

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, APRIL 24, 2023**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Kane, Markley, Ramirez, Commissioner Townsend for Commissioner Johnson; and BPU Board Member Groneman. Commissioner Johnson was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources; George Sims, Chief Deputy; Patrick Waters, Chief Counsel; Jack Andrade, Deputy Fire Chief; Angel Ferrera, Director of Parks and Recreation; Shaya Lockett, Recreation Division Manager; Matthew Zayas, Fiscal Officer; Sgt. Lucas Graves, Police Department; and Monica L. Sparks, Deputy UG Clerk.

Chairman Bynum said before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that some committee members, staff, and the public are attending remotely via Zoom as well as on-site. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise. When speaking, please speak directly into the microphone to ensure everyone listening is able to hear your comments and to ensure a clear record is made. During the meeting, please make sure that you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is observing knows who is speaking. Be sure to speak directly into the microphone so all comments can be heard and the record of the meeting can be accurate. This is critical given the number of remote participants and is also current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

The public is allowed to participate by Zoom or submit comments by email prior to the meeting. Those comments will be included in the record of this meeting. The public can also indicate their intent to provide remote public comments by contacting the Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before our meeting. The public also will have an opportunity to provide brief comments either by telephone or via Zoom from the 5th Floor Conference Room here in the Municipal Office building.

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

Chairman Bynum said there are no revisions on our agenda tonight and also no minutes for approval. The first four items are all resolutions and they are authorizing a memorandum of understanding between our local school districts, the Unified Government, and the Kansas City Kansas Police Department to administer a 911 call-taker training program. We have our director of HR, Renee Ramirez, and Deputy Chief Sims with the Kansas Police Department to present the item please.

COMMITTEE AGENDA

Item No. 1 – 212379...RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAANDING BETWEEN USD 202, THE UG, AND KCKPD TO ADMINISTER A 911 CALL TAKER TRAINING PROGRAM

Synopsis: Approval of the Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between USD 202, the Unified Government and KCKPD to administer a 911 Call Taker Training Program, submitted by Karl Oakman, Chief of Police KCKPD; and Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources.

Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources, said we're pleased to be in front of you here again this evening to present an update on the information that we presented to you all in late December to the Standing Committee and the Full Commission. We are proud to say that we have reached out to other school districts like you had suggested to us. We're in the process of completing now, agreements with USD 500, Turner, Piper, and Bonner to include those seniors. Again, the goal of this partnership was to create pathways for young individuals to be able to gain a skill set within our workforce to be eligible for full-time employment when they graduate. With that said, I will turn it over to Deputy Chief.

George Sims, Deputy Chief, said thank you again for having us and hearing us on this topic again. I apologize, the Chief was unable to make it this evening due to another engagement. I'm Deputy Chief George Sims, I'm sitting in for Chief Oakland and the Police Department.

As we proposed last year, we're pursuing a work-study learning partnership with our local high schools. Initially, we were reaching out to USD 500. We have since then expanded to the other school districts. The program is a multiple day per week, half day work-study with a total of approximately 320 hours of training as a basic telecommunicator.

Work-Study Partnership with WyCo High Schools

- **Recap**

In fall 2022, we sought and received approval to partner with some area high schools to create a pilot work-study program at Police Communications. The groundwork for the program was completed and we reached out to additional WyCo High Schools to build a program to start in January 2024.

- We hope to partner with multiple schools in 2024:

- Piper HS
- Turner HS
- Bonner Spring HS
- USD 500 high schools

Students who enter into and are able to complete this program will get multiple certifications as they go through it, including the basic telecommunicator NCIC, which is the National Crime Information Center, our computer system, emergency medical dispatch certification, CPR certification, and they'll also learn to use the CAD system, various criminal justice information, computers, and things of that nature.

Program Overview

- It is a semester long, 320 hour program.
- Certifications include
 - 40 hour Basic Telecommunicator
 - NCIC Certification
 - EMD Certification
 - CPR Certification
- Students will learn to use the CAD system, become acquainted with the radio system, and criminal just information systems, while working in a complex, high-stress environment.

Phase/Week	Topics	Learning Outcomes/Objectives and Possible Skills	Assignments & Learning Activities
Introductory Phase Orientation - 2 Days	• Training Book • Social Media • Handbook Assignment • Call Computer Login • WETA 911 • Radio/Dispatching • U.S. Badge Access • Gun Training • AOCOE Overview and Login • IIRIS System request	Department tour and Human Resources orientation facilitated by personnel and a general communications overview. The trainee will have all technology (link) .	• All technology (link) will be tested on the computer. • Trainee must successfully pass AOCOE quiz with score 80 or higher.
Introductory Phase Basic Telecommunicator Course - Week 1 (40 hours)	• Health & Wellness • Legal Concepts • Emergency Communications Technology • Interpersonal Communications • Call Processing • Emergency Management • Quality Assurance	This forty-hour, self-paced course will provide the essential and foundational training that 9-1-1 professionals need to deliver effective and efficient 9-1-1 services to the public.	• Successfully pass the basic telecommunicator course exam with an 80 or better score.
Introductory Phase Certifications/Training - Week 2 (40 hours)	• CPR Certification • NCIC Certification • EMD Certification • Permanent General Orders will be reviewed • SOP will be reviewed	This week the trainee will successfully be CPR certified. They will master the basics of the most pertinent General Orders that directly apply to the Communications Center.	• All certifications require a test in order to pass. • General Order quizzes • SOP quiz
Introductory Phase Call Taking - Week 3 (40 hours)	• Geography • Call-taking principles • Call-processing procedure • Call codes & coding criteria • New CFS screen • Call priorities	This week you will learn basic call-taking principles, the processing of non-emergency and emergency phone calls, geography and all resources available at your disposal to help.	• Call code processing/questioning quiz • Call for Service module quiz

As noted on the slide, it is a high-stress environment. This is not going to be a cakewalk for students who are ready to walk in the door and take this challenge on. It is going to be preparation for real world work because it is real world work from the moment they walk in the door essentially.

Additional Program Information

- We currently are able to hire four 911 Cadets. We are limited on space and trainers, but we are exploring whether we are able to accommodate additional trainees, which would also require additional PINs.
- Students are paid for their training time.
- It is a half-day schedule.
- Students go through an application process and preemployment screening like all other Police Communications Unit employees.
- Future employment with KCKPD is not guaranteed, but if the student is a good fit and successfully completes the program, we hope to offer them employment as full-time 911 Operators or Dispatchers after they graduate.

We have a plan currently, we're able to, due to our limitations of space and available trainers, we're holding this at four student 911 cadets or work study participants. We're looking at some possibilities of whether we'll be able to accommodate additional trainees by working through some scheduling issues and maybe having some in the morning, some in the afternoon. All that's tentative, so fingers crossed, I'd like to be able to take on more students if we're able and if we

have more students who want to volunteer for this program. We're pretty excited about it. I've talked to several dispatchers who are trainers who are also excited about it. Our partners, obviously, that we spoke to with the school districts are as well. We're pretty eager to move this forward. If we can expand the program, then all the better.

Students are paid. As I mentioned it's a half-day. Pre-employment screening, the screening that the students will go through will be identical to the screening that we go through with any dispatcher 911 call-taker hire. So, they'll have to go through an application, a background process, and so forth.

Future employment. A work-study participant, we hope that this ends up being a positive experience for them and when they can successfully complete the program and then pursue full-time employment with the Police Department. We're looking for young candidates who are ready to invest in a career in Law Enforcement or Law Enforcement-related activity. However, completion of the program does not guarantee that they're going to be able to get a job with us. We have to have the vacancy and they have to be a good fit. We do hope to, at the conclusion of this program, be able to bring in up to four new 911 call-takers or dispatchers.

If they come on as a 911 call-taker, they're trained at this point, they're ready to start as a full-time employee right out of the gate once they get their high school diploma. If they decide to become a dispatcher, then they will move on to the next phase of training, which will be the police radio system, interacting with the units in the field, and the whole other layer of CAD activity that goes along with moving to the radio side of dispatch. With that, I would stand for any questions.

Commissioner Kane said first of all, I think this is great. Did we talk to Bishop Ward at all? **Deputy Chief Sims** said yes, we did. We did get a lead on a possible candidate for employment, but they're not going to be partnering with us on this program. They just don't have a program that matches work for work-study, for lack of a better way to put it. **Commissioner Kane** said okay, cool. I love it.

Commissioner Ramirez said I agree with Commissioner Kane, this is an amazing program. You know, it's becoming more common that not everyone goes to college. Not everyone has that other route or path to get there or they just might not want to. So this opens another door, another opportunity, for our high school seniors to experience something. Because I know that they're in

their senior year, they're wrapping up. Are there guardrails to ensure that they also still stay focused on their schoolwork at high school? As you said, since it's a high pressure, high stress environment as they're going through this training, how are there guardrails to ensure that they are still doing their schoolwork as well?

Deputy Chief Sims said that's outside of our program, that's going to fall on the school district to manage that, is the short end answer. We'll have a regular liaison back and forth with the school and if they start reporting problems and obviously, I mean, they are young people. We'll have to work through that, but we're not going to be monitoring their scholastic activity or performance outside of what they do at dispatch. **Commissioner Ramirez** said I like that there will be a liaison to have that communication between the department and the district. I think this is an amazing program. So, I thank you, Renee and Deputy Chief for all that you guys have done. I can't wait to see if we can get some more dispatchers and more operators

Commissioner Townsend said great program. Great suggestion, I think it's Commissioner Kane to expand it, to reach out to other school districts. A couple of questions, the training itself, is that being done on premises at the schools? Or will the students be transported somewhere else to train? **Deputy Chief Sims** said the students will be getting trained at the Police Communications unit. **Commissioner Townsend** said it's no cost to them, but they will be paid? **Deputy Chief Sims** said yes ma'am. **Commissioner Townsend** said another good point.

Commissioner Townsend said even though hiring at KCKPD is not guaranteed based on budgeting, I was really amazed at all the certifications that they will get. Do those transfer, in the event that they would come out and they can't be employed here? Could they take those certifications across the river, be our loss, but they would be employable. **Deputy Chief Sims** said most of them. All the Emergency Medical Dispatch, CPR obviously, NCIC, there's another one that escapes me at the moment, but those certifications they can take with them to any communication center and have a head start. **Commissioner Townsend** said great, thank you.

Commissioner Bynum said will it start in the fall semester? Is that the goal? **Deputy Chief Sims** said we're having some discussions with USD 500 about having students who are going to graduate in December participate, but our focus is going to be to do this starting in January so that they would finish the program about the same time that they're graduating from high school.

Commissioner Bynum said perfect. I would just ask you to tuck in your memory bank that once you get a group through the semester-long training, that maybe we might like to meet one or two of them here with an update on how did it go after they come through the program. **Deputy Chief Sims** said thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Bynum said so what we're going to do is, we actually have four different approvals. And before we do that, I'll just ask—

Renee Ramirez, Director of HR, said I would just like to make one more comment on this. I think it's important to recognize that at the conclusion of this program, because this program is part of the high schoolers curriculum in order to graduate. At graduation, these students will be recognized by wearing a lanyard that shows that they were a participant of our class here and are able to take that skill set away with them, whether they're employed with us or not. So, I think that's a huge achievement not only for that student, but also recognizing the parents and the efforts that they've made for those achievements as well.

Commissioner Bynum said I appreciate that. Thank you. Madam Clerk, did we have comments from the public? **Monica L. Sparks, Deputy UG Clerk**, said no comments were received. **Commissioner Bynum** said anyone online with their hand up to speak? **Ms. Sparks** said no hands raised. **Commissioner Bynum** said anyone in person requesting to speak on the item?

Ms. Sparks said we do have a hand that has come up. **Rose Ellis, with Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association**, said hi I just had a quick question about the cost. Do you have an idea—can you hear me? Can you hear me? That's alright.

Commissioner Bynum said we are unable to hear Rose Ellis with Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association. I apologize. Her hand has gone down, so perhaps that was an error. Commissioner Kane, the first motion will be for USD 202.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve. Roll Call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Kane, Markley, Townsend, Ramirez, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 212380...RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USD 203, THE UG, AND KCKPD TO ADMINISTER A 911 CALL TAKER TRAINING PROGRAM.

Synopsis: Approval of the Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between USD 203, the Unified Government and KCKPD to administer a 911 Call Taker Training Program, submitted by Karl Oakman, Chief of Police KCKPD; and Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve. Roll Call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Kane, Markley, Townsend, Ramirez, Bynum.

Item No. 3 – 212381...RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USD 204, THE UG, AND KCKPD TO ADMINISTER A 911 CALL TAKER TRAINING PROGRAM

Synopsis: Approval of the Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between USD 204, the Unified Government and KCKPD to administer a 911 Call Taker Training Program, submitted by Karl Oakman, Chief of Police KCKPD; and Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve. Roll Call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Kane, Markley, Townsend, Ramirez, Bynum.

Item No. 4 – 212382...RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USD 500, THE UG, AND KCKPD TO ADMINISTER A 911 CALL TAKER TRAINING PROGRAM

Synopsis: Approval of the Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between USD 500, the Unified Government and KCKPD to administer a 911 Call Taker Training Program, submitted by Karl Oakman, Chief of Police KCKPD; and Rene Ramirez, Director of Human Resources.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.** Roll Call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Kane, Markley, Townsend, Ramirez, Bynum.

Commissioner Markley said I just want to make a comment in case the IT team needs to take a look at something. Someone who is watching online indicated they could hear Rose talking online And we couldn't hear her here. I don't know who's going to take a look at that situation, but I just wanted someone to know. **Commissioner Bynum** said I apologize to her for us moving on without her because we couldn't hear her. Are you staying put? The next item is the body worn cameras update. Thank you very much, I will turn it to you.

Item No. 5 – 212395...UPDATE: BODY WORN CAMERAS/OTHER CAMERA INITIATIVES

Synopsis: Update regarding usage of body-worn and other cameras for the KCKPD, including impact on officer safety, submitted by Karl Oakman, Chief of Police, KCKPD.

In-Car and Body-Worn Camera Update

Kansas City, Kansas Police Department

Deputy Chief Sims said a quick overview of the hardware that we've deployed for the body camera system. We'll be dealing with the current body camera system first and then moving on to some of the broader issues with the LPRs, the traffic cameras, and things of that nature.

Cameras

Implemented in January 2021, includes PD and Animal Services
WatchGuard – bought out by Motorola

V300 Body-Worn Camera

- 243 Body-Worn Cameras In Production
- Mounting Options
 - Molle Mount (3rd Party & Most Popular)
 - Magnet Mount
 - Belt Mount
- Recording at 1080p 30 Frames Per Second

4RE In-Car Camera

- 105 Vehicles Outfitted With Dash Cameras
- 3 Cameras in Each Vehicle:
 - Dash Cameras
 - Panoramic Camera
 - Rear Seat Camera
- Recording at 1080p 30 Frames Per Second

The body-worn cameras that we've deployed currently are the V 300 body cameras. We have about 243 of them in service in some way, shape, or form. They're the ones that you see mounted on our officers. Most of them wear them right about here. It's the best place that we found to capture the best information available. We also have the 4RE camera systems in our cars currently. Three cameras per vehicle that catch the front Pano and it has a look-back camera in it as well. All the cameras capture video and audio at a pretty high resolution. We will be transitioning in the foreseeable future out of the 4RE's because that system is reaching the end of its life. They're going to be migrating us into a new system through Motorola.

ICC/BWC Team

2 Information Systems Analysts

- Manage project purchasing, officer training, device/software implementation, and researching for continuous project improvement
- Manage support of hardware and software systems
- Perform all testing and evaluation of products and act as liaison to Motorola

2 Program Coordinators

- Manage video evidence by correctly tagging and filing videos by case
- Handle all dissemination of video (KORA, DA, federal agencies, media)
- Perform redactions on videos that are made available to the public

I'm happy to announce that we are currently fully staffed on this team for the first time in quite a while. We have two IS Analysts and two Program Coordinators. The information systems analysts do a lot of the hardware support. They also help out with the video running the analytics, running the case guard software over them, and preparing cases. Primarily, we have two people that will focus on working on the video, and two that focus on dealing with hardware issues. We get a number of requests. I believe there are going to be some numbers that come up through KORA, the DA's office, our federal partners, and so on, and a lot of internal requests as well.

Upload Infrastructure

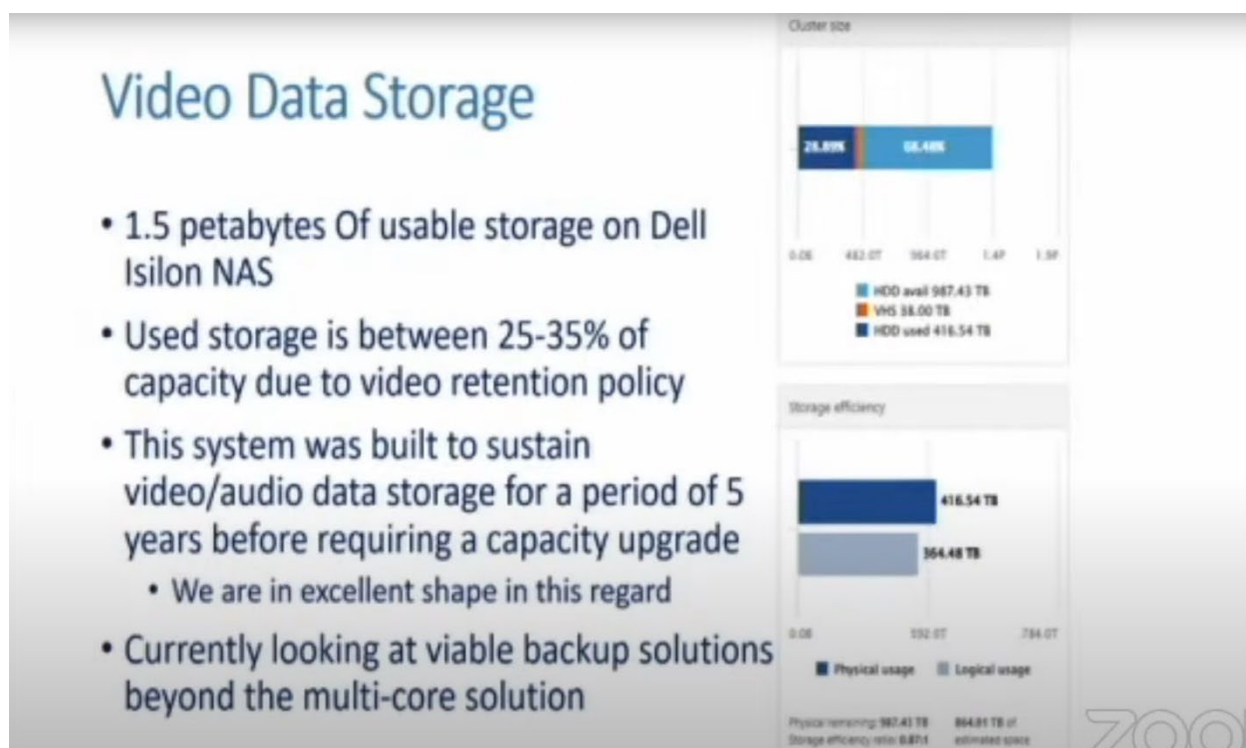
- 9 external Wi-Fi Access Points installed at patrol stations for in-car camera video data upload
- 4 additional interior Wi-Fi Access Points configured to allow in-car camera video data upload
- 22 8-slot body worn camera upload/charging stations deployed at patrol stations
- Multi-Path Secure Fiber Optics Network
- 4 high-powered video/audio redaction stations

At each station and at various points around we have external Wi-Fi access points. Whenever anybody pulls in and parks a vehicle, it'll automatically begin to upload all the information out of the in-car camera passively. They don't have to they don't have to dock it. They don't have to do anything. It just senses that the car is there and it begins. It's also common. What an officer will do is take their body camera docket inside the in-car camera and it'll begin to upload both of those, again, without them having to go to a docking station. That would be something that they do if they were at the station working on reports or dropping property, something of that nature, which decreases the load in between shifts because that's when there's always a flurry of activity and it's harder to upload from eight vehicles at once given bandwidth limitations are what they are, then when we can get it trickled in throughout the shifts.

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The docking stations and obviously they have much more high-powered video audio redaction stations that they're using within the body camera and in-car camera shop. They're dealing with quite a bit of video data.



One and a half petabytes of usable storage on our Isilon server. It's a network area storage system that I believe we're up to about 25% to 35% of capacity. This is a server that backs up its partition, so it backs up to itself. So, we have two unique silos of data that are our body camera and in-car camera data is stored on. We don't use that server for very many other things. We're about to start migrating some of our LPR data onto the Isilon server as well.

We expect to be able to run this for five years and we're in good shape, we're not expecting any problems. We are looking at additional backup solutions, though. We're still in the research phase of whether we're going to be looking for hardware or whether we're going to be trying to seek some kind of cloud-based solution. We're storing over 300,000 files on it right now.

Training

- All users were given 2 hours of training on the following topics:
 - Use of In-Car Camera And Body Worn Camera system hardware & software
 - How to use video as a training aid for self evaluation
 - How to use video to assist in report writing & investigations
 - Department policies on in-car & body-worn camera equipment use
- Each year officers receive one hour of AOT training on updates to the in-car & body-worn camera systems and proper camera system use

Then, users all of our officers who run a camera or administer a camera as a supervisor or some other level of leadership, they're all trained on what they need to know about how to make the cameras work, how to get video, how to stop video, how to pause, how to mute all the standard operating issues that go with the camera itself, and how to tell make sure the cameras working. Obviously, that's important. We do refresher training with them, both with regard to any changes or upgrades in the hardware and software, as well as the rules of the road as to when they have to have their cameras on and so forth.

Policy

- ICC/BWC policies are continuously reviewed & updated by the Department
- Examples of what the ICC/BWC policy covers:
 - Who is required to wear a body-worn camera
 - Operation – Officers are required to record contacts with citizens while in performance of official duties
 - Audit – Officers will have a minimum of one video audited per month
 - Public Access – Rules mandated by KORA. The Chief of Police may approve the release of video

This is a policy that we revisit frequently, as you can imagine. It requires attention. It's something that we try to stay on top of. All of our line officers and other officers who are not necessarily always in a line job are required to wear a body camera when they're conducting those kinds of patrol operations Community Policing obviously wears them, SWAT, things like that. We also have a bank of cameras that will be used by investigators when they go out and make field contacts and they want to use a body camera for their interaction, whether for investigative or oftentimes just because they're interacting with the public and they want to maintain that record.

On the randoms, we're in this video data a lot as you can imagine. We also do random checks, a minimum of one check per month, per officer. That's done at the division level by a Captain, usually by a Captain, but by some Senior Sergeant or a ranking commander. We'll get in a video, at random, and just view the interaction. Obviously, if it's something like a drive across town where the camera was activated inadvertently, we'll pass that on, but we do want to watch an officer interact on an ordinary call for service that isn't going to be logged into evidence because a large percentage of our calls are just going to be officers talking to people where there's no crime reported. It's just how are our guys and gals doing as far as interacting with the public. We follow KORA obviously, so that is our standard of release to the public. The Chief of Police also has the latitude and discretion to release videos.

Video Retention Policy

Categories	Retention Rule
Non-Evidentiary	24 hours (reviewed and manually deleted)
Citizen Contact	120 days
Misdemeanor	1 year
CIT	1 year
Traffic	1 year
Felony	5 years
DUI	5 years
Pursuit	5 years

- Ongoing cases & serious person felonies such as homicide and sex crimes are retained indefinitely
- KCKPD retention policy meets or exceeds state requirements

We record a lot of things and some of it's as simple as a pre-shift inspection of a vehicle or we'll just run a video test. All those are marked test and then our video auditors will go through, double-

check that it was tagged properly, like it's not evidence, so they'll open it up make sure that it is in fact a video that they can delete at the time, and then they'll delete those within a few days. Ordinary citizen contacts in which no case reports were completed, no police report, no real police action is taken and we've handled it at the scene. Those will be kept for 120 days and then you can see the table speaks for itself as far as the misdemeanor CIT calls, traffic, and so on. Sex Crimes, homicide, things of that nature, serious person felonies are maintained indefinitely.

Evidence Management/Video Dissemination

- All videos not currently subject to an investigation are subject to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) & may be requested by the public
 - All KORA requested videos are redacted using CaseGuard software by the ICC/BWC team
 - Redaction Examples: juveniles, medical treatment & medical records, undercover agents & informants, emergency or security information, criminal history & any personal information (Social Security Numbers, Addresses, DOB, Cell Phone Numbers, Etc...), in-car computer screens, uninvolved subjects, etc...
- Video requested by local & federal agencies by email or work order is compiled and shared via an encrypted cloud link by the ICC/BWC team
- Since the project's implementation in January of 2021
 - Over 350,000 videos recorded by officers
 - Nearly 1,100 video cases have been shared with the D.A.'s Office
 - Over 50 cases have been shared with federal agencies
 - Nearly 400 open records requests from the community

As I said, we comply with KORA. We process a number of requests that come in from the public or from other non-law enforcement, non-prosecutorial entities that will reach out through the website. We coordinate with legal and our IS analysts are very diligent about going through and making sure that they redact bystander information, PI, the personal identifying information, juveniles, obviously, and things of that nature. That's assuming it is a recording that we will release. Sometimes they're tied up in an investigation.

We do everything through an encrypted cloud share. We're out of the business of burning these things to DVDs, for the most part. Everything's handled through an online system. That's how we share with all of our partners, with very few exceptions. 350,000 videos recorded assistance 2021, I suspect that number is a little low because I think we're currently storing, in the ballpark, of 300,000 that are currently on the system. That gives you an idea of how much sharing we do.

Equipment Issues

- 203 body-worn cameras returned due to failures/breakages over 27 months for an average of 7.5 per month
 - 117 of these failures were within the first 12 months, in large part due to a bad batch of batteries.
 - 203 Returns
 - 173 - faulty equipment
 - 30 - broken equipment
- 3 transfer stations have been returned– Warranty/RMA
- 5 in-car camera DVR's have been returned– Warranty/RMA

Maintenance issues, just like anything else, when we got to the three hundreds, they were a fairly new system and there were some debugging issues. That number spikes a little higher than it seems. We had a problem with some batteries that accounts for a good chunk of the body cameras that we had to send back. Everything has been handled through the warranty process. We haven't had a cost associated with any of the repairs, at least any of them that would be normal use. There may be a few out there that we broke that we were responsible for. We're always growing the system.

Recent Changes & What's Next

- Changed the “after the fact” video to include audio.
- Outfitting Special Operations Bearcat with in-car camera system, docking stations for BWCs, & cellular video upload: in-progress
- Outfitting Police Department interview rooms with cameras on Motorola's System to Consolidate Video Platforms: Summer 2023
- Potential future additions: CAD Integration with video evidence management software, integrated license plate readers, patrol vehicles outfitted with cellular video upload
- Equipment Refresh: All body-worn cameras will be replaced– January 2024

After the fact, the WatchGuard body cameras are equipped with something called after the fact video, which means that when the camera is on, but you're not telling it to record, but it's powered

up. It is recording. It's recording video and it's recording sound. None of that is saved anywhere. It's just on a loop and it just keeps recording in that condition until it runs out of space and then it just starts to write over.

What the after the fact does is if we have an incident that happens, whether it's something unexpected and the officer never had the opportunity to turn his or her camera on, or if it's something that they were expecting, but they failed to engage it or forgot or whatever. For whatever reason that camera didn't get turned on. We can go in through the after the fact program and pull the video from the camera for the segment of time in question.

We're currently outfitting the new Bearcat with this body camera and in-car camera system. It already has a separate camera system in it, but this will tie it to our Motorola system, Watchguard. We are in the process right now of getting our investigations, interview rooms, and interrogation rooms equipped. So, they'll be moving from the current system with Exact Vision through Cam Decks. Now they will be moving into the system that we now have all of our in-car body camera evidence. That came out a little clunky, but we're trying to get all of our evidence videos put into one centralized in one data set.

Down the road, to an extent, we're going to be able to integrate the CAD with our evidence library, things of that nature, so that they can communicate back and forth automatically, assign numbers embed links, things of that nature, and connect it with our other LPR system.

We're on the verge of refreshing all of our body-worn cameras. January 24 is when we expect to start rolling those out. It's hard to believe it seems like we just got these and we're looking forward to getting the next ones. They're going to be the same generation, but they're going to be fresh hardware. By the time we reach the end of our contract current contract, we will all be equipped with fresh body cameras, fresh hardware, which leaves us in a good position as we decide what to do next. That's the body cameras and the in-car systems.

CAMERAS

Available camera resources for the KCKPD

Traffic Cameras

- Some Personnel within KCKPD has access to traffic cameras
- Not all cameras at intersections throughout the city are recorded so our coverage is limited by what is recorded
- Currently there are approximately 140 cameras which are recorded, once the fiber project along Leavenworth RD (27th to 67th) is completed those cameras will become available
- Also as new intersections are built or existing ones are upgraded they will also become available

Now we'll move on to the traffic cameras. I know you see these as you travel around town. They're not terribly discreet. We have access to a number of camera systems. Some of them are ours, some of them belong to BPU or Operation Greenlight. We have a few partners with us and I believe I have these listed on a further slide. Don't assume that because there's a stoplight that there's a camera. That's not the case, but we do have a fairly strong camera presence throughout the city. A lot of those cameras are fixed. They don't pan, tilt, or zoom. A number of those cameras include a license plate reader, but a number do not. We tried to deploy those based on things like crime data and call for service data. That's what drives us to what locations we're going to deploy those resources as they become available.

Police Department Owned Cameras

- The department maintains a network of Automated License plate reader cameras throughout the city to aid in criminal investigations
- The department has 27 intersections with LPRs installed along with 6 mobile LPRs on patrol vehicles
- Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras and other fixed video cameras are also installed at some intersections with LPRs to provide more visibility in areas of high traffic or where no traffic cameras are present
- There are also a small number of intersections with video cameras only

As I mentioned, we've got about 27 intersections currently outfitted with license plate readers, that's the LPR tag. We also have mobile license plate readers that are attached to some of our patrol vehicles so that they can go sweep particular areas or when they're just out on patrol. They can post up at a location and then the license plate reader will do its job and will alert them to whatever alerts they set it to. There's some discretion there. You can set alerts, it's a fairly flexible system.

PTZs are obviously a wonderful tool to have, especially when you know that you're going to be dealing with a certain kind of activity or an event in a particular area. They give us the ability to really gather a lot of visual information and relate it to our people in real-time. As I said before, not all the cameras have LPRs and not all the cameras have PTZs. We have a number that are just traffic cameras. We use those too in criminal investigations. Also, we'll have the ability soon to set—as we're able to tie those feeds in through a smart box through one of our real time crime center resources, we should be able to even set alerts within them to say, show me a white pickup truck when it comes here. Send me an alert. So, it's got some capabilities that we hope to be able to put in place fairly soon.

Camera Sharing

- The Department has a platform which will allow outside locations to share their cameras with the department for investigations and live response by on-duty officers
- Typical target locations would be gas stations, retail locations (large & Small), any industrial location, or other large venue that is privately owned and operated with an existing camera system installed
- The goal of this platform will be to increase officer response time and effectiveness by providing responding officers with real-time intelligence on what is happening at the location

Outside cameras that we have, I guess I don't have a list, but I can tell you that KU campuses, both of them are sharing with us Operation Greenlight. Kansas City, Missouri shares a number of their NITTEC resources with us, the LPRs and the traffic cameras. NASCAR is up on our system. So, we have partners that we share cameras with, gas stations and retail locations, and you get a feel for how we have set up our camera-sharing systems.

Final Note: Some Ways Cameras Help Solve Crimes

- Information from the camera systems have been instrumental in generating leads, sharing information for public assistance in solving crimes in KCK. Real time LPR data has also led officers to stolen vehicles and other activity. Here are some recent examples.
 - Four armed robberies of local businesses: 2101 Metropolitan; 756 County Line; 748 Washington; 3948 Rainbow. Officers located traffic camera video to the suspect. He was subsequently stopped and identified. He was arrested and we recovered the firearm from the robberies.
 - A grainy photo of a murder suspect vehicle was shared with our Intel unit. They were able to locate additional video of it through our camera system. LPR data confirmed that it was the vehicle used in the shooting. The vehicle never resurfaced so a flyer with the vehicle was shared with the public. The vehicle was recovered that day.
 - An East Patrol officer was monitoring LPRs in search of an Aggravated Battery suspect. She got an LPR alert and saw the suspect getting out of a vehicle. She was able to quickly detain him without incident.
 - A West Patrol officer was monitoring LPRs during the overnight hours and got a hit for a stolen auto. The officer located the vehicle on State Avenue and performed a traffic stop. Following the preliminary investigation the driver was booked for possession of stolen property.

I know you can read this for yourselves, but this last piece is where we're going next, which is where officers are going to be impacted more readily and more often, by real time intelligence, as people in our Intelligence Unit are at their consoles able to monitor camera activity at the same

time that officers in the field are responding to the call. There is a safety element to that, it increases the likelihood of us being able to intercept and apprehend the suspect safely under those conditions. We already have that capability. We just don't have it 24/7. It's not as robust as it will be once we have our other intelligence platforms up and running. We're already monitoring those cameras in real time with people most hours of the day from 8:00 am till 10:00 pm.

I included this as a final note, one of my first, early incidents when I was in charge of East Patrol and South Patrol divisions was a break in that happened at Sunfresh in the mall there. One of our young Intelligence Analysts sat through and combed through—it takes a lot of human effort to get this done right now, we don't have a lot of automatic screening of this video data. He went through hours of video and was able to identify a suspect vehicle, track it until it got an LPR hit, identify the license plate, and we figured it out just based on that. That gave us the lead, obviously can't tell you who did it, but that gave us the lead that caused us to discover who did that burglary and it also ended up being a suspect who had thrown a crowbar at one of our Captains outside of our patrol station.

We've used this tool now for a few years and its capabilities have increased during that time. All these that you see up here are recent. We had a gentleman who robbed four of our local businesses, I gave their addresses, in a string of armed robberies. He's armed with a handgun. We were able to use a traffic camera to get a good picture of him based on that, because he always wore a mask, obviously, when he conducted the robberies. But, we got a good traffic cam picture of him and based on that camera capture, we were able to identify him, arrest him, and recover the firearm, clear all the robberies. I don't know a better way that we could have come to a resolution in those cases.

Another fairly recent case, a grainy photo of a murder suspect vehicle was shared with our intel unit. This was not a public camera or police camera. This was a citizen because, we always bang on that point, that we're not going to solve these things by ourselves. We need help. However, that citizen shared an image of a suspect vehicle with us and then we were able to dive into our camera system, start retrieving additional video data, ultimately get an LPR hit on this murder suspect vehicle. It disappeared after that. They took it and they hid it behind the house in Kansas City, Missouri. It never moved. So, we never had any more LPR hits on it until we put out the flyer and they were able to get it the very same day.

LPRs, one of our officers, I told you that they could configure the alerts the way that they wanted. She had set it up to tell her when this LPR at this location got a license plate read that went with this person, notify me. Bang. The LPR gets a hit, she gets the information, comes around the corner, catches him stepping out of a car, and takes him into custody without incident, a great job. Another example of a good use of the system in real-time.

Finally, I included this one fairly recently in the West End. Last week in the West End, one of our officers was out late in the night. I believe this was off of a mobile read in the area of 78th and State. Set his alert to more broadly capture the information that comes in through the LPR system. It flagged and said "hey, you just had a stolen car hit", gave him the picture, the description, and he caught up to the car about at 81st and State and was able to car stop it. Again, everybody was in custody. There was sufficient probable cause to book him for possession of stolen property and so on.

As you know, sometimes people have a stolen car, but stolen cars are pretty heavy vectors in the crime world. They're always involved in committing additional crimes like burglary and so forth. So, they're doing a good job.

Those last two are not investigators or detectives or major case. These are just officers who run 911 calls. These are the people who respond when you pick up the phone. They're using these systems to locate serious felony suspects in real time, or in this case, capture a stolen auto. We're using it at all levels. As time goes by, we're going to be more capable of using them in real time. That's the direction that everything is going right now. That concludes my presentation. I stand for any questions.

Chairman Bynum said that's an excellent bit of information and it's amazing. The body-worn cameras is what's going to be replaced in '24? **Deputy Chief Sims** said yes, ma'am. **Chairman Bynum** said because we just deployed them in like 2020. **Deputy Chief Sims** said 2021. Yeah, I believe January is when we rolled them out to my station.

Commissioner Ramirez said thank you, Deputy Chief to you and your department and Chief O'Quinn for everything you do. Our community, they see in the news what our police department does and, of course, when they do a call for service, but I thank you for providing those examples of the everyday situations that our officers and our police department staff, how they're utilizing

the technology that you purchased for the department. Thank you for providing those examples so that the community can actually see that this technology is used every day. We may not hear about it in the news. We may not hear about it for a call for service, but there's a lot going on behind the scenes. So, thank you for that. Thank you for all of the men and women who are serving and protecting our community.

Chairman Bynum said do you have your body-worn camera on? Oh, no, I just was curious. If you will, why don't you step over and grab it? Okay, not that it's 100% necessary, but, well, it's very interesting to me. And the data collection is—again, that's kind of mind-boggling. I don't know if there are other questions or comments while we wait for the officer. I didn't mean to make him go do that. But, it might be interesting just to see it and I think I've seen it on officers.

Commissioner Townsend said thank you, Madam Chair. Well, while our officer is getting that, this is a good time to remind a lot of our community-based groups that our Police Department is ready and willing to come and make these presentations again to the groups as to how these body-worn cameras are used and explain the technology the Deputy Chief just went over. **Chairman Bynum** said you know, I appreciate that, because I was thinking in the last week I have seen at one community group an excellent presentation from the Gang Unit that was just fascinating. Then later that same week saw another presentation from your department on fentanyl, which was also excellent, scary, and eye-opening. So, I mean, there are a number of really important presentations that the department can come and bring to your groups. Go ahead and show us.

Sergeant Lucas Graves said this is the body-worn camera. I'll power it up here so I can show you the difference in how we can tell when it's on and when it's actually recording and when it's not. Just a second. **Deputy Chief Sims** said the best place to put it is absolutely right here. You're going to catch everything.

When we step out of our car, generally speaking, whenever you get out, as soon as you turn your lights on, it'll automatically turn your body-worn camera on as well turn your in car and your body-worn camera on at the same time. If it's a call where you just park on the side of the road, you don't turn your lights on for some reason, you just get out, push the center button right here. It's recording right now. It'll turn red right here on the front. Then also, it'll tell us right here.

Then to turn it off, it's as simple as hit that twice. Then, we have the options of how to tag the event. It'll prompt you to do so. You just scroll through and then you just push the side button right here. Now it's logged.

Chairman Bynum said what you just did is you're logging it in as sort of where you are or what's the event that you're at? **Sargeant Graves** said this one I went to non-evidentiary. We won't need to save it. **Chairman Bynum** said so is there a selection for like a route? Rowdy commission meeting? **Sargeant Graves** said there isn't, but there needs to be.

Chairman Bynum said other questions for Chief or the officer? Thank you so much. Thanks for you're willing to get that. Madam Clerk, any comments received by email? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received. **Chairman Bynum** said any hands up online? **Ms. Sparks** said no hands raised. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. And anyone in person. Alright, that was for information only but it really is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Action: **For information only.**

Item No. 6 – 212391...RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR A NEW FIRE STATION 20.

Synopsis: Resolution authorizing the purchase of property at 521 S. 72nd St. for a new Fire Station 20, submitted by Daniel Kihn, Senior Counsel, Legal Department.

Chairman Bynum said next item is, now that we've had the Police Department, we've got the Fire Department. We have a resolution that is going to talk about purchasing property for a fire station, which is very exciting. I guess I'll turn it to Chief Counsel. Patrick Waters, please.

Patrick Waters, Chief Counsel, said I'm actually going to turn it over to Chief Andrade who has a presentation.

Jack Andrade, Deputy Fire Chief, said I'm here to talk about the station builds over the next few years, before we get to station number 20.



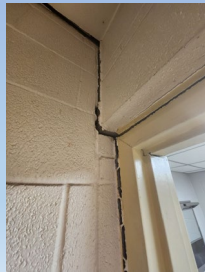
KCKFD Station Builds

Stations		Address	Land Acquisition	Budget year	Anticipation date
12	2020	2913 Hutton Road			Completed
16/17	2023	55/Douglas		2021	Jan 2024
20	1967	7741 Kansas Ave - 66111	2023	2024	2025
4	1957	3044 North 81st - 66109	2025	2026	2027
New Piper Station			2026	2027	2029
8	1979	3131 North 123rd - 66109	2030	2031	2032
14	1956	2615 North 27th - 66104	2032	2033	2034
11	1924	3100 State Ave - 66102	2032	2033	2034
5	1955	910 Quindaro Blvd - 66101	2034	2035	2036
7	1951	2717 Strong Ave - 66106	2036	2037	2038
3	1951	420 Kansas Ave - 66105	2038	2039	2040

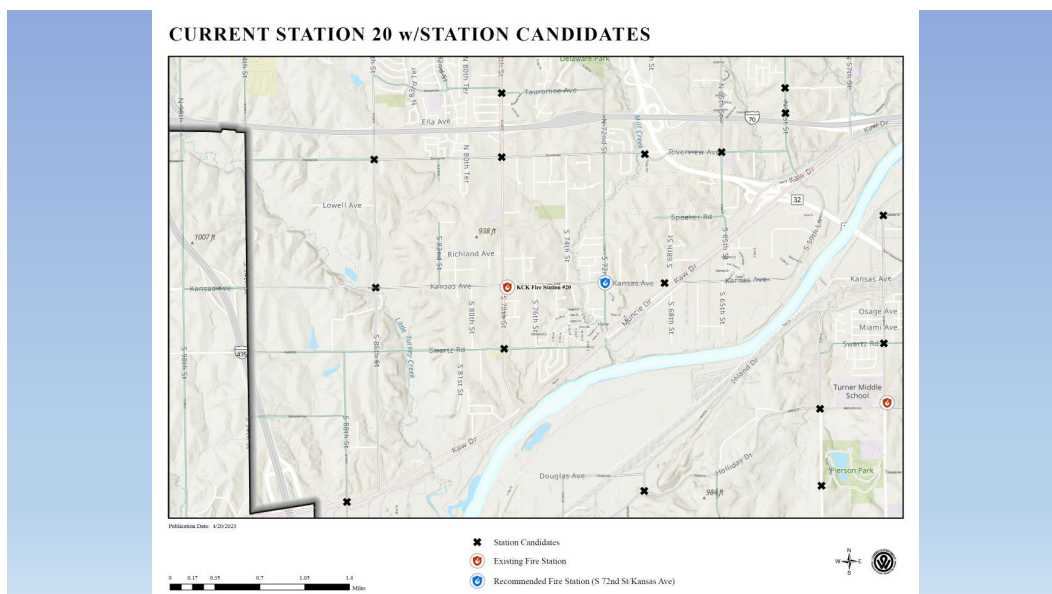
Station build priorities are due to age and structural stability. Today, our fire stations that you see on this list are 68 years old and are normally not compliant with NFPA standards or the ADA. Our ISO rating for one of the stations would help us out tremendously and that's the new Piper station, building a third station out west. Stations 16 and 17 currently are underway. We have an anticipation date of being complete in January of 2024. That one is at 55th and Douglas.

Station 20

- Built in 1966
- Township Fire Station
- Volunteer
- Not ADA/NFPA Compliant
- Ameresco Study

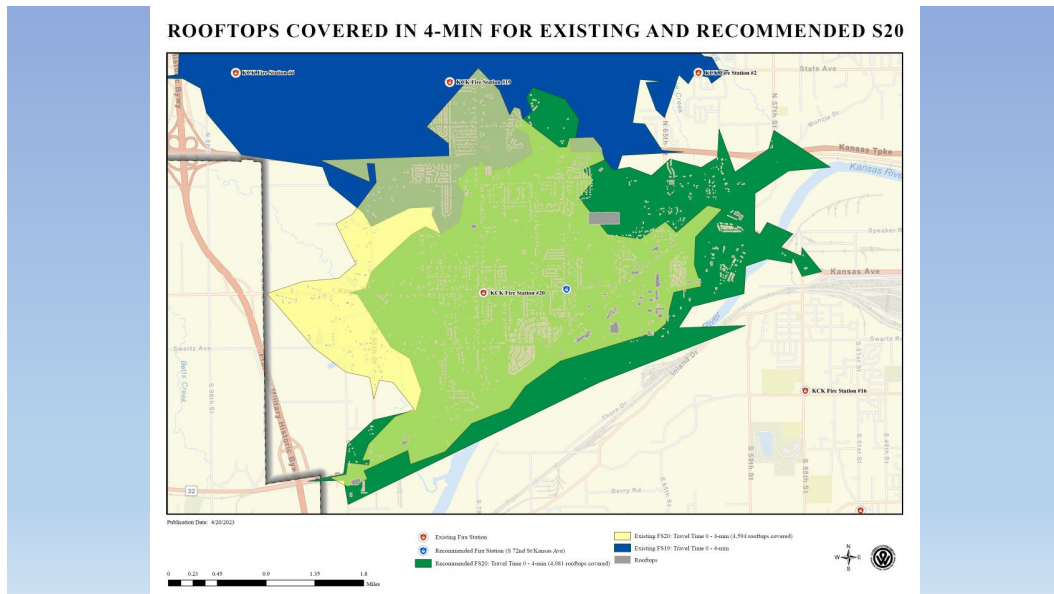


Station number 20 is the one we're going to discuss today about land acquisition. Station 4 is the next priority. Both of those are township fire stations. They weren't meant to house 24-hour firefighters every day of the year. They were meant for volunteers. They are not ADA and they're not NFPA compliant. Our Ameresco study said this is one of the ones that we needed to get this station taken care of right away. You can see there's cracks in the foundation and then the wood rot on one of the rafters that are outside. Now this is the bathroom door that normally individuals get trapped inside because when they shut it does not close all the way. So, this is the next station that needs to be rebuilt.

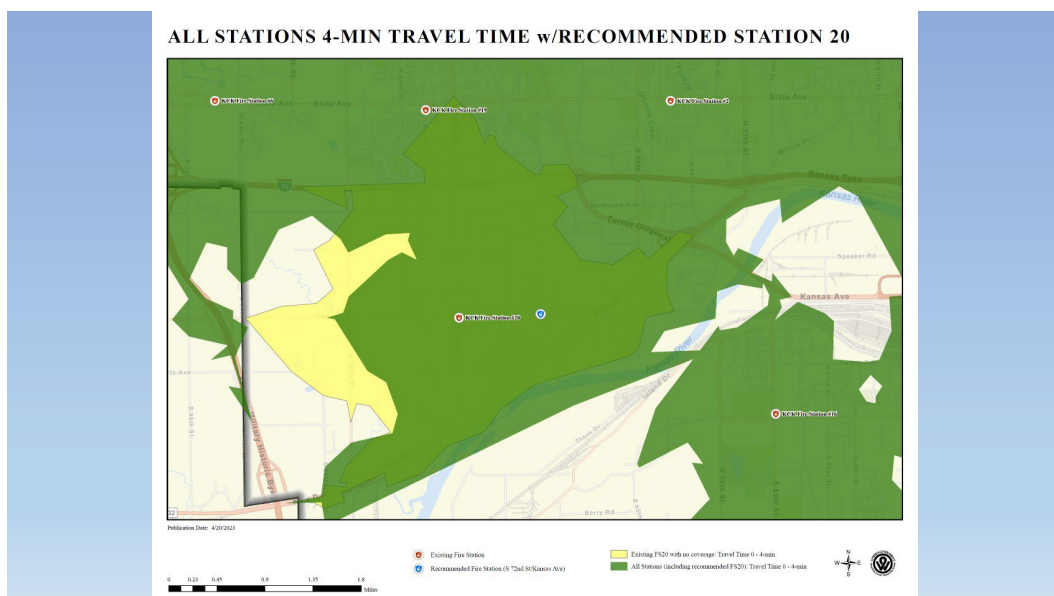


This map here is of where station number 20 is currently today at 78th and Kansas. You can see the x's on the map and those are candidate locations. The GIS department has provided us with

those candidate locations based off the NFPA standard 1710 on a four-minute travel time. It recommended all those locations to try to figure out what would be our best coverage for that area.



The one that it's recommending is a half a mile down the road to 72nd and Kansas. This map here shows you the rooftops for that four-minute travel time for existing and for the proposed location. The lighter green along with the yellow are the current location, four-minute travel time. The darker green with the lighter green attached to it is the is a four-minute travel time when we move that fire station.



It picked this location because the other candidate locations had a lot of hills and a lot of valleys. Then there's also property in that quadrant that we didn't want to take someone's home or business away from them. So, this is the best location that the map is showing. This will give us more coverage area to the east and it'll help out with the industrial area along with BNSF, which is the second largest railroad station in the United States. This map here shows you the four-minute travel time for all the adjacent stations. Station Number 6, 19s, Station 2, and then the new Station 16 and 17 down in the lower right lower quadrant. I'll leave it open for questions.



Chairman Bynum said questions from the commissioners? Okay. Madam Clerk, any comments online? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments were received, no hands are raised. **Chairman Bynum** said anyone present in the fifth-floor conference room want to speak on the item? It is an action item. So, because we will purchase property, Chief Counsel, anything from you? **Mr. Waters** said no, just making sure the commission understands that this will be the action item and that we will go out and purchase this property after the passage of the resolution. So, this will be the final action with respect to the property sale. Fast tracked to this Thursday is the request due to the timing. **Commissioner Bynum** said thank you. Alright. We have a motion in a second. Thank you very much. Roll call, please.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.** Roll Call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Kane, Markley, Townsend, Ramirez, Bynum.

Chairman Bynum said then our last item tonight on our committee is some Angel Ferrera with her staff for a Parks and Rec quarterly update. Thank you, and welcome.

Item No. 7 – 212394...REPORT: PARKS AND RECREATION QUATERLY UPDATE

Synopsis: The Parks and Recreation team will provide a quarterly update on new initiatives, programs and challenges.



Angel Ferrera, Director of Parks and Recreation, said I'll try to bring a little bit more enthusiasm to the night. We're here tonight to just present our quarterly update. We have a ton of stuff we could report on. There's a lot of awesome things happening right now in Parks and Recreation. We try to do our best to pick the highlights of the first quarter and also to come before you with that information as well.

Then tonight with me, I also have Ms. Shaya Lockett, she's our Recreation Division Manager and then also Matthew Zayas as our Fiscal Officer. So let's go ahead and get started. I'm actually going to let Shaya kick us off tonight.

Recreation Division



Shaya Lockett, Recreation Division Manager, we are here to provide an update for some of the amazing activities and projects we have going on at Parks and Recreation. We put together this collage just to highlight some of the events that our staff have been working very diligently on and offering to our community. I do want to note a couple of them.

At the top in the middle, you have pictures from our very first all-girls basketball league that we held this year. It was hosted at Beatrice Lee Community Center. We're really proud of our staff because most of our leagues have been co-ed because we just don't have enough to separate, but there was an interest. Community members came to us and requested that we specifically work with all girls. We were able to host a fourth and fifth-grade girl's basketball league at Beatrice Lee.

We also have on here pictures from our Someone Special Dance, which was hosted at Joe Amayo Community Center. I do want to congratulate our staff because this event was sold out. We had people calling and requesting to come to the event, but the event was sold out. Those who attended did have a great time.

We also have had other projects such as our very first Jugglers Clinic, if you follow us on Facebook, those are some of the new and interesting events that we're trying to bring to the department. We are trying to really engage the community at a new level and garnish interest in areas that we haven't always been able to highlight.

Feasibility Study

- Ballard & King/Clark & Enersen were contracted to analyze existing recreation centers and make recommendations for facility planning and operations.
- Consultants conducted on-site workshops with staff and park board.
- We anticipate the final report with analysis and recommendations in April 2023.



With that, we have been working with Ballard & King/Clark & Enersen to look at our current community centers. They are going to be offering recommendations for facility planning and operations in the future. We are looking forward as a department to what the next few years will look like for us and how we can offer quality programming to our community. We get a lot of requests to do various types of programming, but it's important that we look at the facilities that we have and our ability to offer that programming. That is what this study is currently doing. The consultants did come to both Park Board and they met with all of our recreation staff to gather feedback and input from them and to hear from the people who work in the centers. We have a draft report and we anticipate the final report will be to us by the end of this week or early next week.



Aquatics

- Midwest Pool Management signed management agreement for the 2023 season.
- An RFP is currently posted for security at Parkwood Pool.
- An Aquatics Feasibility Study Phase I anticipated to begin in April.
- Joe Delaney Learn to Swim Program presented by GEHA returning to Parkwood.
- Aquatics Programming awards
 - KRPA Aquatics Innovative Program
 - Non Profit Connect Stronger Together Award

The same token, just like our community centers, we also have one pool that's in our inventory that we oversee and manage, and that's Parkwood pool. We have a signed agreement with Midwest Pool Management for the 2023 season. If you all recall, they were with us last year for the first time. They did an excellent job with the hiring of lifeguards and overseeing the training of those lifeguards to allow us to have a pool season last year. They are back on board for 2023 and have already started the recruiting process of over 30 applicants for lifeguards as well as have submitted offers for both the manager and assistant manager and a lot of them are returning staff.

We had a security contract solidify. Unfortunately, that security company had to withdraw that contract due to unforeseen reasons, so we immediately put that out for RFP. That RFP closes this week and we will be reviewing those proposals that we've received for security for Parkwood Pool. We're also internally trying to work on other alternative measures as well to make sure that we're able to open the pool this May.

Similar to our community centers, we are also doing an Aquatics Feasibility Study. As we know, Parkwood has been around for a long time. That means the maintenance of the pool, the conditions of the pool, so we are working with Waters Edge to conduct a feasibility study. Phase one is underway now. We're beginning phase one. That means they'll look at what it takes to maintain that pool and what the recommendations are for us to move forward as far as aquatics in our community. Then we just want to highlight a few things regarding aquatics. Last year we had the Learn to Swim program. They came and offered free swimming lessons to youth in the community for two weeks at Parkwood. That program is now titled The Joe Delaney Learn to

Swim program presented by GEHA and they will be returning to Parkwood this summer, through partnership with the Unified Government and Kansas City, Kansas public school district. So as a part of summer school, both Quindaro and Caruthers elementary schools will be coming to Parkwood and they will have swimming lessons. We're also working to solidify the dates for the community swim lessons for those who aren't enrolled in this summer school, so they have an opportunity to receive those swimming lessons, as well.

I think it's important for the Commission to know the recognition that this program has received. We've received awards for the innovative approach that we've taken with our partnerships to be able to offer access to aquatics, which is often difficult in urban areas. We, the Unified Government, received the Aquatics Innovation Award from the Kansas Parks and Recreation Association for the innovative Learn to Swim program that was offered. That same program also received the Stronger Together award from Nonprofit Connect. I do want to highlight that bottom picture is our maintenance staff that received that award at KRPA. They work diligently seven days a week through our aquatics season to make sure that our pool is up and running and that our spray parks are running. They're the team that's behind the scenes. We were glad that they were able to be present to receive that award on our behalf.

Parks Division



Ms. Ferrera said we're going to switch over to the Parks Division and just give a few updates. Again, just some fun pictures. If you don't follow us on Facebook, here's my plug to follow us on Facebook. You've probably seen these photos there. There's just a lot of amazing things going on

in our parks. So we like to capture those and just think our quarterly updates are a good time to kind of highlight some of those. What was big for us in this first quarter was opening day at Wyandotte County Lake, so you'll see a lot of pictures there and some other projects we have taking place as well.

Marina

- Currently operating with department staff.
- Hours of operation:
 - Thursday -Monday 8AM -5PM (closed for lunch
 - Closed Tuesday and Wednesday
- Notice of need to explore contractor options will be coming out soon.



We'll start with the marina. Upon Denny's retirement last year, as many of you know, Parks and Recreation is running the Marina this year, we are responsible for that operation. The hours of operation from the Marina are currently Thursday through Monday 8am to 5pm. We are closed for lunch and then we are closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Again, we are running that with department staff. We have been actively working to get some seasonal help for that operation. We're just still kind of working through that process.

As many of you know, last year, we did put this operation out through an RFP process. We were just unsuccessful through that process. We have been working with County Administration and the guidance we were given to put it back out as a Notice of Need in hopes to expand the opportunities through that Notice of Need. It will not only just include the Marina operations, but it'll include any proposals that anyone would want to submit on behalf of like Kaw Point Park, the potential Rock Island Bridge project, and just some other opportunities as it relates to water, access, and recreational activities. So, that will be coming out soon as well.

Boston Daniels Park Schematic Plan Design

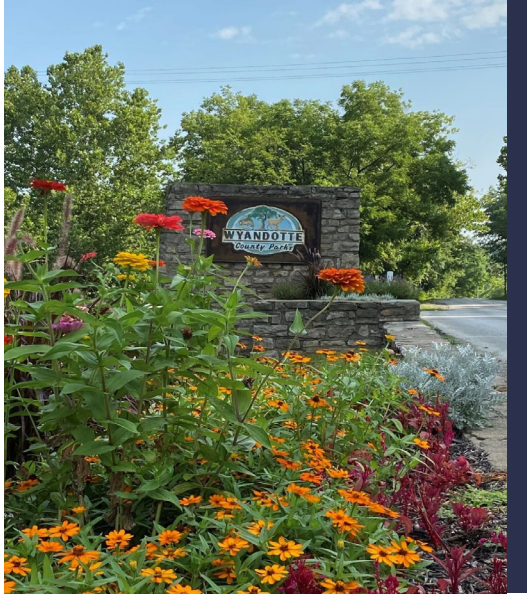
Boston Daniels

- Working closely with Boston Daniels Corporation and conducting community engagement.
- Consulting with Vireo for final design and project oversight.
- Anticipate construction to begin late summer 2023.



Another big project we have is the Boston Daniels Park project. We have been working closely with Boston Daniels Corporation for a few years now. It's really cool to see this project where it is this year, taking off with the funding support behind it. Boston Daniels has been working with Vireo. They've conducted community engagement. For the past several months, to the right, you'll see a conceptual design that Vireo put together through working with Boston Daniels and also through the community as well. Again, conceptual design.

These are just ideas that the community has submitted for things they'd like to see for park improvements. Where we are at right now with this project is so we will be moving forward and consulting with Vireo to continue the work that's being done for final design and then also project oversight. We do anticipate construction to begin late summer.



Beautification Pilot Program

- Consulting with landscape architects Vireo for best practices and a phased project approach.
- Ongoing initiative as the program develops and key initiatives are identified.

Beautification Pilot program. I want to touch base on this a little bit. Our department has been tasked with developing a beautification program for the city. As you can imagine, it's a pretty big undertaking, but we're very excited about it. We know it's something that needs to be done and we do think that there are a lot of proactive approaches that we could start to take as an organization and also as a community.

Where we are at with this project is we are also consulting with landscape architects Vireo as well, to bring their best practice and also their knowledge about landscape architecture to this project as well. We do see this as an ongoing initiative as the program develops and also as key initiatives are identified. Moving forward what that will look like with Vireo is a series of meetings that they're going to be conducting with many UG departments, also probably community groups. They'll be pulling data from the community surveys as well and identifying some of these key projects for the department to take an approach with.

Chairman Bynum said what's the scope of the program? Like, anywhere and everywhere across the city or specifically within parks? **Ms. Ferraro** said so that's a great question. That's part of what we are going to be working with Vireo to determine. When we were tasked with this, we realized that the scope is very large, so to work with Vireo to kind of take a more strategic approach. Originally when we had submitted this we had suggestions on focusing on, maybe it's five to six entrances to the city, and really doing a lot of work as it relates to beautification in those

areas. Then also high traffic areas across the city. So, State Avenue, for example. So, again, very broad approach.

I've had some conversations with Mr. Fisher as well wanting to get behind this initiative. Some other suggestions that we've had and also I think were submitted as some preliminary ideas was the idea of building a greenhouse internally. Then also being able to -- the horticulturalist can build a lot of that up from the ground and start doing a lot of that in-house as well. So, we are working with Vireo to find out exactly that, the scope of this project and the best way to approach this

Commissioner Ramirez said my fellow Commissioners if you can help jog my memory and Angel, may I ask, who tasked you with this? Because I don't remember us as a board saying that this is something we would like in our parks. I mean, this is amazing, we need beautification throughout our parks in our community. But, I don't think that was a discussion we had as a full board. So, that's where I'm curious of who tasked this Pilot program.

Ms. Ferrera said yeah, that's a great question, Commissioner Ramirez. I know through last year's budget process, we were having some discussion about beautification. We had worked a little bit on that internally with Public Works and just had kind of preliminary ideas. We did submit a request just based off of what we were seeing from the community survey as it relates to some of those beautification items. We did submit that request through the budget process with the intention that it would be a Pilot program for this year. So just really trying to figure out, what does that look like? What could that look like for the organization in the community?

Commissioner Ramirez said like I said, I think we need this. It's amazing. We have amazing parks. If we can figure out ways—and not just our parks, but just in general, our environment and our landscaping, and what we can do. I was just curious. Thank you for jogging my memory of that. I just wanted to make sure. **Ms. Ferrera** said staff is really excited about this because we think there's a lot of opportunities to be more efficient in a lot of what we are expected to do as far as horticulture and beautification around the city. So we're really excited to go through this process.

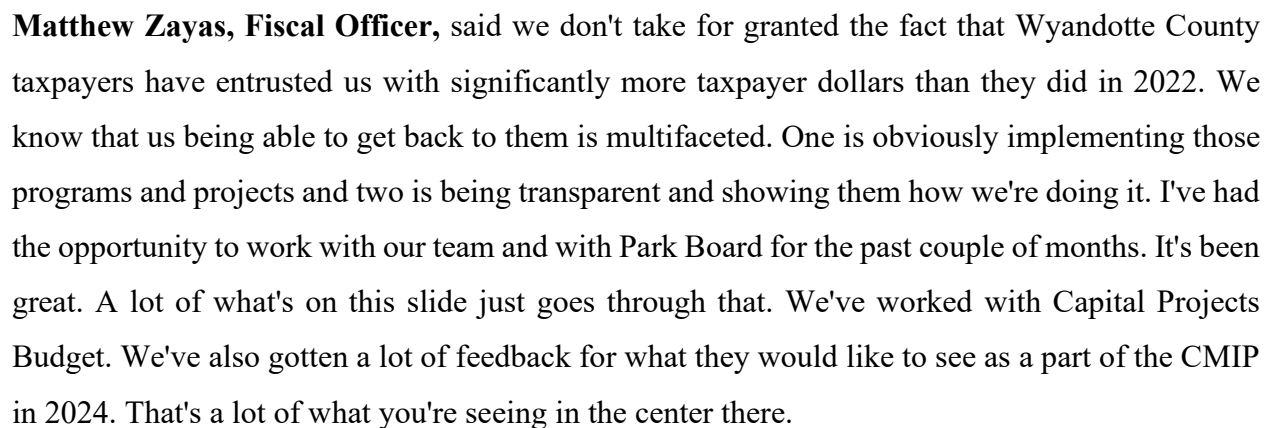
Mowing Program

- The 2023 mowing season began earlier this month
- **6** contractors have been engaged to assist in maintaining:
 - Various U.G. Parks & Ballfields
 - Water Pollution Control sites
 - Buildings & Logistics sites
 - Medians
 - Private, non-code compliant properties
 - Land Bank properties
- Staff also plays a large role in mowing WyCo/KCK parks, paths, and trails



Ms. Ferrera said everyone's favorite topic, mowing. Mowing season is upon us. We had our contractor start two weeks ago. As you know, we mow a variety of properties across the county. You'll see there we have it listed out this year, we have six contractors on board with us. I will say we have noticed more interest from contractors submitting bids. So, that's great news. As you can imagine, we have a ton of parcels that need to be maintained and mowed. Making sure that we've got contractors that are willing to do the work and committed is something that we've worked really hard on over the last two, three years to build that interest up. I will say too, that staff also plays a large role in mowing. We have our own in-house team that spends most of the spring and summer mowing.

You've probably seen this flyer on the right, it's on our website as well as our Facebook page. You'll start seeing it, so this is always good to share. If you have citizens in your districts that have questions as it relates to mowing, this is just kind of a quick glance at who does what or what we mow. Also, at the bottom, there's good contact information that they can call if needed. Next, I'm going to turn it over to Matt to talk a little bit about what he's been up to for the past few months as well.



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- WYANDOTTE COUNTY/
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PARKS & RECREATION**
- 2022 YEAR END REPORT

Again, engagement has been big, we've made an intentional approach to provide Park Board with departmental knowledge and then break it down so it's more digestible. We're really excited about how our discussion of the Capital Projects for 2023, as well as what happened in 2022. Our 2023 budget preview kind of led into the 2024 Capital Project Planning Workshop.

At our March meeting, we put together a spreadsheet based upon ideas that I collected from Parks Board members throughout February. We were able to put that together, bring it back, and really work through everything that they suggested. A lot of it aligned really well with the Parks Master Plan that we created in 2017. So that was amazing. During March after the meeting, Leah's staff went back and got quotes for a lot of those projects and brought that back in April. We had another really good discussion. It's just incredible what our Park Board was able to provide and all the great ideas, so very happy about that.

Then we were also able to put together a year-end report for 2022, and this is great. It's online, definitely check it out if you haven't already, but it highlights all the programs we did in 2022. A lot of the Capital Projects, a lot of our fiscal analytical data we were able to utilize participation numbers for the program. It really came together well. I'm just really excited about what our team has been able to provide to the public to date. We will continue to do so and follow up on the 2023 Capital Projects in future quarterly meetings.

Ms. Ferrera said that's all we have tonight for the first quarter update. Happy to take any questions.

Commissioner Kane said what a story. It says Kensington Park, Boston Daniels Park, Ruby Park, Kaw Point Park, I don't see anything here about a park in Piper. **Ms. Ferrera** said correct. Yes, there is no mention of a park in Piper. We are working on that project, as you know. It definitely is in the works. It's taken a little bit more time than we expected. **Commissioner Kane** said we had a meeting with another entity and I can find out where that's at in the process. I think we need to continue—I think it's great to fix up the parks and make them look nice and do all that stuff. But if you haven't got a park, you don't have one to go fix up and where people can walk around.

Chairman Bynum said I have a question with regard to that. We did allocate funding several years ago, I'm not misremembering that, am I? The funding has been allocated. Is it also true that the location is selected? **Ms. Ferrera** said so yes, correct, Commissioner. Funding was allocated

and is still in that designated line item for the Capital Project. Originally, we had been looking at the location next to the new fire station on Hutton Road. We've done a lot of work with Benish on just taking a look at that land there. It's less than two acres, there are a lot of challenges with that land. Unfortunately, it would take a lot more funding just to get the land in a place to where you could really build a nice park on there. We have been working with Commissioner Kane, who has made some great introductions with some community partners. We're just kind of trying to explore some other options right now. We're still working through those conversations, but we are hopeful.

Chairman Bynum said I would really look forward to hearing about if a different site gets selected. I agree, that's a tough location beside the Fire Station. **Commissioner Kane** said well it would be a waste of money, for one, and regardless it's going to take more than \$250,000 to make this work. So, we're going to have to put some more money towards it. If we can work with this community partner, and to be honest about it, these folks who've already got outside groups willing to put the equipment in there, we just need to find a place. I'm giving them a hard time, but I'm not giving them a hard time because they worked their butts off to get where they're at. We just need to get it going. **Chairman Bynum** said, so we're getting closer. **Chairman Kane** said we're better than we were the last three years. **Chairman Bynum** said good, and obviously, I'll do whatever I can to be helpful.

Commissioner Ramirez said as always, thank you to our Parks Department for everything that you do. You know, you don't get the exact funding you would like to have to be able to provide, but you do with what you have. I always bring up the story of when you received that grant money and you did a lot with the money that you were given. It shows that if we provide Parks with the funding, they will do the work. Parks and Rec always has a special place in my heart. That's where I started working before I was in my current job. Thank you for what you do. Thank you for listening to the community. I'm glad that we're doing the analysis study. That was something my subcommittee was really in support of and really wanted. It's good that we're going to have concrete, hard data to be able to make decisions on. So, just thank you for everything and thank you for your dedication to the community.

Commissioner Townsend said thank you Madam Chair and good evening to our Parks staff, Ms. Ferrera, Ms. Lockett, and Mr. Zayas. I want to go to the Parkwood pool slides that you got. It's

just easier to talk about those in front of—the aquatics. Rafts? There we go. I'll start from the end to acknowledge those individuals who were recognized for the work they do with our aquatics program and the upkeep of that pool. I'm there every year, three or four times a week before it opens, and that's what the pool looks like in terms of the water clarity and everything is always great. That's very important. There's a health aspect there we think about in terms of just fun at the pool, but you know, we're looking from a different perspective as well. I wanted to highlight again, the fact that Midwest Pools is going to be back with us this year. We appreciate their partnership and the way things were handled last year, but I don't want people to miss what Ms. Lockett said aside from the adequate number that we need of lifeguards, which I'm glad to hear the lifeguard issue will not be a problem this year.

However, there is another very important essential element and that is security. As we're sitting here tonight, we're still awaiting responses to the Request For Proposal for a contractor. As Ms. Lockett said we had one who had committed to working with us again, it was the same company who was there this past season. Then, business requirements on that contractor's situation forced them to close so they are no longer in business. Staff acted immediately to outreach and I have spoken with several people. I know the Sheriff has talked to several people. I think the RFP closes this week, on the 26th. So, do you all have any idea at this time? How many may have been put in? That's okay if you don't, I guess the main thing is it closes.

Ms. Ferrera said we do not. I don't know that they will know that until they open the bids on Thursday. I do know that Purchasing has done an excellent job in helping us get this word out. As of Thursday of last week, they had sent it out to 18+ potential businesses that offer security services.

Commissioner Townsend said I know I've spoken with at least one contractor who has extensive experience and been there in the past for us. We are optimistic that that need will be taken care of, but I can't underestimate or downplay the importance of us having security. That is a vital step that needs to be handled. We're all committed to seeing the pool reopened again for a great splash summer.

The other thing that Ms. Lockett talked about that I want to go back to was the Feasibility Study, having to do with the pool. That is concentrated on the current setup of Parkwood and what it needs to continue on. Talk a little bit more about that. I know we've talked about this before, because to do that there's a phase two plan, correct?

Ms. Lockett said yes, so we are currently working through phase one, which is the Visual Facility Assessment. What that entails is industry professionals in the aquatics industry will come and take a look at Parkwood. They'll look at the filter buildings. They'll look at our deck fencing, all of our equipment, our treatment systems, our pipes, and the entire site. They will develop recommendations and priorities for improvements, as well as provide cost estimates for what it would take to meet those recommendations for us. **Commissioner Townsend** said do you have an anticipated end date for phase one to receive that information?

Ms. Lockett said so, phase one is broken into two parts. They have to look at it prior to the pool being filled and then they also have to examine it while it's in operation. So, it won't be until after the aquatics season begins. Probably, if I had to estimate I would probably say closer towards the end of the season that we will receive a final report.

Commissioner Townsend said okay. And then, what's the setup for phase two? This is what is very critical to addressing a lot of the situations that we've heard from the community about what a new aquatic center would look like. Would Parkwood be the appropriate place for it? Would it be ADA-compliant? How big should it be? We're looking forward to the analysis of one because I wanted to see it done all at the same time. But the professional said "well, to know where to go in phase two, we need to have this information that phase one will supply". We could talk a bit about what to expect in phase two.

Ms. Ferrera said yes, great question, Commissioner Townsend. I think that, well, I know, like you said, what we get from phase one is probably going to drive a lot of that conversation. You will see us coming back to the Standing Committee for guidance and feedback to determine where we should go with phase two. The way that we've looked at it now with Water's Edge is there's kind of two ways to approach it moving forward. Of course, we want to do the phase one to get that initial data. But phase two could look like, if the city wanted to continue to make investments at a higher level at Parkwood, what does that look like? For example, if you wanted to add more waterslide features and some of those things you might see at a waterpark, that could be a phase two option. If the city decided no, based on the data we'd like to explore moving forward with a new facility new location, then that would be more of your aquatics master plan. I also do want to note along the way with that process we've also included in their scope for them to take a look at our splash pads. Because we do know that those are highly used in the community and low

maintenance, we don't have to staff them. They'll be taking a look at our, currently, three splash pads. Then also recommending, if the city wanted to move forward with installing more, where would those locations be best at?

Commissioner Townsend said just so we're clear, we're not talking about having more splash pads than pools, because we have to train some Olympians from this area. Look forward to the completion of phase one and then phase two. The rate this year is still \$1 for entrance to the pool, correct? **Ms. Ferrera** said correct.

Commissioner Townsend said with respect to Boston Daniels Park—ok, a lot going on. I've been in contact with members of the Boston Daniel's family who comprise a lot of the Boston Daniels corporation. Can you talk about the impact of these changes on our budget? Because a lot of this will be privately funded, correct? **Ms. Ferrera** said we were given \$150,000 through last year's budget process. We have that funding out of the Parks and Rec budget, we will also be using some CDBG funding for this project as well. Then, there are a few community partners who have interest in also funding the project. So, it'll be a mix of a few various buckets. **Commissioner Townsend** said do we have a start date for those improvements or is that still being worked on? Oh, it says late summer, okay. 2023.

Lastly, I just wanted to recognize the mowing program and what goes on each summer. District One is challenging in the number of vacant properties and privately held properties with non-compliant problems. I want to commend, commend, commend Parks and Rec and also Public Works for when they get the call diving in to correct these eyesores to other members of the community when they see this. I can't thank them enough and just wanted to recognize them for that. Got another summer, I have to say, this job has made me a bigger fan of winter than I ever thought I would be. We've got people who do a great job, and I appreciate them and wanted to recognize them.

Also, last year, it's hard to believe it's been almost a year that the same personnel were involved in clearing the path to the Quindaro historical site from the overlook all the way to the river. It looks like a different area now. I want to thank them again for that, and for what Parks and Rec does every day. Thank you.

Chairman Bynum said Madam Clerk, are there comments received from the public on the item? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments were received and no hands are raised. **Chairman Bynum** said anyone else present on the fifth floor?

Well, I think I can speak for everyone on this committee in thanking you for what you do every day. It is amazing. There is no question of that. I stand ready to help you with any project where you think my help could be valuable. I'm sure I speak for everyone on that as well. With that, we'll thank you for your presentation. I look forward to more information from you as it comes around. You have a lot of exciting things going on. And with that, our meeting is concluded and I will take a motion to adjourn.

Action: **For information only.**

Public Agenda

No items of business.

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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