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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, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK

REGULAR BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

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

And Via Zoom at 6:00pm

Agenda

Have the proper meeting notices been given? _____

Call to Order, _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

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

_____ Kevin Mitchell/District #1 _____ Vacant/District #7

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

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

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

_____ Andrea Behrman/District #5

Non-Voting Members

_____ Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS

Administration Present:

_____ Angel Ferrara, Parks and Recreation, Director

_____ Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Recreation Manager

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager

_____ Wendy Green, Counselor

_____ Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

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 Tuesday, October 15th, 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. Anyone addressing the Park Board must state their name and address for the record. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each participant. Per the Commission Rules of Procedure, which are applicable to Park Board meetings, comments should not include any rude or derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

2. Correspondence

- None

III – Old Business

- Update on Capital Projects –
- Update on Gand Funded Projects -

IV – New Business

- Discussion on Renaming the Jersey Creek Park Basketball Courts -

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Recreation Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
 - a. Park Updates –
- Angel Ferrara
 - a. Department 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
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

The October 15th, 2024, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall 701 N. 7th St. Room 515, Kansas City, KS 66101 & Virtually-Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 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
Laura Flores, Secretary
Jim Schneweis, Member
Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Dani Gurley, First Vice Chairwoman
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member
Ashley Williamson, Member
Andrea Behrman, Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks, and Recreation
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Parks
Wendy Green, Counselor
Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt the October 15th, 2024, Agenda seconded by Jim Schneweise

Motion carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook and seconded by Jim Schneweise.

Motion carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors**

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time.

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

- Louise Lynch – Louise Lynch addressed the Park Board regarding her concerns about the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) projects and the Waterway Project, particularly the actions of Sarah Schaefer and the proposal for Jersey Creek. ECHO opposes transforming Jersey Creek into a marsh/bioswale, stating that the plan does not align with the community's vision and fails to address key environmental and health priorities. While ECHO supports the separation of the sewer system, the addition of a marsh or bioswale is not acceptable. Louise expressed that the proposed street closures would disrupt daily life, mobility, and accessibility in the long term. She condemned Sarah Schaefer's handling of ECHO members' privacy and criticized Sarah Lynch for the unauthorized

disclosure of a Park Board member's personal information, calling these actions unlawful and a safety concern. She asserted that the project should not proceed until these privacy breaches are addressed. ECHO is also concerned about misleading information from Public Works, Planning & Zoning, and VIREO. Louise has reached out to the Park Board, EPA Region 7, and other stakeholders, emphasizing the need to incorporate ECHO's insights for developing effective, equitable, and sustainable CSO projects. She requested that the Park Board rescind its September 2024 vote in favor of the CSO projects and initiate an investigation into Sarah Schaefer for allegedly sharing personal information. Louise indicated that the Parks & Recreation Department was not provided with accurate information, leading to the fraudulent use of ECHO data in grant applications, potentially aiming for \$20 million each across fifty-three CSOs. Louise mentioned a CSO meeting that she learned about only two and a half hours in advance, which she deemed inadequate for community engagement. She stated that the EPA has been notified of these issues. She requested a re-evaluation of the Jersey Creek proposal and included a link to a document that reportedly contained Sarah Lynch's personal information shared with Park Board members. Louise's speaking time began at 44:52. Although visitors are given three minutes, Chairman Mario Escobar extended her time by an additional three minutes, concluding at 51:22.

- Pamela Penn Hicks - Spoke to the Park Board to support Miss Lynch's constructive feedback. While her concerns are unique, they reflect a common sentiment in our community about the need for more inclusive communication. She pointed out that information is often gathered from select individuals rather than the wider community. Additionally, she noted receiving a last-minute call about a meeting at Beatrice L. Lee Community Center, which left many residents uninformed. This situation highlights an opportunity for us to enhance our communication strategies, ensuring that all neighborhoods receive timely and comprehensive information. She confirmed the meeting wasn't on the scheduled meeting calendar with UG and wasn't shared until a couple of hours before the meeting was held.

Correspondence –

- Angel Ferrera – Wanted to clarify that Parks & Recreation received correspondence from Louis Lynch. She sent a letter that she wished to be distributed to the board. Nickee Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor, Parks & Recreation sent that letter via email at approximately 5:20 PM today.

III– OLD BUSINESS

- Update from the Unified Government Public Works Department regarding Stormwater and Park improvements to 8th Street, Northrup, and Splitlog Parks – Sarah Schaefer engineer with Unified Government shared further updates regarding stormwater and Parks & Recreation.
 - Sarah Schaefer introduced Alex Miller with Parson & Associates, stated they are a community engagement firm that is helping with the 8th Street Northrop and Split Log Parks project, he stated they were tasked with collecting feedback on the potential amenities engaging with the community, with stormwater investments, the three areas, that all related 1st of all, we knew that since this was such a wide area, we wanted to make sure that the entire area surrounding the three parks had an opportunity to participate. We sent out 3500 postcard invitations to join them for a pancake feed, they also communicated with a pre-formatted email blast to social media posts that we sent to 23 neighborhood and community groups, we are also partners at the UG, and they utilized their social media channels and leading up to the event hosted five times, promoting the event, following the public meeting with the understanding that not everyone could attend an in-person event. We also had an online survey that was made available from June 20th second till July 12th this is the same list as 2023, we emailed them an additional 4 times with the online survey, encouraging them to elicit some feedback.
 - Alex shared survey results that they received back from the community, shared their presentation with the Park Board
 - 8th Street Park Amenities – Walking path, pathway lighting, landscaping/gardens
 - Northrop Park Amenities – Walking path, shelter with shade, swing sets, new playground and a snow sledding hill
 - Spilt Log Park Amenities - Baseline improvements benches, a boardwalk, native grasses, and vegetation
 - Sarah Schaefer – Shared project updates within CSO44, 8th Street Park, we're continuing to update that construction website, with additional information as it goes in through the contractor, road closers, and construction activities, Sarah did a quick review of past presentations along with alignment from the Master Plan, sharing slide presentation, commented that this is a Sewer Enterprise fund, APRA fund, and Stormwater Enterprise fund to make this project happen, Sarah offered to come back in November if requested
 - Angel Ferrara - Commented that Parks & Recreation sent this slide presentation out to the Park Board early this morning and stated that we have a lot of new Park

Board Members, the Master Plan 2017 is referenced a lot and Parks & Recreation so we will be sharing a link for the Park Board members can familiarize themselves. This is my final comment because I want to express something important. As you all know, the CSO projects are a priority that the community has highlighted. These projects must move forward, and the execution of this plan, is a significant task for Public Works, this involves Parks and it's vital to recognize the transformation potential of our parks by examining the before pictures. We must be proactive in our decisions, understanding that our actions will significantly influence the park's environment and overall appeal.

- Jim Schneweis – Asked, Sarah Schaefer for clarification on the plans, and if we are in the process and working on them.
 - Sarah Schaefer – Answered yes, we are at 90% phase on predominantly all items, we are 100% phase on the ARPA-funded items, and this will be going for bid within the next two weeks
- Jim Schneweis – Asked, Sarah what kind of water would be in the holding ponds
 - Sarah Schaefer – Answered, this stormwater runoff management we're working on our CSO 44 Project, which involves separating sewer and stormwater lines. The stormwater, collected from the road, will go through management facilities for water quality, rather than into the sewer treatment facilities.
- Jim Schneweis – Asked how deep the ponds will be.
 - Sarah Schaefer – Answered approximately four feet deep however full capacity is six feet deep
- Sarah Lynch – Asked, Sarah Schaefer if she could give more information about the difference between the structure of the Split Log Park, and Waterway Corridor because from what you described, it sounds like Split Log, won't always be wet, where you're going to improve the drainage whereas water record, or it's been described in previous documents as a marsh slash bioswales, what is the difference in those two structures?
 - Sarah Schaefer – Explained that the Waterway Corridor involves the runoff from Waterway Park flowing north to Jersey Creek. This strategy includes managing the water through different techniques. CSO19 emphasizes sewer separation, where the overland flow enters storm drains, is held, and then redirected through above-ground systems like tree wells and ditches. The goal is to slow down the water to prevent localized flooding and safety hazards. Ultimately, the water is directed to the river, with specific management differing for areas like Split Log, Northrop, and 8th Street Park compared to the flow from Waterway Park to Jersey Creek.

- Sarah Lynch – Asked if there will be more outreach with other CSOs, will Public Works be returning to the community groups that were solicited for their input as they requested?
 - Sarah Schaefer – Answered, yes, they will try to come back as often as needed with an engagement strategy for the design.
 - Alex Miller – Added, on July 2, we met with Douglas Sumner Neighborhood Association as part of that email blast that we sent out to all the 23 groups we did. We did offer to come out and present and get feedback in person.
- Karen Daniels – Asked why the vote was taken last month, and then the presentation was given?
 - Angel Ferrera reminded the Park Board that the presentation was given in August by Alyssa Marcy, at the end of that presentation she asked for the Park Board's support, as it related to going after Grant funds for park projects. Mr. Chairman and I recommended just that; we take a vote so it would be recorded. And that's why the vote took place in September. But the presentation for that vote did take place in August.
- Mario Escobar – Asked Karen Daniels if Angel Ferrara answered and reiterated her question, and confirmed she received her answer
 - Karen Daniels – Answered, yes, she did
- Angel Ferrara – Clarified, Alyssa Marcy's presentation in August was on the Waterway Corridor, came back in September and that vote was taken, and then Sarah Schaefer and Public Works gave these separate park projects. These are two separate items
- Karen Daniels – Asked if this will affect Jersey Creek, will the marsh improve the overflow
 - Sarah Schaefer – She indicated that there are no marsh plans and there are no marsh construction activities, no study being proposed at this time
- Sarah Lynch – Commented, ECHO was told that a marsh is being planned in the water corridor area, and this was what was going to come of that watershed area, stated the verbiage, marsh is being used in the engineering presentation
 - Sarah Schaefer – Responded this is very concerning, and asked if she could get dates and who may have been doing the presentation, they will review and clarify miscommunication

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- None to Report

V - OTHER BUSINESS

- **Staff Agenda**

Shaya Lockett – Angel Ferrara reported for Shaya Lockett in her absence:

- Recreation Updates -
 - We are happy to announce we have filled our Sports Coordinator position, Taron Batie, he will be joining next month's Park Board meeting
 - Our recreation centers are very busy with several activities, and we have shared several flyers with the Park Board on all the events happening
 - Recreation departments are in the process on-board hiring staff
 - Advised there is going to be some work taking place at Kensington and Armourdale Community Center that will impact free play from the end of October into November. Evening activities will occur as normally scheduled. We will have some signage out at the community centers. But some of this could be interrupted just because we are working on some upgrades and some of those repairs and enhancements with ARPA dollars.

Vincent Billaci -

- Park Updates -
 - Shared update on Clopper Park trail, the rubber surfacing was installed on the concrete trail last week and is completed, pending the ribbon cutting date sometime in November
 - The Jersey Creek Basketball court painted mural has been completed, Angel and Vincent went and looked at the court, and it looks great, we will have a ribbon cutting and a clinic this event will be on Saturday, October 26th
 - Klamm Park Trail - we received bids back for that. We have a vendor that was selected, work should start soon. That's a Federally grant-funded project, and we will be installing a three-quarters-of-a-mile walking trail
 - Dog Park, at Wyandotte County Lake, we are in the process of working through bids, we hope to have installed next year
 - Korean and Vietnam Memorial Restoration, at the Wyandotte County Lake, we are working on going through bids now
 - Emerson Park – Tennis courts the crack ceiling color coding one will be a tennis court and two pickleball courts

- Edgerton basketball court crack ceiling, currently this project is on hold due to the weather getting colder
- Ruby Park – Playground equipment has been ordered, and we are planning for installation in early 2025, we will also have turf surfacing there for more inclusivity.

Angel Ferrara –

- Department Updates –
 - We will be sharing a slide show presentation in November, on all the park projects and reviewing the ARPA funding projects we have going on to give a visual representation
 - Four community centers received funding for improvements totaling around \$900,000. The centers are Beatrice L. Lee, Kensington, Armourdale, and Parkwood.
 - The Commission allocated \$500,000 for Heathwood Spray Park. Before summer, it was decommissioned due to significant repair needs, estimated over \$150,000. We will be putting in a whole new system and amenities, the community can enjoy, many years in the future
 - Heathwood Park - Updated Park Board we were also given 250,000 additional dollars of ARPA funds to replace HVAC units at Eisenhower Community Center
 - If you can also recall the Parks Department did receive the 1 million Dollar Congressional Earmark funding, and we went through that process with the Park Board and the community and decided to move forward with investing those dollars. At Kensington Community Center, we started in the summer with basketball courts and moving forward with two twelve U soccer fields which will be fully fenced in along with lighting, hoping this will go to bid early next year
 - Boston Daniels Park – Reminded Park Board we had two different phases, first the playground phase and the second phase which was construction, flat work, we are in the process of awarding the selected contractor

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Thanked for the clarification of intricate details on the CSO's funding
- Mario Escobar – Wanted to also thank all for the detailed information given.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar -Chairman requested to adjourn; Sarah Lynch made a motion; Jim Schneweise seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



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DEC
7

SANTA'S SWEET SHOP

Joe Amayo Community Center - 10:00 am

DEC
12

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CRAFT

Kensington Gym - 6:00 pm

DEC
14

DONUTS WITH SANTA

Memorial Hall - 9:00 am

DEC
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CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Beatrice Lee Community Center - 6:00 pm

DEC
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