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NOTICE OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in a hybrid format on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th-floor conference room, Suite 515, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, or via a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board regarding staff updates on various projects.

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
REGULAR BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

City Hall, 701 N. 7th Street, Room 515, KCK 66101

And Via Zoom at 6:00pm

Agenda

Have the proper meeting notices been given? _____

Call to Order, _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

_____ Mario Escobar/Mayor Garner _____ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6
*Chairman

_____ Kevin Mitchell/District #1 _____ Dani Gurley/District #7
*First Vice Chairwoman

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

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3 _____ Ashley Williamson/District #1 at Large

_____ Karen Daniels/District #4 _____ Sarah Lynch/District #2 at Large
*Second Vice Chairwoman

_____ Andrea Behrman/District #5

Non-Voting Members

_____ Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS

Administration Present:

_____ Angel Ferrara, Parks and Recreation, Director

_____ Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Assistant Director of Recreation

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Parks

_____ Wendy Green, Counselor

_____ Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda is presented for Board review, and consideration for adoption.

Additions:

Visitors:

Board Members:

The Agenda is presented for adoption.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Minutes of the Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting were presented for review and consideration for approval.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

II – Presentations, Hearings, Communications

1. Visitors

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time. As a general rule, the Board will not enter into discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary responses, and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

2. Correspondence

- None

III – Old Business

- None to report

IV – New Business

- Rosedale Development Association Presentation for Building a Community Center in Fisher Park, Presented by Erin Stryka –

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Summer Camp Update –
 - b. Recreation Updates –
- Angel Ferrara
 - a. Project Updates –

2. Board Member's Questions or Comments

3. Adjournment at _____ P.M.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ Vote: _____

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

The March 13, 2024, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall 701 N. 7th St. Room 515, Kansas City, KS 66101 & Virtually-Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mario Escobar, Chairman. Angel Ferrara, Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present, were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Mario Escobar, Chairman
Kevin Mitchell, Member
Jim Schneweis, Member
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member
Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman
Andrea Behrman, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary
Ashley Williamson, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Dani Gurley, First Vice Chairwoman
Sarah Lynch, Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Parks
Wendy Green, Counselor
Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla to adopt the March 13, 2024, Agenda seconded by Karen Daniels

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Ashley Williamson and seconded by Andrea Behrman.

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors**

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time.

As a general rule, the Board will not enter discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary response and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

Correspondence

- No Correspondence

III– OLD BUSINESS

- Park Board Onboarding Presentation – Angel Ferrara, introduced Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/KCK, she is also attorney assigned to the Parks and Recreation for Park Board.
 - o Wendy Green presented the processes and procedures and explained the guidelines that must be followed.

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- 2025 Capital Improvement Project Budget Process
 - o Matt Zayas presented information about Capital Improvement Projects; these are any projects that are over \$50,000. Projects under \$50,000 are considered Operating Projects and fall under Daily Operating Budget items.
- The Budget Timeline - County Administrator has requested the budget process start earlier in the year and are due in late March.
 - UG Commission's established priorities as a guide for upcoming budget requests
 - o Priority 1: Improve Infrastructure
 - o Priority 2: Foster Economic Development
 - o Priority 3: Focus on Service & Communication
 - o Priority 4: Uphold Fiscal Sustainability
- Deferred Maintenance on Infrastructure
 - o Shelter repairs
 - o Community Center Improvements
 - o Trail Maintenance
 - o Sport Court repairs/upgrades
 - o Playground repair/replacement
 - o Maintaining/Repairing aging infrastructure
 - o Mario Escobar- Asked Matt if we wanted the Park Board to give any suggestions on new projects.
 - o Angel Ferrara At this time, with guidance from our leadership, our focus will be on deferred maintenance, any new request with new projects, and new initiatives will not be prioritized this year at this time.
 - o Karen Daniels - Asking about improving Parkwood Pool, confirmed if there will be renovations or maintenance.

- Angel Ferrara – Stated that improvements will take place and she will be sharing the Parkwood Pool Assessment done in 2024 with the Park Board at an upcoming meeting.
- Karen Daniels - Requested to see any design plans given to the department.
- Angel Ferrara - As for now we are focused on maintenance that can be taken care of in-house.
- Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla - Stated that parking at Clopper Field is not safe.
- Angel Ferrara - Advised this project was brought before the Board in 2023 and we are moving forward however before this project can begin, we are seeking more funding due to storm water issues found, design of this project does address parking.
- Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla - Stated Emerson Park has electrical issues that need to be repaired.
- Mario Escobar – Added, request for Emerson Park repairing the Gazebo, picnic area and the possibility of installing restrooms.
- Angel Ferrara - She stated that Emerson is next to the Argentine Community Center with which has restrooms available during business hours. She stated that we do rely on the data from our Master Plan, and making sure we have enough staff to take care of facilities requiring maintenance. She advised that she would take note of this request, and stated we also need to look at the issues of the homeless population, and we do have a high level of vandalism when it comes to our restrooms.
- Kevin Mitchell - Asked about Grandstand at Klamm, if this is maintenance or a new project.
- Angel Ferrara – Answered we know this is a need, and is on our radar, it is identified in the Master Plan, we are looking into opportunities for funding this project.
- Laura Flores - Suggested the possibility of community engagements and suggested we place murals to help reduce vandalism.
- Angel Ferrera – Stated that she and staff think this is a great idea, we have spoken with various community and neighborhood groups regarding this topic.
- Jim Schneweise – Stated that he has noticed more use of the Waterway Park, and the grass is very worn, he asked if there were any plans to upgrade the area that is being utilized for soccer.
- Angel Ferrara – Stated we will need to look into and see if we are able to manage and maintain this area and possibly include reseeding, but it may need investing at a higher level, and are taking note of his request.

- Mario Escobar- Brought up concerns about the Ruby Park walk over bridge being closed and asked if funds for projects that are not completed this year are rolled over to the following year and are does this make them a priority over the list for 2025.
- o Matt Zayes - Answered we receive guidance from County Administration on projects they want to see on the Capital Improvement Project list. They do recommend pushing out some projects for the coming year, and some projects they recommend tracking for further review.
- Ashley Williamson - Stated that there is a group that raises funds for reducing vandalism by adding murals, she stated that the grant will close April 1st, 2024. She stated that this can be used for mural projects.

V - OTHER BUSINESS

- **Staff Agenda**

Vincent Billaci - Park Updates:

- March 2nd was the opening day for fishing for all of our lakes. We did a car count from 6:00am to 9:00am, there were 467 visitors, it was a great turn out.
- Crews are gearing up for mowing season, this includes contractors.
- Wyandotte County Lake waterline project is near completion, we did a walk through today on the project and identified some minor things that need to be touched up for the project to be completed. This project was started do to aging infrastructure that took a lot of staff time for fixing water leaks, this project is in the completion stage.
- WYCO Lake road layover is being delayed due to the heavy equipment traveling to complete the waterline project, this will be starting next year.
- Noxious weed sale will start April 11th at Wyandotte County Lake, shared flyer with dates and time, with Park Board.

Angel Ferrara–

- Recreation Updates -Stated that Shaya Lockett is out today, and she shared flyers to the Park Board on upcoming events including:
 - o Beatrice L. Lee Community Center – Spring Break event for youth was held this week. They held a 2-hr. cooking class and an afternoon basketball

camp. We had a great turn out, and had lots of volunteers to help with the event.

- o Easter Egg Extravaganza will be taking place at Armourdale Community Center on March 28th from 5pm-7pm.
- o Easter Egg Hunt at Kensington Community Center on March 30th from 10am-1pm.
- o The Hunt is On at Big 11 Lake on March 30th from 10am-2pm.
- Gave closing remarks on the Capital Improvement Project presentation, acknowledged Matt Zayes, the Parks & Recreation Fiscal Officer, on the good work he is doing with our department, he is helping increase our communication and our collaboration with Park Board.
 - o Boston Daniel's project - we are hopefully getting project bids in the next 4 weeks and are wrapping up some final touches with planning.
 - o Clopper Field - working on getting bids out in the next few weeks.
 - o Quindaro Park – Construction of the project is in process, we are installing two new post tension basketball courts.
 - o St Margaret Trail - Concrete trail has been laid for some time now, we are waiting on the temperatures to be over 50 degrees to lay the rubber surfacing on top of the trail.
 - o Clifton Park Splash Pad -Will be completed and ready to go Memorial Day weekend.
 - o Shelter Season – Will officially open on Easter weekend.
 - o Boston Daniels Park - Karen Daniels has been working on getting this project running. We have invested a million dollars in this park, with renovations. This includes improving access to the sidewalk infrastructure and installation of a new playground with rubber surfacing. We will be adding a shelter along with beautification points in the park and lights will be added in the first phase. The Unified Government has also invested with Capital Improvement Project funds as well as some private funding that community groups helped raise. Most important is a statue of Mr. Boston Daniels along with his story and remembering the history and importance of the community.

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Mario Escobar - Wanted to say thank you for removing the damaged tree at Vega Park.

- Ashley Williamson - Asked how we are involved with noxious weed chemicals and why we are selling to the general public.
 - Angel Ferrara –Stated Nichole Marlowe can share her knowledge.
 - Nichole Marlowe - Stated each county in the State of Kansas must have a Noxious Weed department. This department was initially set up for farmers to eradicate the weeds deemed noxious from taking over farmland. Noxious weeds are invasive plants that take over crops. This is state mandated for every county.
 - Jim Schneweis – Asked if there were any dangerous chemicals being used on the playgrounds.
 - Nichole Marlowe – Stated that noxious weed chemicals are sold to residents of the county, they are not necessarily the chemicals that we use in our parks.
 - Jim Schneweis - Asked if he should go to the State to complain about the chemicals.
 - Angel Ferrara - Responded that it probably wouldn't hurt. We have had citizens come before Park Board, with concerns with chemicals used in our parks and in other areas of our department and we were able to work with our contractors on that and provide information and knowledge on the chemicals that we use.
- Karen Daniel - Wanted to address again, residents have been complaining about dirt bikes in our parks and also running through the cemeteries, and asked if we are still on schedule for lifeguards for Parkwood Pool opening.
 - Angel Ferrera -Answered yes, we are working locally to recruit with school districts in the area to utilize pools for training.
- Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla - Wanted to comment about reserving park spaces and advised that Justin Cruchfield's name is still on the auto reply and requested that we be quicker about updating changes on our site. She also wanted to bring to our attention the issue with signing up of kids for youth sports. She stated that there is not a lot of information on what is needed and who will be contacting the parents on when games and practices will be and stated they are only given a receipt with limited information after registering.
 - Angel Ferrera - Stated, we are having some staffing capacity issues right now in recreations, especially as it pertains to sports. She stated she would discuss these concerns with Shaya and make sure we are getting the proper information to the parents.
- Ashley Williamson-Asked if we had any updates on summer kids' programs, at the last meeting.
 - Angel Ferrera -Stated we have no updates as of now. Shaya can report in April. Angel did advise if anyone knows of someone looking for a fun summer job to please pass along to anyone who wants to work.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Mario Escobar -Chairman requested to adjourn; Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla made a motion; Ashley Williamson seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman

KIDS

SUMMER CAMP



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

**JUNE 10-JULY 26
MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

Mandatory Parent Meetings

**Saturday June 1
9-11 PM
Eisenhower**

Cost: \$40 per week
Location: Eisenhower Community Center
2901 N. 72nd St. Kansas City, KS 66109
Ages: 5-12 years olds
(5 year olds must have completed Kindergarten)

Registration: Begins Monday April 1
Online - www.wycokck.org/wycoparks
Office- 5033 State Ave. KCK 66102
No Camp June 19 & July 1,2,3,4,5

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PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP

**BEATRICE LEE COMMUNITY CENTER
JUNE 24 - AUGUST 2
MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

ENROLLMENT OPEN APRIL 1

FOR AGES 8-13 YEARS OLDS | 1210 N 10TH ST. KCK 66101 | \$40 PER WEEK

Mandatory Parent Meeting Saturday June 22 9-11 AM

Come and join us this summer while we educate and inform youth on the significance, importance, and sheer fun that can come with being an artist in Kansas City. We provide this through performing arts classes (music, acting, dance, and more), sit downs and workshops with actual working and performing artists in and from Kansas City, and a final performance at the end the camp



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