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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, June 12, 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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, June 12th, 2024

City Hall, 701 N. 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
\*Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6

\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
\*Second Vice Chairwoman

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Lynch/District #2 at Large

\_\_\_\_\_ 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, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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**

- Safe Parks & Community Centers: How might we improve Wyandotte County? – Presented by Samantha Osorio, Daniel Angel-Franco, and Maritza Hernandez -
- Park and Stormwater Improvements – Presented by Public Works -

### **V – Other Business**

#### **Staff Agenda**

- Shaya Lockett –
  - a. Recreation Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
  - a. Park Updates –
- Angel Ferrara
  - a. Project Updates –
- **Board Member's Questions or Comments**

#### **3. Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_P.M.**

Motion:\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded:\_\_\_\_\_ Vote:\_\_\_\_\_

MINUTES OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The May 8th, 2024, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall 701 N. 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6:01 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  
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member  
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member  
Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman  
Andrea Behrman, Member  
Laura Flores, Secretary  
Ashley Williamson, Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Jim Schneweis, Member  
Dani Gurley, First Vice Chairwoman  
Sarah Lynch, Member  
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS - Non-Voting Member

**Administration Present:**

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation

Shaya Lockett, Recreation Assistant Director

Vincent Billaci, Manager of Recreation

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 May 8th, 2024, Agenda seconded by Ashley Williamson

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday April 10th, 2024, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval. Angel Ferrara stated an amendment to add Shaya Lockett as attending the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting should be added.

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook and seconded by Amanda DeVriese-Sibilla to the amended April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes.

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

**II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Visitors**

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- **Correspondence**

### **III– OLD BUSINESS**

- No Old Business

### **IV- NEW BUSINESS**

- Boston Daniels Park Improvements Overview - Presented by Steve Rhodes
  - Angel Ferrara – Gave some history on Boston Daniels organization and how they got started. They received a grant funding on their own, reached out to Vireo consulting landscape architect to assist with preliminary community engagement, after speaking with Karen Daniels and the Boston Daniels organization, they agreed to continue working on this project. She also wanted to thank Karen Daniels for all her hard work on getting the project up and running.
  - Steve Rhodes – stated they begin working on Boston Daniels Park Improvements in 2022 and pursued additional grant funds. In 2023 we were able to secure funds from CDBG and allocated for Parks & Recreation budget.
  - Project Funding includes -
    - \$864,665 from CDBG funds
    - \$150,000 from Parks and Recreation Budget (Fund 113) a total of \$1,014,665
    - (\$153,500 Design, Public Involvement and Construction Drawings)
    - Construction total - \$861,165.000
    - We sent a survey out to the public on what the community would like to have.
    - We prioritize with ideas, playground equipment, shelter, food truck plaza and commemorative Boston Daniels memorial which is a sculpture of him.
    - Sending out for bids in the next 30 days
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Asked how long it does takes from proposal time from getting the bids, could take nine to hundred twenty days, we are estimating ribbon cutting could be in the fall. She stated that this is one of largest budgets she has seen, since Wyandotte County Lake wanted to state they did a phenomenal job and thanked them for collecting money for this project and CDBG for the funds.
  - Angel Ferrara - Stated there was a lot of advocacies from Boston Daniels organization in the community, along with elected officials and our Mayor Tyron Garner got behind the project helped direct funding for this project.
- Ashley Williamson – Asked if can the bids be released after selected?
  - Angel Ferrara – Answered, yes you can go through open records to obtain the bids

- Wendy Green – Added, Kansas open records, once the process is completed and a bid has been awarded, all bids that have been submitted are open records
- Recreation Challenges Presentation – Presented by Shaya Lockett - Shared presentation Recreation Community Center challenges, advised we have shared before with the Park Board last fall and Commissioners; however, we have new members now on the Park Board. we wanted to share the challenges we are still facing on hiring more staff, and some of the changes at the 6 community centers we will be doing.
  - Safety issues - We will now require two employees at each community center, due to some incidents at the centers, gave examples: active shooter, medical emergencies, fighting and verbally abusive patrons. Advised the Park Board, we have no security personal in the buildings
  - Work Schedule changes - currently employees work 6 days a week with only one day off. We utilized feedback from new applicants so we can address recruitment challenges. We worked with the mayor's office and the commission, and we now have approval to change to a five-day workday, change will start in August
  - Recruitment – We have requested and received 4 new positions in 2024 budget, we have had 100 applicants that have applied for recreation positions since April 2023, successfully hired and retained 6 full-time employees,
    - Mario Escobar – Asked if we have a probation period
      - Shaya Lockett – Responded, yes new hires have a 6-month probationary period
    - Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla – Asked if we track attendance for our events, and do we feel we have enough people participating, to justify more dollars on using for more employees.
      - Shaya Lockett – Responded, yes, we do track participants, and we have seen an increase in activity with the second person at the facility, and it free's up one individual to work on a program.
  - Karen Daniels – Asked if we have part time seasonal positions for summer
    - Shaya Lockett – Answered yes, recreation leaders and our recreation instructors who help support our summer camp program, are part time.
  - Kevin Mitchell – Asked what we have done on the safety aspect
    - Shaya Lockett – Answered, we've also implemented a camera system, and worked with our staff on handling medical emergencies. We've also added AEDs to all the facilities and trained our staff with AED's, including active shooter training with our staff.
  - Ashley Daniels – Asked how we compare to other city's recreations programs with staffing Asked if we have part time seasonal positions for summer.



- Angel Ferrera – Answered we did a recreation center feasibility study last year, we shared with the Park Board.
- Mario Escobar – Thanked Commissioner Evelyn Hill for attending the meeting.

## **V - OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Staff Agenda**

Shaya Lockett –

- Recreation Updates – Shaya Lockett – Shared the upcoming events taking place at the Community Centers including:
  - Mother's Day craft – Kids will be making paper flowers this will be held Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kids to Park Day – Event will be held at Eisenhower Community Center on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 1:00pm, she also added that event is celebrated through the National Parks and Recreation Association. The day is to encourage kids to go outside and enjoy their local park.
  - Parkwood Pool – May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day at 12:00pm, we are still contracting with Midwest pools, who staff the lifeguards.
  - Youth Summer night hoops – Parents can now enroll online from April 10<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> or come into the Parks office.

Vincent Billaci –

- Park Updates –
  - We are currently behind on mowing, due to the amount of rain we have received, our crews are working overtime all week to catch up.
  - We received good news today, the Rosedale Arch road and parking areas getting overlaid and will be completed by the end of week.
  - Arbor Day – Planted multiple new trees at Jersey Creek and in at City Park.
  - Spray Park updates – Having challenges with maintenance items and some safety related issues, we are doing our best to try to have these open on time, there may be a slight delay.
  - Clifton Park Spray Pad – Discussed vandalism but would be trying to do the best to have it opened by Memorial weekend.

- Bethany Community Center is being renamed the Earl Watson Sr. Community Center we are working on getting the signage completed and will have a ribbon cutting for the event to be announced.
- Introduced the new Operation Supervisor for Beautification, Justin Ukena.

Angel Ferrara –

- Project Updates -
  - Quindaro basketball court, has now been completed, we will do a final walkthrough and we will be scheduling ribbon cutting event, reminded Park Board this was an improvement project of old tennis courts, that we transitioned from two old tennis courts.
  - St. Margaret's walking trail is completed, we will do final walkthrough in the next week and will be setting date for ribbon cutting.
  - Clopper Field – Walking trail has gone out for bids, we are in the process of selecting a contractor for the project. Hoping this project will get started by this summer.

## **VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT**

- Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla – Stated her concerns on how contractors treat the communities when hired for a project, to communicate about doing a good job and give the same respect as they would in the updated community homes.
- Karen Daniels – Asked Angel Ferrara if there are any updates on the Kensington Park soccer field.
  - Angel Ferrara - Answered we did receive million dollars from Congressional Earmark grant funding for parks East of 635, we shared with the Park Board at prior meeting. Kensington was chosen to be a signature project, and two weeks ago we submitted the final paperwork for the approval, to access that funding to HUD. Once approved we will move forward.
- Commissioner Evelyn Hill – Wanted to say thank you to the staff and the Park Board for all work they are doing.

## **VII – ADJOURNMENT**

- Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook made a motion; Karen Daniel seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

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Mario Escobar/Chairman



**After**

# **RIBBON CUTTING QUINDARO PARK**

**BASKETBALL COURT  
3345 SEWELL AVE  
KANSAS CITY, KS**

**June 7th  
3:00 PM**

Join the Unified Government Parks and Recreation Department as we celebrate the ribbon cutting of the new basketball courts at Quindaro Park.



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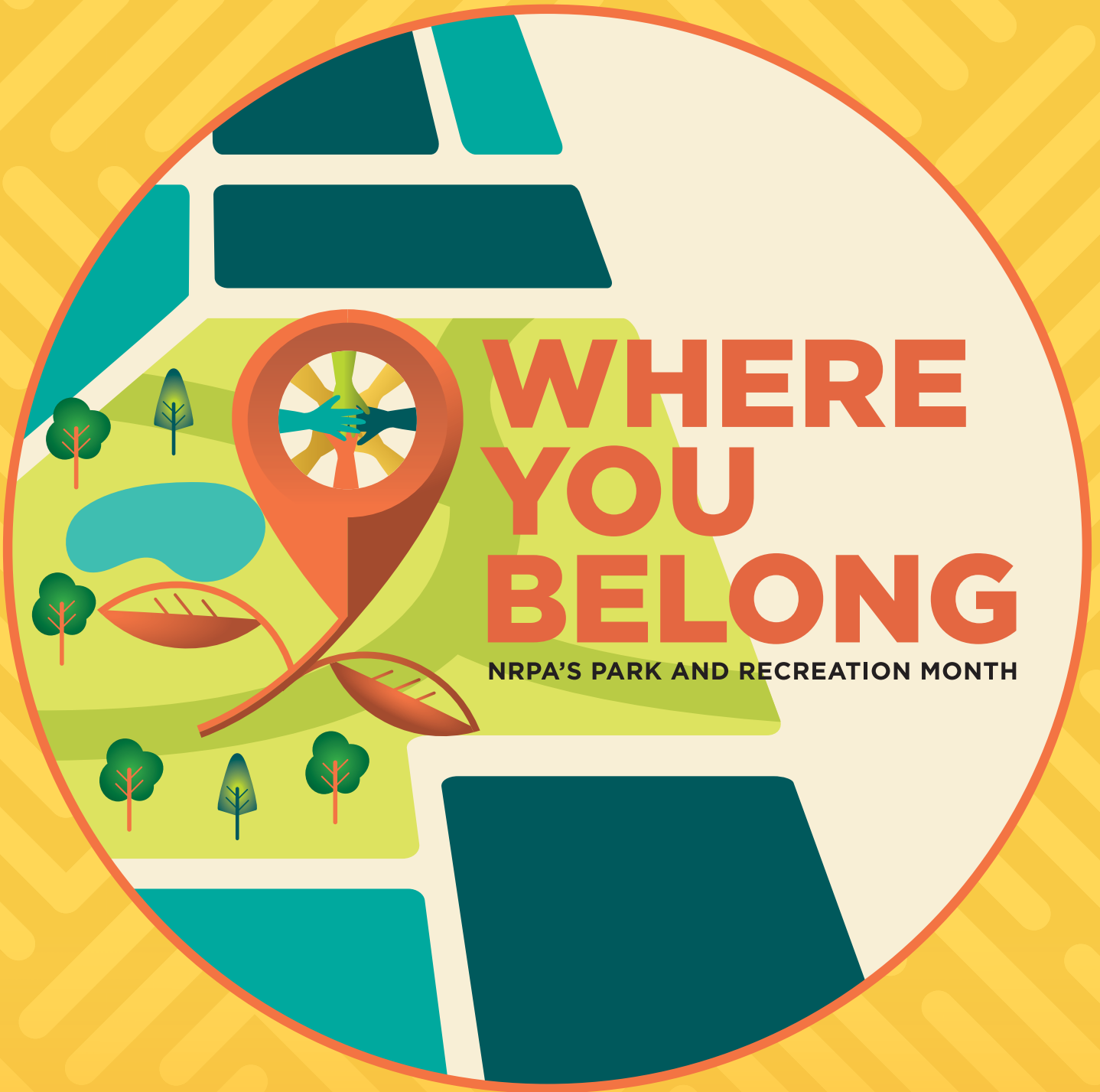
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