PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, November 16, 2020

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. (due to Election Canvass), remotely via Zoom or on-site. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Markley, Ramirez, Kane, Philbrook, and BPU Board Member Tom Groneman. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell, Melissa Sieben, Emerick Cross and Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrators; Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel; James Bain, Assistant Counsel; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works; Troy Shaw, County Engineer; Steve Haulmark, Assistant Police Chief; Gunnar Hand, Director of Planning and Urban Design; Rocki Mayes, Executive Assistant to County Administrator; Kent Anderson, Deputy Police Chief; Alley Porter, Commission Liaison; Anthony Miller, DOTS Performance and Innovation Manager; Jack Webb, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director; John Kelly, Director of Buildings & Logistics; Kurt, Winters, Manager, Public Works; and Angel Obert, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.

Chairman Bynum before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that due to COVID-19, some committee members, staff, and public are attending remotely via Zoom as well as some on-site. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise. During the meeting, please make sure you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that's observing knows who is speaking. This is critical given the number of remote participants and it's also current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

Due to COVID-19 requirements, in person public comments have been suspended unless otherwise required by law. The public has been allowed to participate by Zoom and submit comments by email prior to the meeting. Those comments will be included in the recording of this meeting.

Chairman Bynum called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

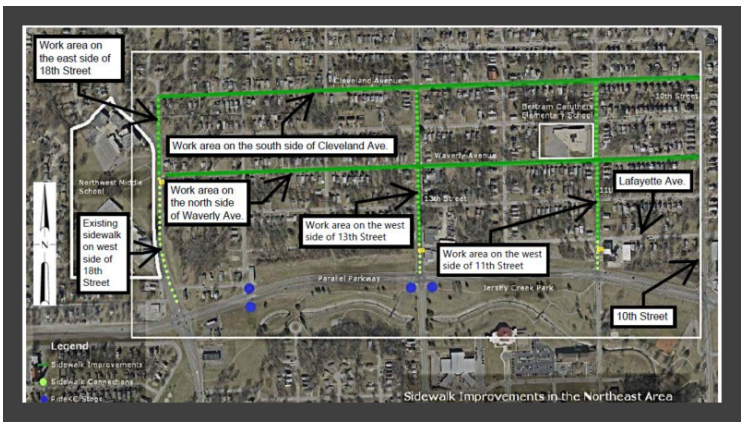
Chairman Bynum said tonight, I don't believe we have any revisions on our agenda.

Approval of standing committee minutes from September 14, 2020. **On motion of Commissioner Markley, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, the minutes were approved.** Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 20495…RESOLUTION: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, PHASE G, CARL B. BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CARUTHERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CMIP NO. 3037)

Synopsis: A resolution declaring Safe Routes to School, Phase G, Carl B. Bruce Middle School and Caruthers Elementary School (CMIP No. 3037) to be a necessary and valid improvement project and authorizing a survey of lands for said project, submitted by James Bain, Assistant Counsel.



James Bain, Assistant, Counsel, said this item is the first step in our property acquisition process. This is Safe Routes to School. Typically, these are just temporary easements because the sidewalks are improved or built in our existing right-of-way. This is Phase G. It stretches from 10th St. to 18th St. along Cleveland and Waverly. Dave Clark, Project Manager, provided the map you see here. I don't know if Dave is on to talk about the project or answer questions, but this resolution authorizes the survey and categorizes the project as is necessary.

Chairman Bynum asked, are there any comments or questions from our standing committee members?

Commissioner Kane said I think it's a great idea, but I'd sure like you to look out west where they built the new school out in Piper as well. **Chairman Bynum** said yes, agreed. I think we will ask if folks from the Public Works Department can take a look at whether we can use Safe Routes to school and extend it out into the area by the new Piper school. **Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works,** said I've noted that. Thank you. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you so much. Yes, it's an excellent project. I'm thrilled to be able to be continuing to add sidewalks to our schools for the kids. It's a great, great step forward in safety.

Chairman Bynum asked, Madam Clerk, were there any comments from the public on this item? **Commissioner Markley** said she gave the head shake no. **Ms. Portley Lott** said no. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. If there are no other questions or comments from our committee, I'll accept a motion.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve**. Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 20498…RESOLUTION: ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH BONNER SPRINGS FOR SERVICES TO UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LORING

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an addendum to the interlocal cooperation agreement between the Unified Government and the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas, to provide street maintenance and emergency services to the unincorporated area of Loring in 2021, submitted by Chase Cook, Assistant Counsel.

Chase Cook, Assistant Counsel, said this resolution just is an extension of an already interlocal agreement that we have with Bonner Springs for the unincorporated part of Wyandotte County in Loring. Right now, Bonner provides street maintenance and emergency services. One thing is there will be a 2% increase in what we're paying them at this moment. That's all I have.

Chairman Bynum said I've got a question. I noticed in the packet, I didn't seem to locate an end date and I feel like we've renewed this addendum multiple years in a row. I know there's a long-term plan for a longer agreement time. Is there an end date to this agreement?

Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel, said it is anticipated that this addendum would be one year, and have negotiations with Bonner Springs to work out a longer-term agreement. We had hoped to have one in place, but with the way things went this year with the pandemic, both parties agreed we needed to extend what we have for a year while we keep working on the long-term agreement. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. Thank you. We're extending by one-year and continuing to work on the long-term agreement. **Ms. Brown** said that's correct.

Chairman Bynum asked, any comments or questions from our committee? (There were none.

Action: **Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve.**

Chairman Bynum said before we take roll on the motion and second, Madam Clerk, did we receive any comments from the public on this item? **Ms. Portley Lott** said there were none received.

Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

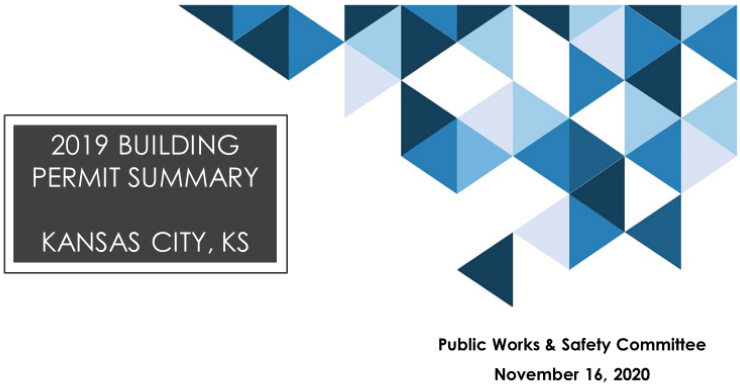
Item No. 3 – 20505…REPORT: 2019 BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

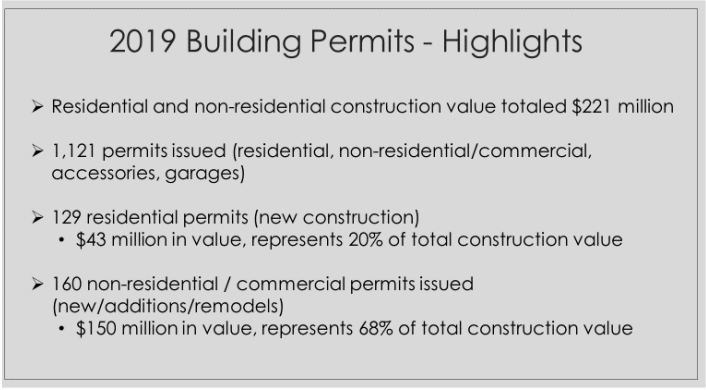
Synopsis: Report showing the 2019 Building Permits Summary for Kansas City, KS, presented by Mike Grimm, Research Division Manager.

Chairman Bynum asked is Mike Grimm on? **Ms. Mayes** said he was on. Let me look for him.

Ms. Mayes said I show that he does not have a microphone, so we don't….**Chairman Bynum** said I know we have a presentation that he's ready to share with us. **Commissioner Markley** said there's one phone number on the attendee's list. Is it possible that the phone number is Mike?

Mike Grimm, Research Division Manager, said hello, can you hear me? Okay. I see my name on there. I'm glad you can hear me now. We're going to review the 2019 Building Permit activity for Kansas City, Kansas, only. This would exclude Bonner Springs and Edwardsville. Those cities submit their own projects.

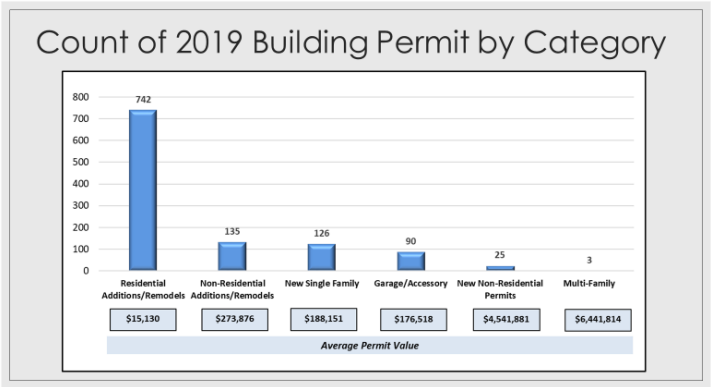




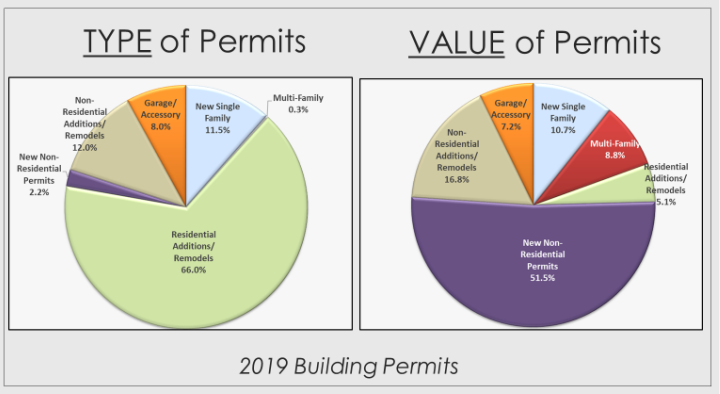
Mr. Grimm said so, just really quick. When I refer to building permits, these are going to be additions, expansions, and remodels. For example, excluding items such as electrical, gas, or plumping. In 2019, we had construction value at $221M. That would derive from 1,121 permits. The nature of those were residential, non-residential/commercial, accessories and garages. Accessories can be retaining walls, cell phone towers, etc.

129 of those permits were residential in nature, speaking of new construction. 126 single-family and those added $43M in value which represented 20% of the total construction value.

160 non-residential/commercial permits and that value of $150M represented 68% of the total construction value.



Here's a look at the count of permits by permit category. You can see we had 742 residential, additions/remodels. We'll talk about that number here in a little bit. The average permit value was $15,000. We had 135 non-residential permits, new single-family, 126 with construction value average of 188. I'll jump over to new non-residential permits, $4.5M and multi-family averaged $6.4M.



On the left we have the—just look at those counter permits. It's a percentage as a whole. Two-thirds were residential additions/remodels. Really, across the top, the non-residential, additional/remodels, garages, every single-family, they all had about the same percentage, maybe smaller portions attributable to new non-residential and multi-family.

Not surprising, the values of the permits from the pie chart on the right, we had over half of that permit was from new non-residential and nearly 70% from all non-residential, commercial. If we add all of the residential, new single-family, multi-family additional remodel, that was 25% of the construction value.

Permit Counts, 2010 to 2019

Permit Category	Year										Net Change 2010-2019	Net Change 2018-2019
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
New Single Family Residential Permits	96	56	108	145	167	132	215	258	159	126	30	-33
New Residential Units	168	62	414	451	479	170	245	306	177	268	100	91
Resid. Additions/Remodels	413	358	331	306	331	503	435	469	652	742	329	90
New Non-Residential Permits	19	13	28	12	24	19	21	19	20	25	6	5
Non-Residential Additions/Remodels	114	117	144	144	196	136	168	164	126	135	21	9
Garage/Accessory Permits	78	77	112	92	99	120	87	100	100	90	12	-10
Total Value of Construction (In Millions)	$277.8	$174.4	$283.7	$237.7	$283.4	$145.0	$293.0	$171.9	$246.6	$220.7	-$57.1	-$25.9

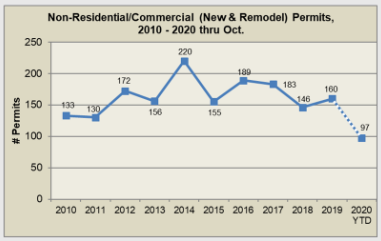
Here's a look at permit count by permit category on the left. I do have new residential units in there, but by in large, it's the number of counter permits. I highlighted 2019 in green, so just give you a little historical context. No huge differences. What jumped out at me was the residential additions/remodels is up to 742 or was in 2019. We've seen those numbers go up. I talked to Greg Talkin and the main reason for those are about four or five years ago, we had our new energy code so that caused more permits to be issued. From what I've seen, mainly a lot of windows, window replacements and then also the Land Bank. The rehab of the Land Bank properties in the past few years is adding to the residential additions/remodel numbers.

Non-Residential 2019 Building Permits

Non-residential development in 2019 added $150 million in new construction and remodel/expansion value.

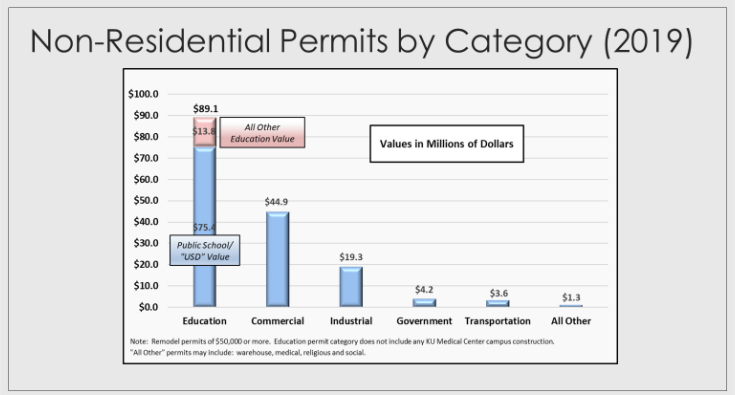
Significant non-residential building permits in 2019:

- *USD 203, Elementary School (new) ($22.1 million)*
- *USD 500, West Park Elementary School (new) ($15.5 million)*
- *USD 500, Lowell Brune Elementary School (new) ($14.3 million)*
- *PQ Corporation, Filtration Building (new) ($12.7 million)*
- *Donnelly College Academic Building (new) ($10.3 million)*

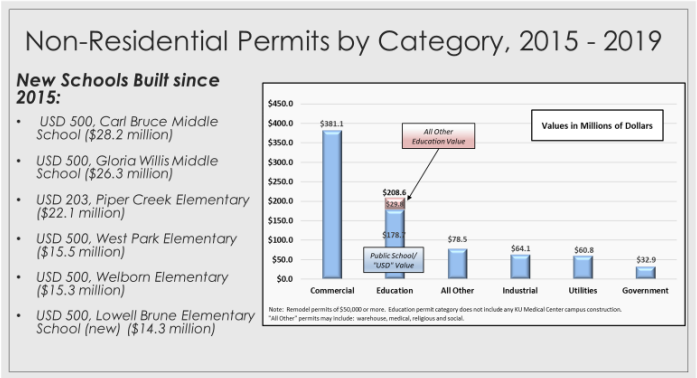


Look at non-residential. Again, $150M in construction value added. On the left are the significant permits, top five sorted by value. You can see the top three are school related: the Piper Middle School and a couple of USD 500 elementary schools. The PQ Corporation had a building and Donnelly College added a building.

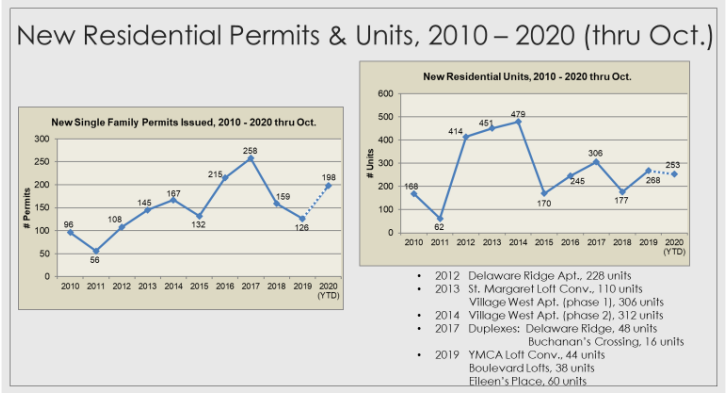
We can see that trend on the graph on the right and that—I'll just point out that that spike in 2014 there were a couple of apartment complexes that added about 25 to 30 permits for decks and windows and things like that.



Sticking with the non-residential permits by category. I added a permit type across the bottom education, commercial, etc., and kind of want to drill down and focus on the school district value being added. Over the years, I've just had a lot of investment back into the schools across the county. Of that $89M in construction value for education, 75% of it, or excuse me, $75M, 85% of that total was for school projects. All other education, that smaller $14M, were for the Children's Campus. KCKCC, for example, added a little bit of value. Commercial, $45M, and you can see the other amounts. On the government, I'll mention that was Piper Fire Station and the Memorial Hall window replacement for the most part.



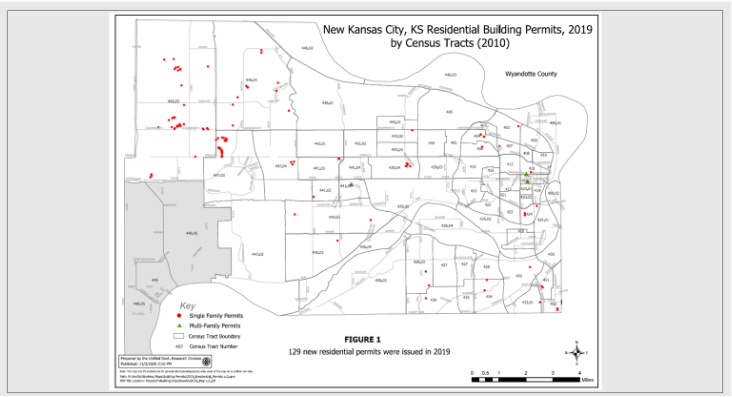
I wanted to look back five years, again, just kind of focusing on the school district's investment in the community. On the left, I just have noted the new schools built since 2015 and significant value added there. You can see that on the bar chart on the right, $208M total in education. A bit of a unique period for the commercial in the past five years at $381M. That would include the Amazon Distribution facility, Dairy Farmers, and US Soccer, a few at the top construction value projects in the past five years.



Switching gears and looking at residential, we can see on the left the number of single-family permits and we're really just—I'm just starting this at 2020. We're just coming out of the housing market crash there. The numbers have been steady. I'll mention, as a reminder from August 2012 to December 2016, we had the waiver in place for single-family permits and the BPU hookups, which could have contributed to some higher permits. The 258, you'll notice in 2017, there's a high number of single-family attached treated as single-family, but those are the Highlands at Piper, across from Piper High School, and then also Hazelwood Villas, there at 115th & Parallel.

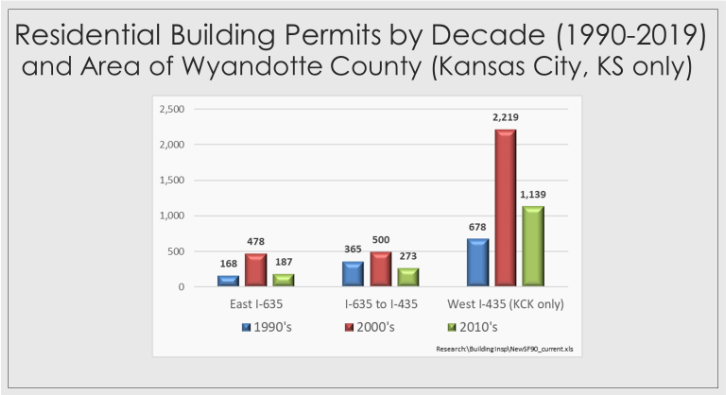
If you look at the units, units on the right, we see some spikes in 2012-2014 and down below, I mentioned that we've had apartment complexes built during these years, and also conversions in 2013 with the St. Margaret Loft conversion.

I guess I should mention, I'm putting in2020 year-to-date through October just to give you some context in what's going on this year.

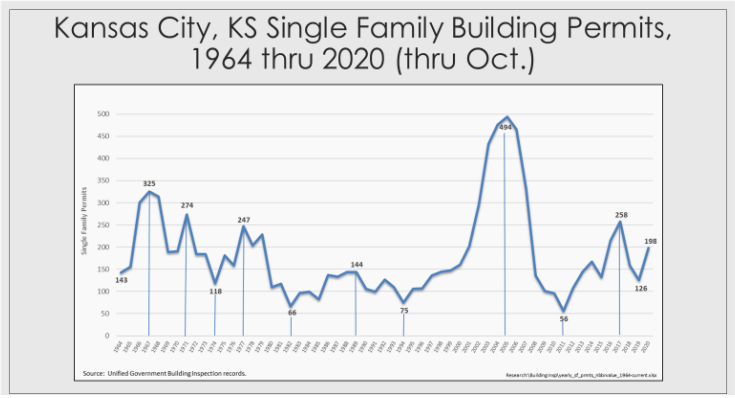


This map is for illustration purposes to show you the distribution of permits around the county. The red dots are single-family. You can see there's no duplexes in 2019, permits issued. The multi-

family, there were three of them created: Eileen's Place in midtown there just south of State, and then Downtown Blvd. Lofts and the YMCA Loft conversion.

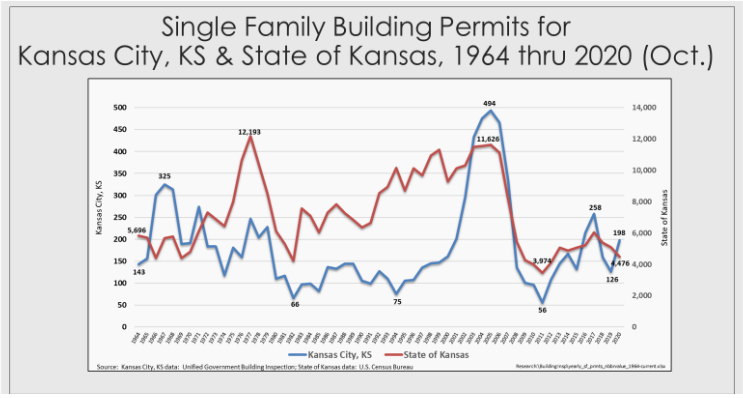


I wanted to just do a quick look. I guess we do a lot; or I do a lot; and it's just break down the community east of I-635, between 635 and 435, and then west of I-435 just to kind of see what we can see by looking at the large sections of the community that way. The red bar in the middle, the 2,000, that was going to be kind of a mixed bag. We had a high number of permits in the early part of the 2000s to run up to the housing bubble and then the crash. East of I-635, for example, a little bit of growth there in the 2010s over the 90s.



We've been keeping track of single-family permits for about 55 years. I think this shows—so, these are single-family building permits. I think it shows kind of what we know happened in the community. Where we're flat there, the single-family permits, the later part of the 70s, 80s, and 90s, that's when we were losing population and just not permitting as many single-family households. Of course, the run up there in the early 2000s, before the housing crash, we almost

topped out at 500 permits in 2005 and then bottomed down in 2011 at 56 permits. You can kind of see where we're at today.



Lastly, I just wanted to take that same line graph and put on the state of Kansas for lateral context. In the 80s and 90s when we were flat in permits, the city and the state of Kansas were showing some growth. They did have that and that crash there, of course, in the latter part of the 2000s, as probably everywhere did, but by and large the trends were very similar. I think that's it.

Chairman Bynum said, Mike, thank you so much for that presentation. Are there comments or questions for Mike Grimm from our committee members? It's really fascinating to look at it over time but then also by type. Any other comments?

Commissioner Markley said I would just, obviously, I would appreciate looking at these data points and it helps us get an idea of where we are as a community. So, Mike, I appreciate you tracking that information and bringing it to us and sharing it with us in a nice usable format. **Mr. Grimm** said you're welcome.

Chairman Bynum said, Mike, we're so lucky to have you be so interested in the data and so willing to compile it and put it together. If there are no other comments or questions, it was an information item. We thank you so much for it.

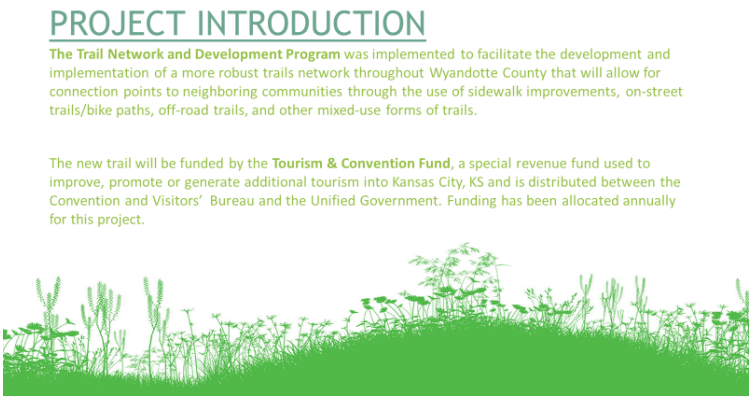
Action: For information only.

Item No. 4 – 20507…PRESENTATION/ACTION: TRAIL NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Synopsis: Presentation on the Trail Network Development Project, submitted by Angel Obert, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation. Staff is looking to the Commission to determine which trail to fund.

Angel Obert, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, said we are here tonight to talk about the Trail Network & Development Program. First, I just want to start off by saying Jack and I and Parks & Recreation are extremely excited to present this project before you. In a year where we've been faced with a global pandemic, our parks locally here in KCK, and also across the nation, they've been used more than ever. I know we've been talking about that. Well, Parks & Recreation, we've also seen a tighter budget, as I'm sure many departments can relate to as well. We did also just recently resurface the Jersey Creek Trail, which was done with some CARES Act dollars. That's also been a great example of just how important the trails and sidewalks are in are our parks and to our community.

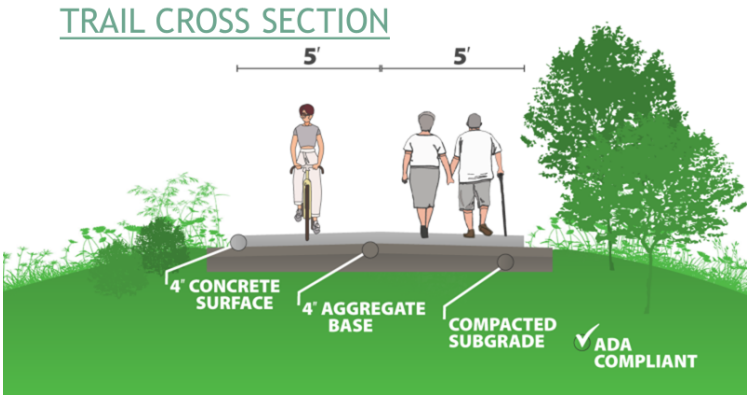
We've had a lot of really good feedback about that project. Just already from the community, we've seen some really good use and we've been out there talking to the patrons as they've been using it. That just really reiterates the importance of our parks, especially during the pandemic, and our walking trails and green spaces and people needing a safe place and a little safe haven for their mental health and also their physical health.



So, a little project introduction to the Trail Network Development Program. This was implemented to facilitate the development and implementation of a more robust trails network throughout Wyandotte County that will allow for the connect points to neighboring communities through the use of sidewalk improvements and on-street trails and bike paths, offer trails and also other mixed-use forms of trails.

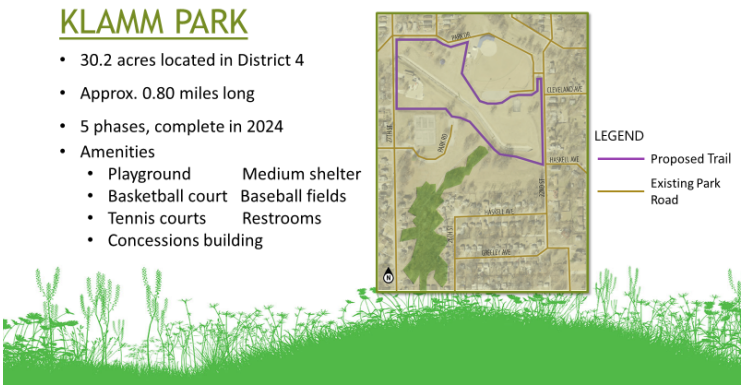
The new trail will be funded by the Tourism & Convention Fund, which is a special revenue fund used to improve, promote, and generate additional tourism into KCK. This is distributed between the Convention & Visitor's Bureau and the UG. This funding has been allocated annually for this project. This budget used to sit in Public Works but back in 2019 Parks & Recreation took it into our budget and also to manage.

For the better part of 2020 with COVID and everything going on, we've been working with Benesch to grab some data from the 2017 Master Plan and be able to bring four recommendations before you because we'd really love the Commission, you're input on where to invest the funds to begin with. I would like to say we are going to present four parks to you. Our hope is to be able to do all four and then more, but we do have to pick one to start with.



This next slide is a depiction of what you can expect the new trail to look like. The new trail will be 10 ft. wide. It will be ADA compliant and it will be made with 4 inches of pavement on top with 4 inches of gravel. The Master Plan that we did in 2017, it does recommend and reference that building ADA accessible paved trail networks reaching various park amenities and open spaces is recommended in each of the four parks that we're about to walk you through.

The first park that we'll go through is Klamm Park.



Klamm Park is a 30.2-acre park. If you see this picture here on the right in the purple, that is the proposed walking trail path. We've been working with Benesch on these four parks to create the best path and that makes the most sense and it's also cost friendly. This trail would be approximately .80 miles long. It would take roughly five phases and would be completed in 2024. Some of the amenities of Klamm Park, it contains a playground, basketball and tennis courts, a medium-sized shelter there, baseball fields and a restroom. Some positive comments about this park. We did bring

this presentation before the Park Board and this was their first recommendation. The Park Board did like this park the most for the first trail.

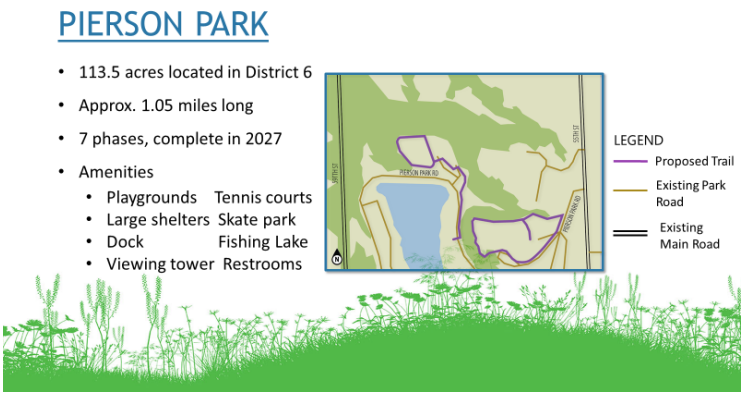
Chairman Bynum asked before you move to the next slide, since it's a public meeting, would you orient us and the public to the approximate location of Klamm Park? **Ms. Obert** said the approximate location so you can see here on the map, this is the entire park. So, it's right here on 27th & Park Dr. **Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director,** said 27th & Georgia. **Chairman Bynum** said right. I was thinking it was north of Parallel. I'm correct, aren't I? **Mr. Webb** said yes. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you.

Ms. Obert said some of the challenges that this park would have regarding trail and really just anything in general is there is limited parking here at Klamm Park. There are lighting issues and then also the park is split in half with a drainage ditch, which we don't normally have a lot of issues with, but it is a challenge in the park.

So, the next park we will go through is Rosedale Park. This park is 72.9 acres. You can see the proposed trail here in purple. It is approximately .65 miles long, so it is a smaller walking trail. It would take less time to complete. It is estimated to take about three phases and would be completed in 2023. This park has many amenities. It has a playground, baseball fields, large shelters, skate park, tennis courts, restroom, and a big disc golf community.

Some positive comments about this park. This was the Park Board's second recommendation. They liked this after Klamm Park. It's a highly used park. Like I said, it has great amenities. It would only take three phases, so it would be the fastest project turnaround and this park has great visibility as well.

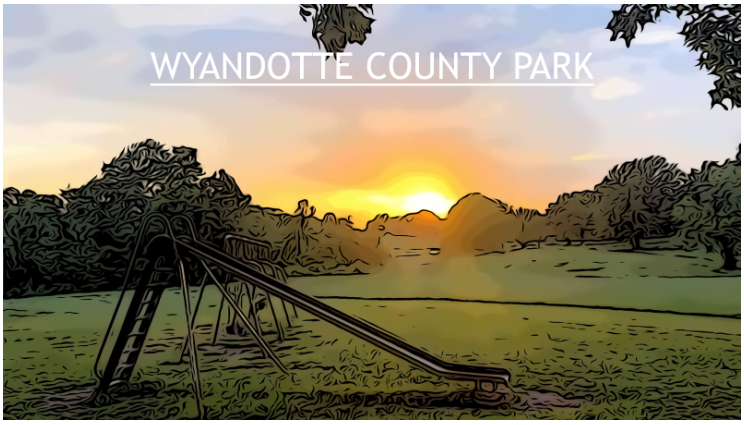
Some of the challenges. This park can be crowded from time to time which is kind of a good problem to have because that means people are out using our parks, which we love to see that. It could interfere with the frisbee golf course and there's also limited parking at Rosedale.



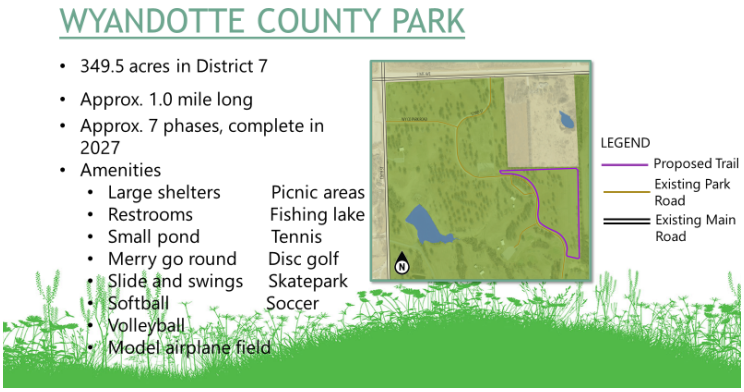
The next park is Pierson Park. This is the third recommendation. Pierson has 113.5 acres. The proposed trail here in purple is actually split into two kind of loops totaling approximately 1.05 miles long. This would be a seven-phased project anticipated to be completed in 2027. This park also has a lot of amenities: playgrounds, large shelters, a small fishing lake, skate park, tennis courts, restrooms and also a viewing tower.

Some positive comments about this park is that it is highly used. Pierson has great parking and also has a really good connectivity to the school and also the local neighborhoods.

Some challenges with Pierson Park regarding the trail are the topography which is why you see it split in two trails here. If you've been to Pierson, you know it's got great topography, but there's also a lot of trees and a lot of wooded area and a lot of brush, which makes the construction of the trail tricky.



The fourth recommendation would be Wyandotte County Park.



Wyandotte County Park is 349.5 acres. The proposed trail here in purple is approximately one mile long. This trail would also be about seven phases and would be slated to be completed in 2027. Being one of our larger parks, there's a lot of amenities. Wyandotte County Park is always busy. I won't go through all the amenities there, but large shelters, small fishing lake, tennis, disc golf, baseball field, soccer park, our new inclusive playground. You could pretty much come to Wyandotte Park and do anything you wanted outside. It even has a model airplane field. Not many people know that, but we do have one of those.

Some positive comments about Wyandotte County Park in this location is there's a lot of momentum in the park with the recent opening of the inclusive playground. This park has potential to be a destination park and we, here in the office, hear the most feedback from the community in the numbers that use this park that they wish that they had a walking trail so they weren't walking out on the streets. Anytime you drive through Wyandotte County Park, there's a lot of walkers and unfortunately there's no safe place for them to walk. This park is highly used and also has a lot of great amenities.

Chairman Bynum said I'm sorry. Again, with orientation of this specific trail location. It appears that it would be sitting a little bit north of George Meyn Center. Is that correct? **Mr. Webb** said, yes. Where would one park to use this trail? I know that as you drive out of the park from George Meyn going north that there are a few little spots. **Mr. Webb** said there's a parking lot at the soccer field they could use. There's a small lot at the airplane lot they can use. **Chairman Bynum** said I suppose there's a couple of shelters on the way out. **Mr. Webb** said yes, there's shelters, also the large parking lot with that inclusive playground. **Chairman Bynum** said, right. **Mr. Webb** said it's relatively close to there.

Chairman Bynum said okay. As far as parking your car, to get out and walk, you would walk a little distance to get to the trail, but it wouldn't be, like you said, folks are already walking on the road. It's not like it would be a big hazard to get from wherever you might park your car to get to the trail. **Mr. Webb** said, yes. We actually just had to shut this down because it did go out toward State Avenue and then back up on 126th St. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you.

Ms. Obert said that's actually a good segue into the challenges, Commissioner. Limited lighting. This park is not directly connected to a neighborhood so, driving to the park would be essential. Wyandotte County Park—it would be the staff and the professionals, at Benesch. This would be our recommendation to begin investing and funding the trail.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

With that being said, I will open it up to questions or comments that you might have about the four recommendations.

Chairman Bynum said, committee members, this is an item that we're going to actually make a vote and choose one of these to basically authorize our Park staff to begin moving forward. It's important that we hear from you.

Commissioner Ramirez said thank you, Commissioner Bynum, thank you Angel, Jack, and Emerick for everything you guys do for Parks & Rec. It's very well known that Parks & Rec is a very deep love of mine. I love Parks & Rec and I'm very excited that this is happening. I know that one of these Parks is in my district, Rosedale Park. Either way, any of these parks deserve to have a trail.

With Rosedale Park, I would say yes, but there is very limited parking. It's always hard, especially on the weekends, well, when it was spring and summer. When it's a very nice day, it's hard to find parking because there's so many people out and about. I think if we choose Rosedale Park or if Rosedale Park is a later project for this trail development program, I think creating that trail will hopefully intensify the people in the surrounding neighborhood to walk to the trail instead of driving to it. That would help us incentivize the infrastructure around the park as well, the streets and the sidewalks so that people have the ability to get to the trail whenever it comes to fruition.

That's the only thing I have to say. I can go with any of these, like I said, because this is very important. All of our parks in Wyandotte County deserve a trail system. I'm just very excited that we have this program and that we continue to do it and continue looking at the Master Plan to make our parks the best that they can be.

Chairman Bynum said thank you, Commissioner Ramirez. Let's see, I don't know which commissioner raised their hand first, Mike Kane or Jane Philbrook. I'll let you two duke it out. Commissioner Kane said go ahead, Jane. Commissioner Philbrook said thank you, Mike. Well, Mike, you really were first, but thank you very much.

Commissioner Philbrook said I have a question. Number one, I would like Parks & Rec to make the case for why you picked that particular park, that's number one. Then after you tell me that, then I have a question about a couple of the other parks. **Ms. Obert** said we chose Wyandotte County Park, well out of the four after vetting through the Master Plan and working with Benesch and coming down to those four recommendations, that is where we hear the most feedback from community members about really needing a walking trail and also the usage of the park and also the walkers out there as well.

Commissioner Philbrook said now on Pierson Park, on the very north end in that loop, is that an area that is really low ground and then gets wet all the time. I'm trying to remember because I know they've had some problems with the little wet park there for the kids. **Ms. Obert** said I believe, and Jack you can chime in here, this would loop around the spray park, the skate park. **Commissioner Philbrook** said so the spray park has been, I don't want to say a hole, but an issue when we do get some rain, is that true or not? **Mr. Webb** said the pump house is underground. That's the only

reason why. It goes around the skate park and ties into the sidewalk with the spray park and then back up to Shelter #2. **Commissioner Philbrook** said okay, so it's on high enough ground that we don't need to worry about it not. **Mr. Webb** said, yes. **Commissioner Philbrook** said thank you. **Mr. Webb** said this is the location for a new restroom. **Commissioner Philbrook** said okay. Thanks, Jack, I appreciate your help with that. That's all my questions, thank you.

Commissioner Kane said I actually think this should come up for all the commissioners to decide and then let staff tell us which one they want to do because, obviously, I want Wyandotte County Lake, but I also want the rest of the areas to have something as well. I can tell you that I spent a great deal of time out at Wyandotte County Lake this summer and the traffic is there. If they had some more places to do some more foot traffic, I think it would be highly used. I would rather see staff come up and say here's our idea but to show it to all the commissioners and the Mayor as well.

Commissioner Markley said I think this is a difficult one to bring to this standing committee because I feel like each member of this committee has one that's either in their district or certainly more highly utilized by their district. If we were each to pick and sort of dig in on the one that was in our district, that would get you guys nowhere in terms of getting some consensus.

I certainly don't mind Commissioner Kane's idea of it coming to the full Commission for discussion and direction for you. I will say, when it comes to Pierson, I wonder if the construction work there for the trail if there would be any benefit to it coinciding with fire station discussions. I would just sort of throw that out there.

Is there a timing benefit there that we should take advantage of, or would it be bad to do at the same time so we should not try to do anything at the same time? I don't know the answer to that questions, but I think that should definitely be considered as we have fire station discussions about location for that in conjunction with this trail discussion. I will just throw that out there as something to provide direction on and have a discussion about to make sure we are well coordinated.

I do understand and appreciate staff's reasoning for the Wyandotte County Lake Park. I think it'd be a good site for it as well. There's definitely some synergy going on there so I am not opposed to staff's recommended location. I just want to make sure if there is any advantage to taking advantage of timing with Pierson, that we do it when we can because if we pass up that—if

we choose a different park and we pass up that advantage, we could have saved some money and time and that would be a sad deal.

Commissioner Philbrook said, Commissioner Markley, it's not the Wyandotte County Lake Park, it's the Bonner Springs Park. **Commissioner Marley** said yes, I do know that. I just misspoke, but thank you so I didn't confuse anybody, if so, we're all talking about the same park.

Chairman Bynum said thank you, Commissioner Markley. I do appreciate your comments.

Commissioner Ramirez said I forgot to ask this earlier when I spoke. Angel, which of the parks did you say did not have very good lighting? **Ms. Obert** said, Commissioner, according to our Master Plan and the study, most of our parks have not great lighting. I believe Klamm, in the presentation we mentioned Klamm, Rosedale, and Wyandotte County Park, but we all know our parks could use better lighting and would definitely help out with safety. **Commissioner Ramirez** said okay. When these trails are developed, would lighting be developed, along with it as well? **Mr. Webb** said no, that would triple the cost of each leg. **Commissioner Ramirez** said okay. That was the only question I had. **Mr. Webb** said most of the lighting at these parks are streetlights.

Commissioner Philbrook said I wanted to let everybody know that I attended, virtually, the meeting about the parks when the Parks Board—it was a very animated conversation. It was quite interesting. It was very interesting on how well they all worked together and most of the people on the Parks Board leaned toward, I will tell you, Klamm Park. There was a lot of push for Klamm Park. Sorry, Angel. **Ms. Obert** said no. I didn't mention that when I gave the presentation. You're right, Commissioner, they did. **Commissioner Philbrook** said they were very committed to that.

Having said that, I have to go along with Commissioner Kane and Commissioner Markley as well as really asking that we have a conversation among the full Commission to make this decision on our priorities on what we're going to take first, second, third, and so on. Thank you.

Chairman Bynum asked, Angel, would you take us back to the Klamm Park slide, please? I'm going to make a pitch for Klamm Park. I did not sit in on the Parks Board meeting, but the position that I'd like to take is it appears, number one, that it could be done the soonest. I'm making a pitch

for adding amenities into parks that of late, and by that I mean, over the last three or four years, have not had amenities added to them in a way that we've discussed at the Commission level.

We've discussed a number of great grants that have been written by the Parks Department to add wonderful amenities, including the exercise stations that we ended up placing at, I believe, St. Margaret's right off of 7th Street and I-70. We had pretty extensive discussion on where that would go. We have a lot of great community partners helping us identify additional resources and it strikes me that this area, number one, could use the additional amenity. It seems to be an area where we've not concentrated any of the amenities and additions to our parks that we've talked about.

We have the Northeast Heritage Trail that's being worked on in earnest by groundwork NRG, which is formerly Historic Northeast Midtown Association, and it's a significant investment into this area by one of our partner agencies. It seems like this could be a tie-in with that Heritage Trail.

Of course, as committed as I am to our Northeast Area Master Plan, obviously, this speaks to me in detail as a nice upgrade in addition to the things we're trying to accomplish through the Northeast Area Master Plan. I feel like there are a number of reasons, and I guess that being said, I could understand why the Parks Board members would push for Klamm Park to be the first one. I'm going to leave my comments there.

Our agenda speaks to the fact that this should be an item we vote on, so since I'm hearing several commissioners comment that they'd prefer to have this as a larger full Commission discussion, I'd like to ask Legal to walk us though how it is we could do that and sidestep a requested vote from this committee. If I could have Legal help us walk through that, please.

Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel, said it would be perfectly appropriate to entertain a motion to forward the matter to the full Commission for additional discussion.

Action: Commissioner Markley said so moved. Commissioner Philbrook said second.

Chairman Bynum said I take it that will just find itself on our next available commission schedule. **Ms. Brown** said that's what should happen and it would be under the Standing Committee Agenda.

Chairman Bynum said we have a motion and a second to forward our item without a vote to full Commission. Before we take roll call on the item, Madam Clerk, did we receive any requests or public comments on this item? **Ms. Portley Lott** said we did not.

Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

Chairman Bynum said, Angel and Jack and all of your team, I really appreciate all that you do for us and especially the excitement around being able to bring these trails. It's very exciting.

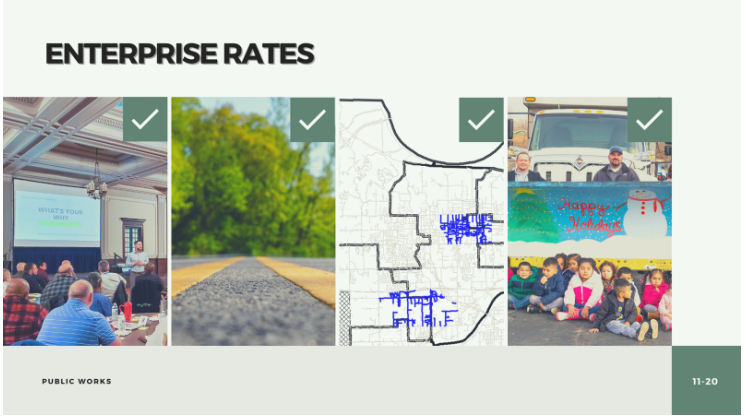
Item No. 5 – 20509…PRESENTATION: CMIP 5-YEAR PLAN

Synopsis: Public Works staff will highlight the current 5-Year Capital & Maintenance Improvement Program (CMIP) and solicit from commissioners where the emphasis should be in the unallocated CMIP and beyond, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

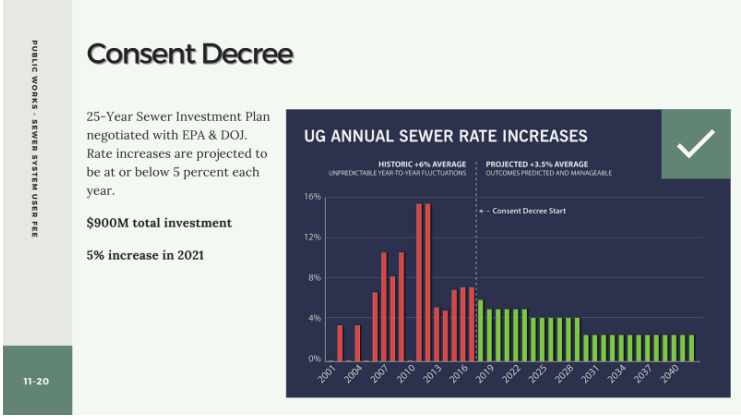
Jeff Fisher, Director of Public Works, said I have two others joining me for the presentation, Robby Anderson, our Asset Manager, and Sam Her, Public Works Fiscal Officer. A few weeks ago, we discussed, of course, the 2021 CMIP activities. This discussion will be the first of several toward developing the 2022 – 2026 Capital Maintenance Improvement Program. Of course, we're developing a 5-year CMIP over the next few months. But, as we discussed last time, on these discussions, these are long-term implications, impacts to the community for decades that benefits multiple generations to come, just like the investment in Minnesota Avenue on screen over 100 years ago. Our decisions will have—these investments may last over 100 years as well, so taking this Capital Maintenance Improvement Program very seriously,

Of course, there's a lot of work that goes into this. Public Works typically makes this presentation. I think you all know that Finance and Budget, and the CAO, and other departments put a lot of work into this every year.

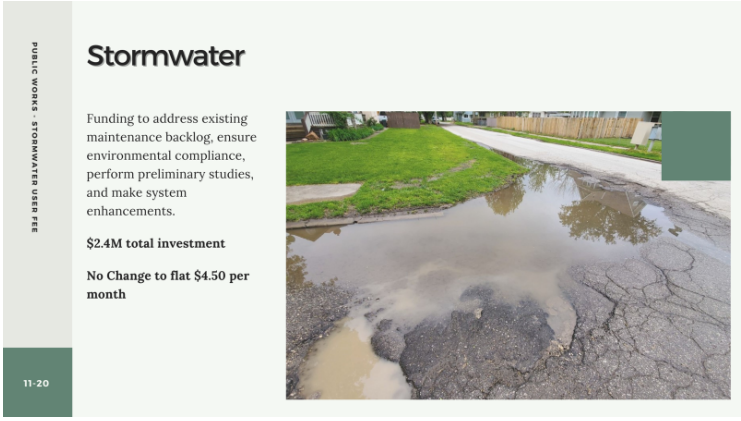
Public Works Strategic Plan, I just wanted to point out like we did last time, one of its core values is smart investment. Since last year, been working diligently and working with the Commission to develop systems for how we build the CMIP. You were very helpful in developing those criteria and those to weights. Now we're going to take it to another step to engage on maybe where your desired focus should be over the next five to ten years.



I did want to hit on enterprise rates really quick before we jump into CMIP. Of course, the UG has two utilities, wastewater and stormwater.



With wastewater, as you know, earlier this year, after many years in negotiation, the UG and the DOJ settled on a consent decree. One of the outcomes that staff really appreciates is the predictability in wastewater rates for the next 25 years. As you well know, in the past it's been very volatile in trying to meet needs and address some of the very serious issues in the wastewater system. Going forward, we will not have that. We will have that predictability. We're about 5% rate increases through 2023 and then it'll drop to 4%, and you can see the chart from there.



Stormwater. We've spent a lot of time on this and I believe we're ready to spend some more time on that. I believe the objective is to schedule on threes very soon with the Commission and see how you would like to go about engaging again, and maybe we'll come to some consensus on how to handle this going forward.

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This is the newest ranked priority list of projects. I don't believe this is all of them. As you know, we have a lot of projects and a lot of needs. In the coming months, we will have a more complete list, but it is ranked, it is prioritized. All these projects are scored. We're going to spend maybe a little bit more time on this later but wanted to go ahead and show you that you do have a new list.

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

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A few things that we think are important to—many things also including CMIP or some program initiatives that Public Works has been working on.

Customer Service & Leadership

A Systematic Approach

SYSTEMS

Using technology to track questions, respond to customers, and ensure we follow up.

TRAINING

Developing leaders at all levels.

ACTION

New Strategic Plan, team building exercises, culture development, and execution.

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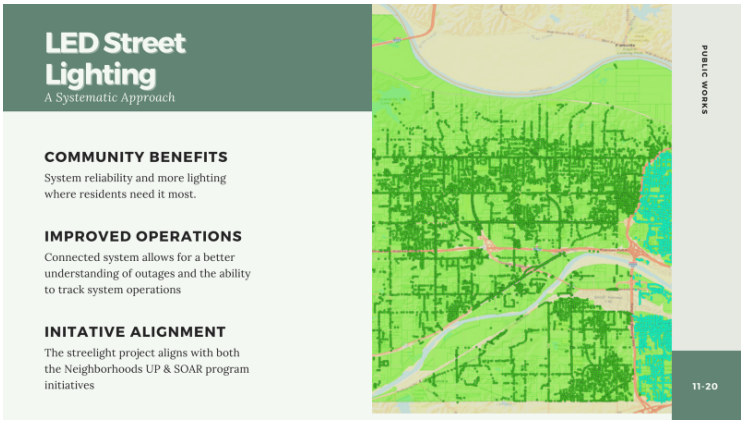
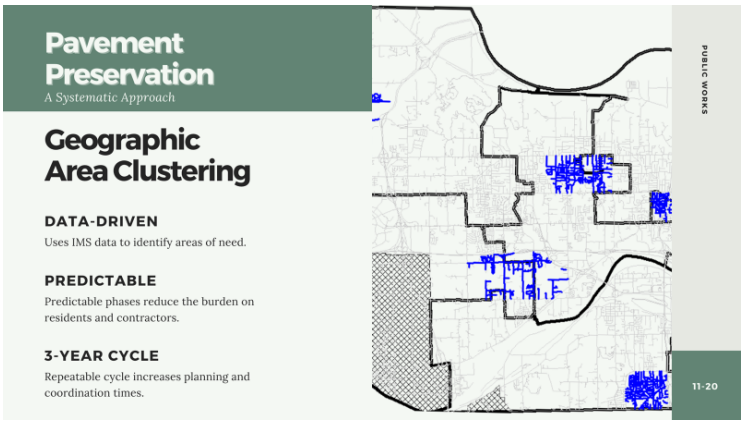
We do take this Public Works and other departments that work on the CMIP very seriously. Public Works has spent a lot of time. This is a picture from pre-COVID, obviously. A lot of time on building systems and training at all levels and strategic planning and from building exercises all centered around building a culture of excellence, if you will, execution so that we're great public servants and great partners in the UG in building a CMIP in this case. We've been spending a lot of time on that, but I thought it was worth mentioning.



A few programs that we're all aware of, first is street lighting. We know the need is there. We know the need is big. We know this is a tough one to figure out. I want to keep emphasizing that we recognize, staff recognizes that this is going to be important. I believe we were at around $50M project earlier this year. We're not able to mostly because of revenue impacts from COVID and I believe just wasn't able to figure that out yet. I know everybody would like to. This is just to reiterate the importance of the street lighting project.

I will say given the Parks presentation earlier, there's multiple strategies I think we can take with the street lighting project and we would like to, obviously, take advantage of opportunities like a trail, a new trail or new park project. We might also follow along with the Pavement Preservation Program. So, there's multiple strategies and something we want to revisit in the future.



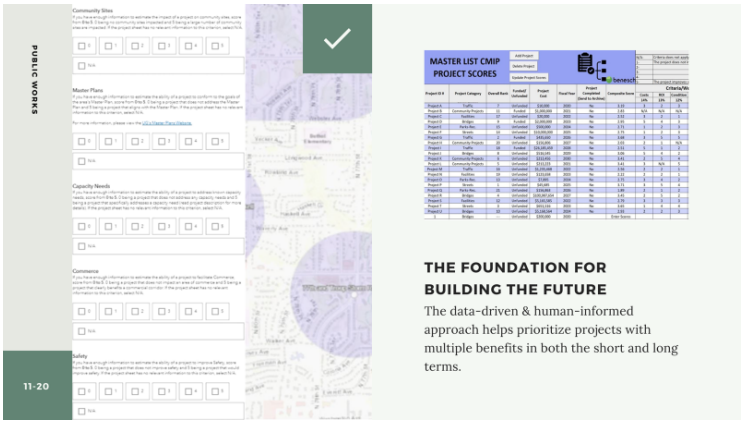
About six weeks ago, I believe, standing committee there was a presentation made by Public Works about the next step in the evolution of pavement preservation. We know how important that is not only to us, but the community. It remains the number one need according to the community survey every two years. We are being data- driven providing the level of credit, predictability to the community. They know when we're coming, of course. We have a six-year forecast for where these street improvements are going to be. It's better for the folks. Once we get in there, we want to touch as much as we can so we don't have to keep coming back. That's one of the objectives of that program. We're very excited about that.

I'm going to hand it over to Rob Anderson to talk more about the system we've been working with you all on for the last year.

Rob Anderson, Case Manager, said as elected officials, the CMIP is one of your greatest responsibilities to the community. We're doing the best we can to take what we have in the needs and prioritize them so we can spend the money we do have one those. Part of the way we do that is

by collecting input from the elective bodies to weigh and give us criteria and weigh those for us. We take that information and we compute it with GIS to score those projects and try to provide some data-driven background information to represent those rated criteria.

We also have a scoring committee that will be assessing those projects on the human side to add input and review for things that we can't compute like project coordination. When we have all that information, we'll start aligning some budget scenarios using that information.



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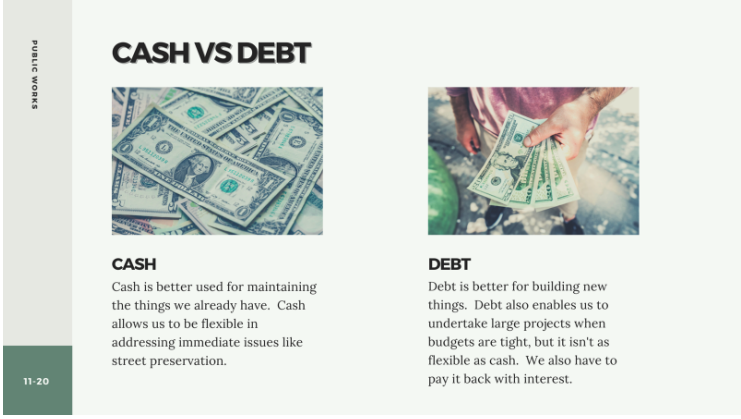
Right now, this is the focused ranked priority list for that. There's a handful of things that you might want to see on here that are not like the streetlights, but those are scored probably somewhere in the 30th rank area. We've been working with staff and others to assemble this list and score them. We look forward to continuing that work with you. Now, I'm going to hand it over to Sam Her, our Fiscal Officer.

Sam Her, Fiscal Officer, Public Works, said as Jeff mentioned in the open, we've cared for our county for many generations. We see in these images here that we served our community in many different ways and we'll continue to do these activities for many, many more generations.

I know many of you are familiar with the differences of capital maintenance. I want to revisit these for our audience and for our community. When we look at capital items, they're generally large investments that are new constructed projects or reconstructed old things. They're dedicated locations and worksites like fire stations and buildings and rebuild of roads. We want to look at them as (inaudible). So, maintenance items are more programs than items themselves. Eventually, the care for our existing infrastructure that allows us to get the most out of what we currently have.



This slide, we want to go over the difference between cash and debt. When we look at cash funding, we have multiple sources for funding. Cash allows us to be more flexible in maintaining our infrastructure and addressing our needs from area to area.

When we look at debt funding, it's better for undertaking large projects with known locations. It allows us to pursue high level projects where cash funding normally wouldn't be able to allow us to do that. We see that debt lines up very well with capital projects. Cash is much better suited for maintenance. We're not saying that cash should only be for maintenance and debt only for projects. We see how they optimally line up and how their relationship works together. With that being said, I want to give it back to you, Rob.

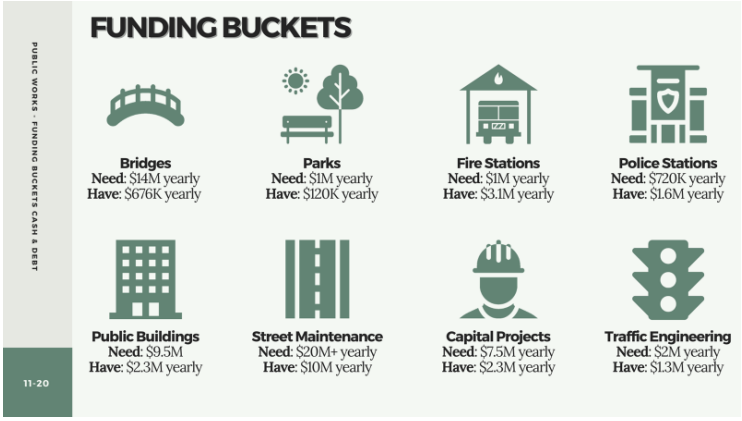
Mr. Anderson said alright one of the things we wanted to discuss tonight and walk through as an exercise is a broader more long-term vision about what Sam just discussed, means and practice. We have typically a 5-year CMIP that's stacked with projects that are a little bit more flushed out in the first and second years and it's a little hazy to the out years, minus Public Work's auto lines that repeat ad infinitum into the future.

Some of the Public Works' line items are predictable, especially when it comes to maintenance. We need to think deeply about what these assets mean to us as a society. Civilization is made with roads and now also made with information superhighways. We have to ask ourselves, what do those investments mean to us and what are we willing to do and how much are we willing to pay so that we don't encumber our great grandchildren with some deferred maintenance debt.

In preparing for tonight, I couldn't help but think about a game metaphor. We make decisions today as staff and elected officials that create the conditions of possibilities for tomorrow. Each CMIP you approve is like a turn in a game, the only difference is we can't reshuffle the hexagonal map tiles, roll the dice and hope for the best. This is it. This is our reality. We have to own it.

Our tenure here, as public servants, hinder us with temporary blinders. We cannot imagine the time in a sense that means something of value to a road, a bridge, a pipe, or even a streetlight. At our current clip, in 25 years we will be around $925M in deferred maintenance. Where do we see ourselves in 25 years? With that larger backlog of deferred maintenance? Infrastructure is the nuts and bolts of civilization. The CMIP is not a simulation. It's not a turn in a game. Its outcome is for everyday people that live in Wyandotte County.

For example, the lowest average lifespan in a census tract in Wyandotte County is 65 years old. At current funding levels, a citizen might expect to see a road in front of their house touched by a road preservation or major capital project once in their lifetime.

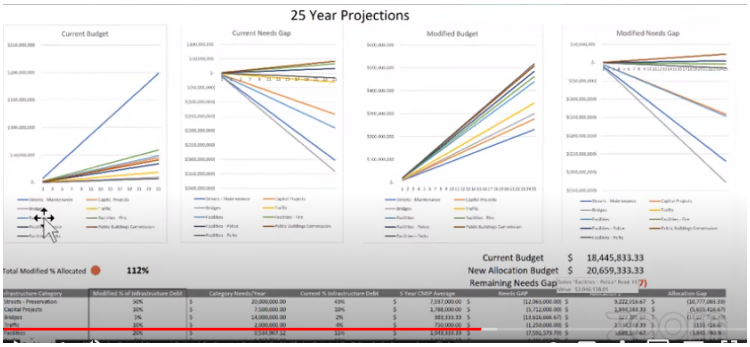


In order to kind of broaden your thinking on this, we wanted to outline some of those needs gaps and produce a tool that we could use to kind of educate all of ourselves about the mechanics of this game we're playing with the outcome of civilization. If you look at this list of needs, and then based

on our current CMIP, what we've allocated for these different resources. If everyone can see that, I'll let that sink in. I do want to call out that in fire stations, the reason why it looks like there's access is because we know the needs based on the existing structures, not the needs in the sense of structures that don't exist or are needed to serve our community. The need represented in these lines on the police stations, fire stations, and public buildings is drawn from the Ameresco of asset inventory. It's the deferred maintenance that already exists on the structures in that catalog of research performed by Ameresco. It doesn't represent new capital in that sense like a new fire station.

Bridges, for example, the needs are about $14M a year and we currently fund it at $676K yearly, estimated based off of current CMIP projections. You can look through the rest of these to see those just to get a needs assessment versus allocation kind of loosely in your brain.

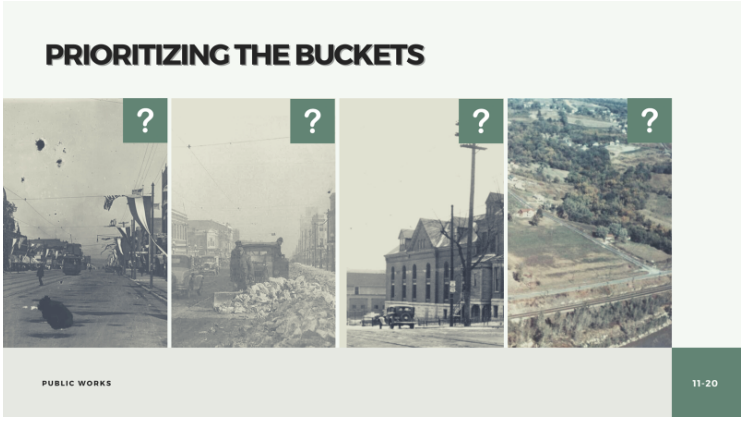
I'm going to also now jump out to something that we'll be working with the commissioners on to walk them through how we might go about prioritizing which of these different funding buckets that we would like to prioritize.



So, this is a current budget projection for how we're funding these different major buckets. This is the projection of the current needs gap, and this would be a modified budget projection and a modified needs gap here. The way we interact with this scenario education tool is let's say we wanted to go in here and modify the percentage of our current infrastructure load to be 100%. That's going to change the future projected needs gap and it's going to change the modified budget. If you were to go through here and say we wanted to give 25% of what we currently do to the total debt to capital projects and maybe we realize there's a deficit in bridges, we'll fund that 40%. So, you can see here we're getting to where we have funded the budget at 212% of what we currently fund this part of the budget.

This is just an illustrative tool to educate us all about the long-term impacts of deferred maintenance or how shall we pass on the infrastructure and the Minnesota Avenues of the future.

I'm going to return back the presentation where there is a slide depicting Minnesota Avenue. I'll allow Jeff to put his closing thoughts on this.



Mr. Fisher said so we have already begun scheduling individual sessions with commissioners so that Robby and I can work with each of you on that tool that you saw. The objective would be for each of you to share with us where you believe that the emphasis of the typical annual allocations to the CMIP need to be in each of those buckets: 20% to streets, 30% to parks, or whatever each of you believe is best and we'll do that individually and then aggregate that.

In the meantime, we're going to make a similar presentation to the Planning Commission because they are important to the CMIP process. We'll make that in December and then again in January. Again, we'll aggregate what we receive from each of you in February, make a presentation to full Commission to say here is—and we draw from the project list that has been scored and ranked. We will propose a target CMIP to you in February to get any feedback you have on that, and then you start working through the budget process. That target CMIP might change here and there depending on revenues and that kind of thing. That's the idea really just trying to engage at even a higher level than we did last year and then draw from that direction you give us to build CMIPs for the future. That's all staff has. I'll entertain any questions you might have.

Chairman Bynum said thank you, Jeff, Robby, and Sam. I really appreciate the presentation and all of the thought and energy that you're putting into bringing this to us in such a way.

Chairman Bynum said now, a comment that I have for you and our committee members is this. It strikes me that as Public Works and Safety Standing Committee, we really could be poised to be the advocate to the full Commission for the priorities that are being identified, especially through the budget process. It's not a secret at all that we're underfunding a majority of what needs to be done in your department, Jeff. So, I'm just interested in comments from the committee as well as you. Like I said, I think that this committee really could really step forward in an advocacy role as we move into the spring and also keeping in mind our priority-based budgeting that we've been through and I'm sure the tool that we'll use as we move into the budget for 2022. So, with that, I would just want to hear from other committee members.

Commissioner Markley said I know I always say this, but I'm going to say it again. There was a time when we couldn't even get a list of the projects that were outstanding. There was certainly no method for prioritizing them at all other than which commissioner banged their head or their fist on the table the hardest, depending on the day. It was frustrating, particularly during times when we were trying to decide which projects not to do because we didn't have enough money. No one could ever seem to give us an answer about which projects were priorities and why.

We have come such a long way since those days and I just appreciate the vast amount of information that we're given, the rating system so that we can begin to see how things shake out in terms of our planning and our strategic plans and the priorities of these projects. I look forward to learning more about the tool and beginning to sort of put a plan together that makes sense for us and that reflects the will of this Commission and of our strategic plan. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Kane said if somebody would just send me the list of the ones that they showed where they thought they were ranked, that's all I want. Nothing important. **Chairman Bynum** said we'll get that to you. The list of the priorities here were just a little bit hard to see when we participate by Zoom. I think, Jeff, if I'm not mistaken, or Rocki, I believe has sent us this presentation. There might be a list that you can send in addition.

Commissioner Philbrook said, well, I agree with Commissioner Markley that, yes, it was very difficult to try to see what we really could address and how we could address it and where the priorities were because we really didn't know. Of course, we knew what we thought needed in our

own individual commission districts, but yet again, did we really. It was limited information. All this information that we are getting is a double-edge sword, guys. We appreciate all the information but now, thank you for the tool so we can put it together to actually utilize it and make something out of it. I so look forward to our meeting and trying to hammer out and figure out what we need to do and how we need to do it for our community. Thanks, again. I appreciate it.

Chairman Bynum asked, are there other comments or questions for Public Works from our committee members? Jeff, we'll continue working with you and your team. We know that the decisions that loom are critical and difficult. We do always appreciate you and your team, and all the work you all put forward. **Ms. Fisher** said thank you very much. I appreciate your time. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you.

Action: For information only.

Public Agenda

Item No. 1 – 20511…APPEARANCE: PAUL COLLINS

Synopsis: Appearance of Paul Collins regarding the policy on the rental of boat slips at Wyandotte Lake.

Paul Collins, 2225 Washington Blvd., said, Commissioners, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you this evening. The reason why I am here this evening is a policy which allows anyone to rent a boat slip at Wyandotte County Lake regardless of county residency.

I have gathered some data which Mr. Webb has provided. There are currently 189 boat slips at the marina. 10 are rented to non-residents. There are 311 people on the waiting list, 44 are non-residents. I am number 311. The average wait time for a boat slip is more than 10 years. The cost for a boat slip for a resident is $600 annually and $900 for non-residents annually. This is a lifetime rental unless the slip is surrendered. I question how many slips are actually issued to current residents if they were acquired years ago.

Wyandotte County has few recreational amenities for adults. We should not be giving away these boat slips to non-residents when they are in such high demand. I would like to see all non-residents immediately removed from the waiting list. I would also like non-residents who currently

have a slip be given notice and surrender their slip. I request the Commission consider an audit of all current boat slip renters. This could be accomplished by comparing boat registrations to the addresses listed on the agreement. I came up with that waiting time of 10 years through Mrs. Bridget Holton-Deere, who is a Parks Commissioner. She has been on the list for more than 10 years and she is currently number 48 on the list. Maybe due to COVID or whatever that list is, it's not only grown, but the timeline has expanded also.

Those are the only comments I have. I'm available for questions. If anybody has any, I'll attempt to answer them. I don't know if Mr. Webb is still in the meeting.

Chairman Bynum said let's have a look and see. **Emerick Cross, Assistant County Administrator** said, Commissioner, Jack is on the line. He stated he was taken off the list. **Chairman Bynum** said Jack can be moved back over to the panelist list or, Emerick, if you want to make any comments. I do agree that we have way more people that want a slip then we have slips available. I do believe that our Parks staff has also looked into if there's any way to increase the number of slips.

I see Jack is back with us. Jack, I just wanted to give you a minute to address some of this. This obviously not going to be solved by us tonight but, Mr. Collins, I appreciate your comments and I think it's definitely food for thought.

I guess I will say before I hand it to Jack Webb that among our many challenges, this is certainly one that I think Parks wrangles and wrestles with. I think we're always open to creative ideas about how we can make improvements across the board. So, Jack, if you don't mind, just take a minute and talk to us about the boat slips at the lake, please.

Jack Webb, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director, said, well, as you know, we changed our slip fees. Next year in 2021, non-residents will pay $1,125. We've already seen 2 drop off from this year because of that. I look for that to start opening up. We've had in the plans to install a covered dock which would take 14 slips, add 14 slips, 2 of those won't be shared, won't be our parks. It would go currently where the Parks and the Sheriff's dock is now, but due to budget cuts, that was cut. I look for that to come back next year or the year after.

With our fees, our hope is to find a common ground. A lot of people don't use their boats that much. With the fees going up, they would either have to use it or they would probably give it

back up. It's not a lifetime rental either. As long as you own your boat, it's registered to you. If you sell your boat, the purchaser can keep it in that slip until the end of the season and then it goes back on the list.

Chairman Bynum asked so, if you sell your boat at the end of the lake season your slip gets put back into the available list? **Mr. Webb** said, yes. **Chairman Bynum** said so it's not, for example, passed on within the family or to a purchaser. Okay. That's good to know.

Mr. Webb said in a typical year, we usually—on that list, we'll go through 40 names, or Denny will. It's not handled by Parks and Rec; it's handled with Denny. The last I talked to Denny, he was saying it was around 7 years. **Chairman Bynum** asked, waiting time? **Mr. Webb** said, yes. **Chairman Bynum** said so with regard to that though, it is Parks and Rec's policy. I mean we create the policies. **Mr. Webb** said, yes.

Commissioner Kane said I certainly agree with Mr. Collins as far as the ones that are on the list now that they should be removed. It's our park. It's a long wait to get a slip out there. I don't know if we can do anything about the ones that are there, but we can certainly do about the ones that have their name on the list.

This summer, I spent a great deal of time at the lake and the lake has never been used as much as it has been.

We didn't put those other slips in, which I think we should this year because you can make a significant amount of money off of those since they're covered. I certainly agree that we raise the price on the ones that are there. I do believe that some have left, but this is another thing, it's ours.

I've lived here my whole life. It took me 8 years, 9 years, 10 years to get a slip which I got last year and that's a long time. We should use it; it belongs to us and those that don't live here don't pay taxes. They're only paying $1,100. It's time to do something about that and change the process.

Commissioner Ramirez said I'm going to mirror all the comments that Commissioner Kane just mentioned. I do have a couple of questions of Jack or Angel or Emerick. Has this topic been bought in the past, brought up, been brought up to the Parks Board for discussion? **Mr. Webb** said, no. **Commissioner Ramirez** said I think they should also have. Along that, we, as commissioners, we

are also having this conversation. We're the ultimately policy making body, but we also want to—I would like to know what the Parks Board stands on and what they think and their position because they're advisory board to you and that's kind of their forte at the moment, serving on the Parks Board. I think it would be a good idea to bring this topic to the Parks Board. Have them have the discussion and I would like to see what their recommendation would be to change the policy.

I do agree. I think like Commissioner Kane said, the ones that are already on the list, I think if you are out of the county, you're not a county resident, I do believe that you should be taken off so that we can shorten that list and make shorter the list to help our residents who are waiting and who have been waiting a very long time for a boat slip. I think this is a policy that we can really look at and "modernize" for our time. That would be just my request and suggestion is bring this topic to the Parks Board and see what they think. I would like to see what their recommendation would be on the new policy.

Commissioner Philbrook said thank you, Commissioner Kane and Commissioner Ramirez. I agree. I believe that this should be brought to the Parks Board for a hearty discussion and let them know ahead of time so they can do their homework, because most of them do. So, when they come to that board meeting, they have talked to people and they have opinions. It's not just the last minute, they know. I'd appreciate if we could do that. Thanks, Emerick.

Chairman Bynum said thank you all for your comments. Mr. Collins, thank you again for your patience in waiting through our entire meeting to be able to have your time to speak. It sounds like we have interest from our committee members in furthering this discussion, so we appreciate that you brought this to us. With that, our agenda items are complete. Mr. Groneman, with the BPU, as always, thank you, sir, for your participation with us. **BPU Board Member Groneman** said my pleasure. **Chairman Bynum** said we appreciate you.

Action: No action.

Adjourn:

Chairman Bynum adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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