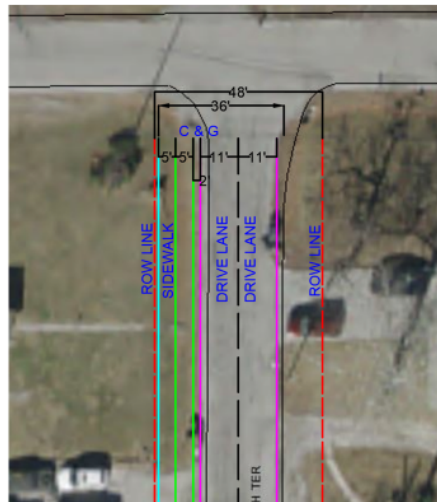


During the process, those are the items that we considered. On the project we either considered maintaining the two-lane traffic or just one way, maintain parking on the street or no parking on the street, building a curb gutters or leaving it open, do all the construction within the public right-of-way or acquiring land.

OPTION 1a: Two Lane roadway with sidewalk, curb and gutter on one side
NO ON-STREET PARKING

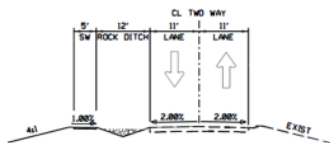


- Current width of the road= 22'
- Existing ROW=48'
- Proposed total width of the road, sidewalk, curb, and gutter=36'
- Total Cost for this option=\$753,125
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$1,569

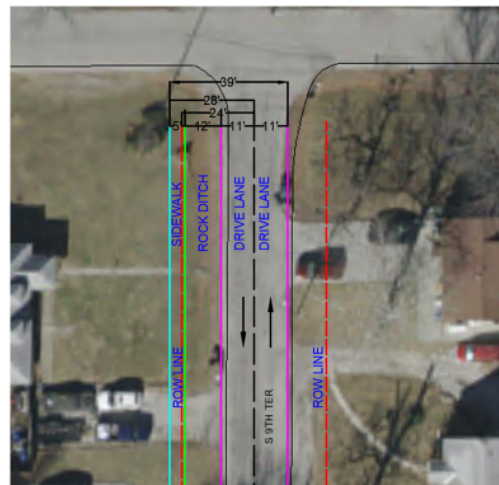


We had eight options that we evaluated. In general, this first option represents a sidewalk with a curb and gutter; maintaining the two options and no parking on the streets. This represents the cost related to this is approximately \$1,500 per household, per year.

OPTION 1b-Two-lane roadway reconstructed with open ditch
NO ON-STREET PARKING



- Current width of the road= 22'
- Existing ROW=48'
- Proposed total width of the road, sidewalk, rock ditch curb, and gutter=41'
- Sidewalk easement needed is 5' or less
- Total Cost for this option=\$584,375
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$1217
- Sidewalk in constructed inside the property within a dedicated sidewalk easement.

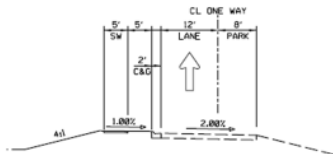


This option is a similar option; however, this one will maintain the open drainage and sidewalk constructed on the sides of the open drainage. With this, it might require a little land acquisition. We're maintaining the two lanes of traffic, but the parking will be affected.

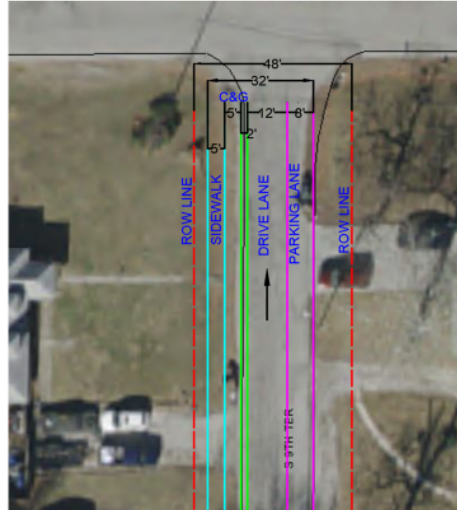
Chairman Bynum said just a quick question on any slide. When you say total cost for this option \$584,000, you mean just the 9th Street portion that you're studying. **Ms. Laboy** said yes, just the study. Sidewalks on one side of the road—**Chairman Bynum** said I wanted to make

sure. **Ms. Laboy** said between that segment and we have several segments like this in the area. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you.

OPTION 2a: One-way lane with sidewalk on one side, curb and gutter, and on-street parking on the other side.

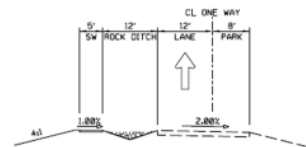


- Current width of the road= 22'
- Existing ROW=48'
- Proposed total width of the road, sidewalk, rock ditch curb, and gutter=32'
- Total Cost for this option=\$753,125
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$1,569



Ms. Laboy said this option would be okay if we repurposed the existing pavement to only have a one-way street, maintain parking, and then build a sidewalk with curb and gutter. This option cost would be \$1,500 per year, per household.

OPTION 2b: One-way lane with sidewalk on one side, reconstructed open ditch, and on-street parking on the other side.

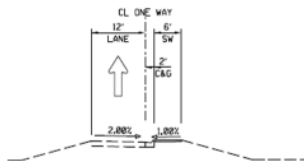


- Current width of the road= 22'
- Proposed total width of the road, sidewalk, rock ditch, and parking lane=37'
- Sidewalk easement needed is approximately 2ft or less.
- Total Cost for this option=\$584,375
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$1,217



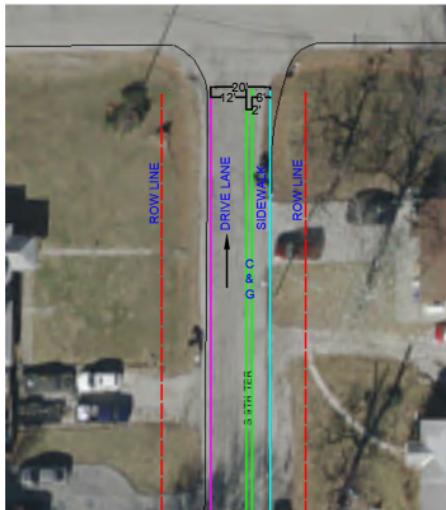
This other option would be similar; one-way street with parking on the street but an open ditch. The cost associated to that would be \$1,200 per year, per household.

OPTION 3a: One-way lane with sidewalk, curb and gutter on existing pavement



- Current width of the road= 22'
- Proposed total width of the road, sidewalk, curb and gutter=20'
- Total Cost for this option=\$560,625
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$1,168

* Staff Recommendation



Then we also look at what other things can we do to reduce the cost. Then we said okay, just build inside the existing payment. We knocked off the drainage. We simply just repurpose the road to build the sidewalk, then we would have to reconfigure it to be only one-way. This would be \$1,100 per year, per household. That's the cost.

This is our staff recommendation because it provides the best value for the options around the options, but we'll discuss that a little further as well.

OPTION 3b: Sidewalk easement inside private property, no other improvements

- Current width of the road= 22'
- Proposed total width of the road=22'
- Sidewalk easement to be acquired= 5'
- Total Cost for this option=\$565,625
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$1,178



In this option was like, what if we don't touch anything. We leave the ditch as it is, the pavement as it is and then we build the sidewalk entirely within the private property, meaning that we will acquire a sidewalk easement and build a sidewalk there. That option came out to about \$1,100 per year, per household.

While this doesn't include drainage or construction of curb and gutter, this includes reconstruction of decks or removing of gardening or fences and things like that that was included in that cost.

Option 4: One-lane roadway and protected walking path-No drainage improvements

- Current width of the road= 22'
- Proposed total width of the road=11'(min)
- Protected sidewalk width=6'
- Total Cost for this option=\$363,750
- Cost per year per unit for 15 years = \$758
- Resurfacing will be done for this option.
- **High Maintenance cost. ***



This final option is just saying, we don't do anything but then we dedicate a path for pedestrians with a protected control device. This option is more economical. It's only \$700 per year, per household; but it's a high maintenance for the city as this might need to be constantly replaced.



This is another option. We only included one full replacement, but we had no idea how many times we would have to replace it. Just for creating some visuals, these are some pictures that show the sidewalk next to the open drainage. That's what it could look like on this ditch and anywhere like this. These are pictures of current projects that we recently completed where we had an open ditch or we have curb and gutter constructed and the sidewalk with greenspace.

Cost Estimate Parameters

- Road Segment: 9th Terrace
- Limits: W 47th Street to Locust Street (0.25miles)
- Existing Right of Way-48 feet
- All properties within the road segment share the cost (32 properties-16 on each side of the road)
- Term for the proposed benefit district-15years
- Total Cost shown includes 100 % cost
 - Drainage improvement along the sidewalk, resurfacing, driveway reconstruction, property impact.
- Cost **excludes** land acquisition, other area drainage improvements, and relocation of utilities

Once again, the cost estimated included like sharing the cost associated with that among all the residents. The numbers that we've shown is 100% of the cost including the drainage, the improvement, the sidewalk, any resurfacing associated with it, but excludes the land cost or any drainage improvement that we need to do outside of the area or utility relocation.

Friendship Heights Neighborhood Benefit District - Sidewalk Improvements

Summary of Options

	Sidewalk	6 ft Walking Path	Drainage Structure		Green Space	Number of Lanes		One Way Street	On-Street Parking	Sidewalk Easement	On-Going Maintenance	Total Cost	Cost Per Year (Shared by All)	Cost Per Ln ft
			Curb&Gutter	Open Ditch		One	Two							
1) Option 1a	X		X		X		X		NO	NO	Owner	\$ 753,125	\$ 1,569	\$ 558
3) Option 2a	X		X		X		X		Yes	NO	Owner	\$ 753,125	\$ 1,569	\$ 558
2) Option 1b	X			X			X		NO	YES	Owner	\$ 584,375	\$ 1,217	\$ 433
4) Option 2b	X			X			X		Yes	YES	Owner	\$ 584,375	\$ 1,217	\$ 433
5) Option 3a	X		X				X		NO	NO	Owner	\$ 560,625	\$ 1,168	\$ 415
7) Option 3b	X		Existing	Existing			Existing		Existing	INSIDE	Owner	\$ 565,625	\$ 1,178	\$ 419
8) Option 4		X	Existing	Existing			X		NO	NO	City	\$ 363,750	\$ 758	\$ 269

• SUMMARY OF OPTIONS

This table shows the summary of all the options that we evaluated. We highlighted Option 5 as we believe this is, from the engineering point of view, the one that provides the best value solution. Then there is a comparison at the end of the table of the cost per year, per household. This is dividing the total cost by 15 years.



Feedback from the Neighborhood Leaders

- Lack of sidewalk is a common concern among the residents
- Support a benefit district, however
 - Need a clear understanding of the actual cost per household
 - The cost will significantly increase property taxes
 - What would be the share cost between City and residents?
 - Would the cost include drainage, resurfacing or other typical infrastructure maintenance?

As part of this process, we discussed this percentage with both the commissioner and also to the leadership and the neighborhood leaders. The feedback that we obtained from there was like they are still interested. There's a common concern about the lack of sidewalks. They support a benefit district, but they can see there's a significant increase in property costs. They are interested in knowing what the real cost for them will be. Will there be a cost shared between the city and the residents, and what is all included in that cost? In this cost, we included drainage improvement and resurfacing costs. They want to know will that be included or we'll only pay for the sidewalks.

Next Steps

- **Discuss potential cost share between the City and the Residents**
- Define specific terms of Benefit District
- Recalculate cost per household base of the actual terms
- Discuss selected option with RDA
- RDA responsible to gain formal adoption of the proposed benefit district.

The next steps, we'll continue to work with them. Now with the public involvement, the main important items to define is whether there will be a cost share between the city and the residents. If the residents review the solutions and they want to continue with a benefit district, then RDA, as an organization representing this neighborhood, will have to reengage the neighborhood to adopt a proposed formal petition for a benefit district.

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Commissioner Murguia said this is an excellent presentation. Thank you very much. It's very clear. I think most people will be able to understand what the options are, the visuals as well as the numbers, the estimates that are there. Great job on that. I really appreciate you guys running with this.

I do have a question. On your last slide, you said the cost will be determined based on how the Commission defines a benefit district in the future. I know, Jeff, that you and I have talked that there needs to be some more clarity by the Commission about how they want to define benefit districts. When will that come in front of the Commission to discuss that? **Mr. Fisher** said we have that plugged into the June standing committee agenda. We'll be working with Legal in the meantime to benchmark our current policy against others and identify areas of improvement and then bring that to you in June. **Commissioner Murguia** asked will it be this standing committee. **Mr. Fisher** said yes.

Chairman Bynum said, Commissioner Murguia, can I interject right there. That discussion will start at this standing committee, and the item that we will talk about is a policy change basically. **Commissioner Murguia** said no. **Chairman Bynum** said no. **Commissioner Murguia** said let me see if I've got this right, to make sure we're all communicating on the same page. I might be wrong.

Currently, it's not very clear in our policy how the percentage will be divided up. A lot of people have coined it as 50/50; the residents pay 50% and the government pays 50%. According to our staff, that's not very clear. **Mr. Fisher** said correct.

Commissioner Murguia said benefit districts in the past have been different. This policy needs to be more clear about what we're going to do countywide. **Chairman Bynum** said and I appreciate that.

Somewhere in this upcoming discussion, I was left with the notion that certain projects qualify as benefit districts. I guess they're all benefit districts, but some of them totally self-pay and the UG's not putting funds in. **Commissioner Murguia** said no. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. In my mind I'm thinking of the Westheight Roundabouts Project but that's years, like a decade ago. **Mr. Fisher** said maybe Misty has some knowledge of that. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you. That's where I was getting confused.

Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel, said statutorily, benefit districts can be created where people in the benefit district do pay 100% of it, but they don't have to. I think, I believe the number statutorily is—in a benefit district, the city could only pay, I believe, up to 95% of the project. In the past, some have paid higher percentages than others. Most recently, I think, when Commissioner Murguia said the phrase 50/50, when there were funds budgeted, that was what a lot of the sidewalk ones were going with. There's a huge variable, variety. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. That's helpful.

Commissioner Murguia said so to compare—**Mr. Fisher** said I believe some consistency in the policy. **Commissioner Murguia** said yes. This is the problem is that I think there should be a clear definition of a benefit district and then how it breaks down because a benefit district is a very broad term. The piece we use a benefit district for curb and sidewalk improvement projects but a benefit district, the definition of it could be much larger than that. That's where I think all of the miscommunication is happening.

The roundabouts, in my mind, that's not the benefit district I'm familiar with. I'm talking about benefit districts where we had money budgeted a decade ago when I first became a commissioner. They really were because they were really trying to press communities to improve their curb and sidewalk within the neighborhoods for safety issues, not so much as a roundabout or speed control district.

My questions were so it'll be at the June standing committee meeting for them to discuss about specifically what you want to get to is in this type of benefit district; how much is the government's portions versus how much is the resident's portion, right? Then, you'll be able to

come back with more concrete numbers, no pun intended there, but more concrete numbers in regard to how much the residents will have to pay versus the government, correct? **Ms. Laboy** said right. **Commissioner Murguia** said we could decide that the government, moving forward, will pay 75% and the owners will pay 25%; or we could say it's 50/50, or the other way around, correct? **Mr. Fisher** said correct. **Ms. Laboy** said right. **Commissioner Murguia** said okay just because I'm also giving people examples that might be watching so they completely understand.

At the end of that, when will this specific project, just because of how long it has gone on and all the delays that it has seen, when will this specific project be able to be brought forward, back to the Commission to make a decision on? **Mr. Fisher** said there's still some public engagement. We're going to work with this neighborhood. We need to prioritize what their desires are. Is it walkability first? Is it drainage second? On-street parking? We need to define those things so we can then design some concepts. Then we can further refine those cost estimates and then see what kind of support there is.

I think one of the things that may have to happen is an update to the petition. It's been so long and there was only 49%, if I remember correctly. The policy's going to—there's going to be some discussion in the policy around the petition and what that needs to look like. We'll get into those details in June.

Public engagement, we're probably looking at a few months to four or five months before we can have anything really solid to bring back to the standing committee. I'd say fall. **Commissioner Murguia** said before you have any sort of more specific recommendations. **Mr. Fisher** said correct.

Commissioner Murguia said the neighborhood people that you've been working with, they're aware of the length of time. **Ms. Laboy** said we haven't defined a specific time. They're just happy that we are continuing to get them involved and getting the information. It is very important, I think, that we define the terms of that benefit district and what is involved because that may just change how much will be on their end to move forward with a benefit district.

Commissioner Murguia asked is your department going to bring forward recommendations of language for a new policy. **Mr. Fisher** said in June, we will have some suggestions—**Commissioner Murguia** said options. **Mr. Fisher** said consideration in the policy. Are you

talking about the policy or the project? **Commissioner Murguia** said the policy. **Mr. Fisher** said yes, we'll have some recommendations. **Commissioner Murguia** said that will be in June, right? **Mr. Fisher** said yes. **Commissioner Murguia** said okay, thanks.

Chairman Bynum said if we have a three to four to five-month timeline of working with the neighborhood to bring a recommendation for this specific neighborhood back, then I'm guessing we have a 2020 build season. We have budget starting next month basically as far as presentations. Are you going to then put a placeholder in CMIP for this? **Mr. Fisher** said I don't—**Commissioner Murguia** asked can I comment about that, Jeff. In the past, I don't mean to interrupt you and then you can say whatever you want.

This is how this neighborhood got lost in the shuffle. The way the policy was interpreted in the past is, there was a list and when the Commission allocated money/funds to a benefit district of this sort, the person or the group—not the person but the group or the neighborhood at the top of the list. It just went in order. Whoever signed up and met the criteria was first in line and then the next one and then the next one.

Well, that's what happened. When this project came up, there wasn't funding for a benefit district at the time and then the project got dropped altogether. The way it has worked in the past, I don't know what staff's recommendation will be, is that it's been those who have organized the community, done the leg work for the petition, organized the meetings, done all the required statutory requirements and then they're allowed to be put on the list and that's when you get in line.

Chairman Bynum said it sounds like they'll be sitting at number one. **Commissioner Murguia** said I'm hoping, but it depends on whatever the policy recommendation is.

Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator, said what I would suggest, commissioners, is when we come back in June, we'll address the very concerns that are raised here in the last year, two years as we've gone through this particular benefit district. I think that process would be part of a new policy that we bring back and kind of understand the pros and cons of what options or opportunities we have. We definitely want to come back with a process and what that looks like and what meets a certain criteria or threshold for UG involvement and things of that nature. I know from community to community, you see different variations and when the

government will participate and at what level. I think you're going to get some history on what others are doing and that'll help me be better informed how we want to interact in this space.

Chairman Bynum asked are you ready for a couple of community comments? We do have several. I saw several hands for comments from the community.

Erin Stryka, KCK, Rosedale Development Association, said I'm kind of changing what I intended to say on the fly here. First of all, thank you all so much for bringing this up for discussion and thank you so much, Lideana, for your presentation. I'm really excited to hear that an overall benefit district policy is being considered.

I want to give just a little bit of context about this neighborhood specifically and then talk a little bit about that benefit district policy overall. Lideana used the example of 9th Street Terrace. 9th Street Terrace has 30 properties on it. The average property tax in 2018 for one of those properties was \$2,002. Their range was from \$1,324 – \$3,404. For the full sidewalk, curb, gutter on one side of 9th Street Terrace, that's an average of a 78% increase in property taxes with the range from 46% – 118%, which is a lot. Now that's if the whole cost is borne by the residents.

I guess what I want to say is this neighborhood has worked really hard and been really patient. A lot of people did a whole lot of walking around with petitions 10 years ago and they continue to do it now. My phone has not stopped going off for an hour with people telling me I'm running late from work; I'm trying to get here. This is a neighborhood that is engaged and active and willing to invest in their neighborhood.

Commissioner Murguia, you mentioned a 50/50 cost share; 75/25 cost share. When the UG does that, when you meet neighbors who are willing to organize and invest in their neighborhood and meet that in such a way that makes it affordable, that is huge for our neighborhoods and not just this neighborhood, but all the neighborhoods.

I would really encourage you as you're talking up this policy to just get really, really resourceful and creative about how you can partner with these neighborhoods to get these things done. I think this neighborhood, in particular, deserves all of your ingenuity and Wyandotte County does, as a whole, to figure out a good way to do that.

My second request—it's helpful for me to know an overall policy is considered. Am I understanding that this will be under that policy; this isn't being done separately? We're waiting

to adopt a policy and then—**Mr. Fisher** said I guess staff hasn't been thinking that we're waiting on a policy change to move forward on this. **Chairman Bynum** said this could be stand-alone. I think there's special circumstances here. **Ms. Stryka** said I appreciate that. **Chairman Bynum** said I want you to come and participate with us as we do have that policy conversation in June. **Ms. Stryka** said okay.

I guess I'd just like to say there's been an open loop here for 10 years. I would really appreciate everything you can do to let the neighborhood go and make a decision on this with actual numbers knowing the UG's contribution, knowing what they're taking on. It was new to me that RDA is taking on approval of this petition. I'd love to learn more about that. I think it would great to let the neighborhood make a decision. I think they have earned that.

Chairman Bynum said thank you very much. I would just say, maybe that should have been made as a request. I think certainly if you would take that on as you have already taken on quite a bit of leadership with it, it would certainly be appreciated. **Ms. Stryka** said RDA is happy to do whatever it's going to take. Someone will have to teach me what the legal process is, but I'd be happy to do it.

Heather Brazel, KCK, said I live in the Friendship Heights Neighborhood. First, I want to thank everyone here for taking the time to listen and for bringing this back up. I was part of the original walkers many moons ago. I'm really glad to see the work that Public Works has put into this. I also want to thank you for the work you've already done in our neighborhood with the Safe Routes to Schools. I think that that particular route that you did, even though it was small in size, it has addressed the number one safety issue for children walking to school in our neighborhood. My husband drives that route everyday to school and he sees children as young as kindergartners walking up a very steep, curvy road where cars are driving fast not paying attention to what's going on. I don't think the safety is up to the number one par of keeping those kids safe, but it's getting there. We hope it can extend to the rest of the neighborhood.

I live at 9th & Locust. We have a pretty steep ditch right by our house. I see kids, maybe not on a weekly basis, but definitely on a monthly basis having to jump into that ditch to get out of a car's way. It's probably, I don't know, probably a 10 – 12-foot ditch right there and it's not fun. My kids don't walk these streets every day, but I feel for those kids, especially the little ones that are kindergartners and first graders walking by themselves to school. I don't think that that's

what we want to provide the future of our county. That's why I got involved, it was mainly for the safe sidewalks, not only for the kids, but our neighborhood is coming around. We're having a lot more families, a lot more dog walkers, and thankfully, maybe a few less fast cars. When I first got involved, people were treating Locust like it was a race track and that has seemed to have slowed down a little bit. We have a lot more people walking, which is great, and I'd like to see that continue.

I think secondary, which hasn't been a concern of mine so much but I have heard it from other people in the neighborhood, is the stormwater. I think that when our neighborhood, and I might be speaking incorrectly here, but when our neighborhood was put together, it was basically using nature to do a lot of the work of getting the water out of our neighborhood into Turkey Creek. It has probably been very effective for many years until people didn't know that they were supposed to keep their ditches open. Now, most of those ditches have been filled and are parking spots, so there isn't room for the water to go except into people's basements.

Also, our roads are incredibly damaged because of the way the water is getting routed. In that ditch, we laugh because we could kayak down the ditch after a good storm in our neighborhood at our house, which we don't mind because we back up into the woods and we've left space for that. When you're further up, you don't have space. It becomes your basement space that that goes to. I think that's another issue. Again, not one of my top considerations which is why I think the point of gathering the information from the neighborhood to a deeper level is really important because safety is number one, I think, hands down. Stormwater and parking, a lot of families really depend on that parking are also things we need to consider.

Some of the challenges or constraints of our neighborhood is we're a working-class neighborhood. We don't have people, I don't think, that can afford—I mean I was surprised that the average was \$22,000 because we have some rental houses in the neighborhood. Most of ours are \$1,200 – \$1,400 a year for property taxes. Many of those examples would double our property taxes for sidewalks and storm sewers, which most neighborhoods already have when you buy a home there.

I would hope that in the process that we can really work together to try to figure out a way to make it an affordable improvement to our neighborhood. We have a really neat neighborhood. It feels rural. It's friendly. We don't want to lose that rural feel. We don't want to; we don't need to go fancy. We just like safe and maybe to protect our houses a little bit more. We'd ask that when we're going through this process, yes, the benefit district is important; but if the benefit

district continues as how it's currently being proposed where it's 100% on the residents, this will not happen. It will not happen probably at 50%. Our neighborhood cannot afford it.

I would hope that we'd look at leveraging funds. If there's money in the budget in a couple of years to resurface the roads, let's not put the resurfacing of the roads in this project or in these numbers or let's leverage the funds that are already dedicated to do that. Let's look at anything we can in order to make it affordable. My biggest worry is that after all this time, we're going to go back to our residents with a number that is going to be shocking to them. The faith that they have given as far as the process so far, is going to get washed away.

I thank you for listening and for bringing this up and pushing for it. I hope that all of you wise minds can come together to really help out our neighborhood.

Chairman Bynum said thank you very much. I appreciate the comments. Commissioner Murguia, anything more from you after listening. **Commissioner Murguia** said no. I think Heather and Erin summed it up very well. I think this is a great neighborhood. People work hard. They pay their taxes in this neighborhood. For the most part, they take care of their property. There seems to be a lot of good neighboring going on there. It's the kind of neighborhoods we want in all areas of Wyandotte County. I think they pretty much summed it up.

Chairman Bynum said, Jeff and Lideana, I guess as you go to the group to work with them, these options that you've shown us, placed in front of them, and then maybe even further refine, who knows, one way or the other.

I did want to ask you, for example, Locust that she mentioned with speeding. Did we not just recently adopt a policy in the last three or four months where these neighborhood streets around all of KCK are going 25. Those street sign placements are occurring. I don't know if they started, but I just wondered if—I mean some of that was to speak to this neighborhood level traffic and speeding. **Mr. Fisher** said that's correct. The new neighborhood speed limit is 25. I don't know if this area is posted. If it's already 20, then we're not doing anything. If it's 30, then we're doing 25.

Commissioner Murguia said I just want to add, I'm absolutely no architect of infrastructure but I will tell you, in neighborhoods like this when there is just a ditch and there's no curb, there's no

barrier, though it's good to reduce our speed limit, the traffic moves quickly also because there is nothing that warns them to slow down. When you just have a ditch, people are not worried about hitting a ditch and harming a ditch. If there's nothing that tells them to slow down, they're going to move faster. As you know, we're already forty some officers short on the PD, we're short on the Sheriff's Department, so as far as getting out there and doing any sort of traffic control, that's also been difficult.

This neighborhood needs to give the drivers the opportunity to acknowledge that there are pedestrians in this neighborhood and slow down. Right now there is nothing there. I'm not suggesting there's anything you currently can do to get them to slow down. **Chairman Bynum** said I couldn't agree more because several of the options I saw looked to me like a road diet that visually automatically slows people down. Yes, I agree with you. Thank you both, and to the community for showing up to talk with us about it. We do want to keep engaging you.

Thank you, Jeff, and Lideana. I sense a resolution is in the air. Tonight, it's information only, and we appreciate you helping us with it.

Action: For information only.

Item No. 9 – 19690...UPDATE: BIOSOLIDS

Synopsis: Update on how to handle solid waste (biosolids) from Kaw Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works, said this one is a simple progress report. Just to remind us what the scope of this project is, it's the Kaw Point Treatment Plant. The baseline project is rehabbing digesters that are there with the whole purpose of reducing long-term cost for landfilling. That baseline project's around \$28M. There is a potential add to that project, which is processing waste from the Westside Plant for KCMO. We are engaged with them and exchanging information. It's probably going to be a few months before we come to some conclusion on that. If it is a viable project, we'll move forward and then there would be a long-term purchase agreement. It will have some benefits for the UG or it wouldn't be worth doing.

Also, if all that works ideally, we would be able to generate high levels of biogas and create even more revenue potential there. We continue to work through that. It's going well. We have our owner's rep onboard. Misty and her team have been really helpful on this. If you

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are in right design build and its progressive design build, so this is a little bit new to the UG and the staff. We have our owner's rep that's been really valuable. We are about 45 days from having our design build partner onboard. That'll be good.

There will be a lot of time before we actually start construction. That will be June of 2021. It's going to be a little while before we get there. It's about a two-year project once we start it. We feel good about the way that is progressing. **Chairman Bynum** said it is semi-exciting if you like that sort of thing. It's fascinating, I'll put it that way. If you're into that. **Mr. Fisher** said it is \$70M of capital if we go with KCMO. It's a big project. **Chairman Bynum** said it's good. I like the concept of the partnership and the potential revenue. It's just fitting all the pieces together. **Mr. Fisher** said yes, this is a complexed one.

Chairman Bynum said I'm sure that on the job you're constantly thinking up fun puns. In all seriousness, we do really appreciate it. It's very important. It is a critical and potentially a really huge project.

Kurt Winters, Director of Water Pollution Control, said well, I'm glad to see that the on 3's really impacted you on the project so you remember that, there's no questions today. Very good.

Action: For information only.

Item No. 10 – 19691...RECOMMENDATION: HURON PARK FITNESS COURT

Synopsis: Recommendation to construct a new fitness court at Huron Park, submitted by Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation.



Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation, said I am here along with Angel Obert, Recreation Division Manager, to talk to you guys about the Huron Park Fitness Court. A fitness

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court provides a free opportunity. It's an outdoor play court that gives the participants a full body workout. There are seven movements in seven minutes to complete your workout. It's designed for people of all ages, all abilities, and it fits within a 35' x 32' space. We'll walk you through more about how it fits into Huron Park in a little bit. To tell you a little bit about what this fitness court is, here's a video.

Riverside, Missouri

- ▶ Launched October 2018
- ▶ The YMCA is partnering with Riverside to provide **free fitness classes** for everyone at the Fitness Court
- ▶ The Fitness Court is supported by donations and grants from sponsors listed to the right



Angel Obert, Recreation Division Manager, said also Riverside, MO, actually joined the campaign. They launched their fitness court October 2018. They currently partner with the Y so they're offering all sorts of free fitness classes for the community which is minimally beneficial for them. Their fitness court was supported by donations just like ours is as well. Some of their partners are listed there on the side. I know they have the Y, their health department, the sheriff's department and then also Missouri National of Riverside contributed to the project.

Project Location: Huron Park

- ▶ Easily accessible to thousands of people consisting of many user groups located around the central location of Huron Park
- ▶ Located near Riverfront Heritage Trailhead (4th and Armstrong)
- ▶ Minimal dirt/ground work needs to be done
- ▶ Location provides nice visibility from the street, can be easily monitored to create a safe place to exercise



Mr. Rogers said we would like to do ours in Huron Park. We chose Huron Park because it's easily accessible to thousands of people on a daily basis. It's located near the Riverfront Heritage Trailhead, which is at 4th & Armstrong. This area here in Huron Park where the square is, as you guys can see, it's a pretty flat area. Very minimal dirt work would have to be done so our construction cost wouldn't be as expensive if we did it somewhere else. The location's right by the street. It provides nice visibility, it's safe, and it'd be a great place to do an afternoon workout.

Project Details

- ▶ Received small grant from National Fitness Campaign to initiate funding for project
- ▶ 80% of total funds (\$130,000) committed to project
- ▶ Currently 60% grant/donor funded
- ▶ Partnered with the Latino Health For All Coalition to raise funds for project
- ▶ Other sponsors include United Healthcare, Humana, Unified Government Health Department and Wyandotte County Parks Foundation
- ▶ Anticipated installation mid June 2019 with a launch day to follow shortly after



Ms. Obert said just some of the project details. Like I said, we joined the National Fitness Campaign because we did receive a small grant, Parks & Recreation did. Since we received that grant, we've actually been raising funds for this project. 80% of the total funds committed to the project is what we currently have. 60% of those funds that we have are actually private donations, grant funds, and sponsors.

We've partnered with the Latino Health for All Coalition to raise the funds for this project. They've been a really big supporter on this project. In the past few years, we've done work with them within the Healthy Community Corridor in our parks installing various fitness equipment alongside the trails, so this is actually a nice upgrade. Other sponsors that we have include United HealthCare, Humana, the Health Department, and then also, the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation. As of right now, we're looking at an anticipated installation of mid-June and then we'll do a launch day shortly after that probably within the week.



Questions

Mr. Rogers asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Markley said tell me a little bit—compare this to what Turner has at the walking park. Is that similar/different? **Ms. Obert** said it is different. This is seven movements. Turner, at the walking park, is kind of like what I discussed with what Latino Health for All Coalition has done through Jersey Creek and Waterway. It's stationed throughout the trail. This is actually one, like you saw in the video, solid set. This has an app to it. It's got programs already built into it. This is a lot more body weight; it's all body weight. The padding underneath too is fully accessible. It's quite a different experience especially like setup wise.

Commissioner Johnson said this 80% of the 130,000 that's been committed, does this list of sponsors include everyone that's donated to this. I guess what I'm getting to is, is any of this coming out of the Parks Department budget? **Ms. Obert** said yes, very little is coming out of the Park and Recreation budget. Right now, we have 80% of the funds committed to that. I would say 60% of that is all—60% is private funds, donations, and grants. Parks and Recreation is funding very little of this project. **Mr. Rogers** said some of the areas where we are funding out of our budget is like the concrete and some of the maintenance work that will be done inhouse. We won't have to pay out that money to build this.

Commissioner Johnson asked has the Parks Board been brought up to speed up on this and you've received feedback from them? **Mr. Rogers** said yes. **Commissioner Johnson** asked what kind of feedback did you receive? **Mr. Rogers** said they're excited for it just like the

inclusive playground I talked about a couple of weeks ago, they're very supportive of it and I think it would be a good asset to our parks system. **Commissioner Johnson** said very good.

Chairman Bynum asked is there water in Huron Park available right now. If I wanted a drink of water, could I get one in Huron Park? **Mr. Rogers** said there's currently not a water fountain; however, there is access to water. We do use a two water—there's a water spicket that we water the former rose garden. But no, there's not an actual drinking water fountain.

Chairman Bynum asked how much trouble if we have water there, how much trouble has it been to get a water fountain? **Mr. Rogers** said I think that would be a great asset if we do—**Chairman Bynum** said add on maybe. **Mr. Rogers** said that we can add. **Chairman Bynum** said now, see what I've done. **Commissioner Murguia** said you should not have started this. **Chairman Bynum** said if you're going to work out, you're going to want a drink of water. **Commissioner Murguia** said pick me. **Chairman Bynum** said I may or may not call on you. I don't know. I just have one more and then I will pick you I swear. **Commissioner Murguia** said thank you.

Chairman Bynum said I really like the location for a lot of reasons. It is directly across the street from the Fire Headquarters. They workout and train a lot. I can see that being a plus and a possible minus of them being there. I'm sure if the community came, they would vacate. I like it. I think it's a great—it could help them. They do a lot of training right around their building. It's just something to think about. I also like it is visible and it adds on to the other activity that will be going on in that immediate one-block area very soon. I do like the location.

Commissioner Murguia said this is so great. I finally get a platform for water fountains. I can't really speak to this. I'm very involved in personal fitness. I ride my bike across the state of Iowa at least every other year. My bicycle—I played basketball in college. I still ride my bike every day Monday – Friday in the summer when I drive my daughter to summer camp. I walk on a regular basis. People that know me in my district—and I workout at our local gym at our local rec center. I'm pretty involved as involved in fitness as you can be at my age, I guess you should say.

One of the things I'd like to bring up is an organization I used to work for, a not-for-profit, since I'd say over the last 6, 7 years has contributed over \$600,000 to the Unified

Government Parks Department to do a variety of improvements to the parks within my district. One of them is Ruby Park with a new trail, a new basketball court and as you can see, it's very busy. Vega Field after 5 o'clock during the warm months, just like anywhere in the Midwest, is jammed packed with people. It's so full sometimes you wonder how all those people are able to move around each other.

Emerson Park, I think most people know, is kind of the center park where all of our festivals happen and all things go on. Ruby Park, even after all those improvements, has a water fountain that used to be stone cinder and then at the top it had like a little drink dispenser and water came out of it. Now, it's a chopped off piece of block. It has water there. It has the base of a fountain, but we have no fountain.

At Emerson Park, after we built, which I actually helped build the bathroom at Vega Field, all we asked for is that a water fountain be put on the side of the building because there's no water at Vega Field either. Because of the standards, and I'm not—this is not negative at all; parks have to have standards for equipment. Because of the standard of the water fountain, we were told that water fountain would be \$5,000. You think that wouldn't be a high-ticket item, but when you view one water fountain in one park, \$5,000. Then the water fountain in Emerson Park, we do have one and it was recently replaced and the bottom of it floods the whole area around the gazebo every single summer. It really doesn't work anyway because you can't get to it because you have to wade through water a couple of feet deep to get to the water to get a drink.

We have three very busy existing—I can't speak, I'm sure this is probably an issue across the county. I'm not sure what's going on at Fisher Park in Rosedale. I just know that I walk my community, my neighborhood on a regular basis and you cannot get a drink of water.

Not that most of you want to get in the weeds to this level, but I also have a Lab that I walk around the neighborhood. If you all remember the big controversy around vending machines outside of retail stores. The reason I wanted a vending machine outside of the Walmart in Argentine was so I could get a drink of water and pay for it without having to take my dog home to go into the store to buy one or go home and get a drink. If you have a vending machine on the outside, you can walk up with your dog, you can buy a bottle of water out of a vending machine, and you can get water to drink without having to go home and still walk your dog.

This is great. You guys are trying to do a lot of different things, but there are so many little tiny incremental things that we can do that can really encourage activity with people that don't work out on a regular basis. You don't have to be a super athlete. You don't have to have

played college basketball. You don't have to ride your bike across the state of Iowa, but if you want to just walk your dog around the block or walk your dog in a park, you should be able to get a drink of water, especially in an urban neighborhood. I should have been clearer about all of that when the retail thing was going on, but that was one of the big stumbling blocks. We just have to be a little friendlier. This is great, and I appreciate the \$130,000. Truly, I think it is great, honestly. I would even volunteer to help you raise more money for it.

A bigger priority for me is the parks that we have. They've got to have water in them. I actually use them. I'm not just driving by the park going, isn't that pretty. It's not scenery to me. You know it's not something I drive by and look outside my window. I actually use it. If you go to your park and you're actually a fitness person, you need to drink water and it needs to be available. For me, a higher priority item would be a drinking fountain in all of our parks across the county, and that's a big-ticket item.

How many parks do we have? **Mr. Rogers** said 55 parks. **Commissioner Murguia** said what's that times \$5,000?

Chairman Bynum said thank you. I do appreciate it. I agree. I think access to drinking water is really important in the parks and that's why I asked because it's important. This Huron Park is an existing park that we're hoping to do this upgrade for. I just hope that we can look at drinking fountains, either corrections or installation and possibly the parks that have zero. I mean, I would definitely be in support of helping to find the funds for adding the drinking fountains or correcting the ones that are malfunctioning. That being said, this is a beautiful, existing park that I do love the upgrade that you're bringing. This item actually does require a motion. This is something that we're hoping to approve and move ahead. I would ask for a motion on this item.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Murguia, Markley, Johnson, Bynum.

Adjourn

Chairman Bynum adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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