

Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes APRIL 21, 2016

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2016, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

Attendees: Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Chuck Udell, Brandon Scarborough, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Charles Lusk, Susie Rawlings, Chris Claxton, Deb Harper, and Scott Lambers.

Board members absent: Debby Throckmorton, Renny Arensberg, and Marc Elkins.

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- Alice thanked Scott Lambers for hosting the work session meeting with the City Council, Foundation, Park Board and City staff. Also, special thanks to Deb Harper and Cindy Jacobus for handling dinner, cleanup and recording of the meeting.
- Alice discussed the Hallbrook magazine article on Arti Gras. She said the magazine may be willing to publicize the "Play for All" play area.

City Update

- Scott Lambers discussed the 135th Street corridor communication plan. It will help guide development. The corridor will have more density than other parts of Leawood and will include mixed use. Development will take some time until it is completed.
- Mary Ann Waldenmeyer asked about the empty Hy-Vee grocery store area near 119th and State Line. Scott said there is no news, although the exterior of the center is being brought up to code. Since Leawood does not allow storage facilities, that will not be an option.
- Chris Claxton updated the board on the closed trail east of the Justice Center. A bridge is being installed to replace the low water crossing.
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Financial Report

- Mike Best provided the financial report. Our current balance is \$313,787. This amount may be the foundation's largest balance. There are \$108,000 in contributions, and approximately \$7-8,000 in earnings for the first quarter. Arti Gras provided about \$2,500 in project dollars, but there may be additional expenses.

Old Business

- Mike stated the foundation's 501(c)(3) application is in process. The information will be given to the attorneys at Spencer Fane next week. A paralegal will review and then give to the attorney for final review. Since a paralegal is doing most of the work, so it will cost us less.
- Alice reported we have secured general liability and Directors' and Officers' insurance. The City will pay for the insurance.

• "Play for All" Project

- Alice discussed the cost of the project. It was clear from the work session that people were uncomfortable with spending \$500,000 or more. Mary Ann Waldenmeyer suggested we purchase only stock items from the catalog rather than customize. Alice said the city has agreed with that approach. Chris Claxton and her team have investigated the company, Cunningham Recreation.
- We will apply for grants that are available. The Kansas Recreation & Park Association grant to promote play & health across Kansas is due May 27, 2016. Play Core's Center for Professional Development, in partnership with their Game Time Brand are providing the funding. The AMC grant is due in July for which we will apply. Funding possibilities include Sunderland Ash Grove donation of the cement for the base. In addition, there could be five "pillars" for people or corporations who donate at least \$50,000. Chris said Victoria Babb, Cunningham Recreation, may be able to work together with Variety KC. Hopefully, we will get the Royals Charity to donate and be the closer for the project.
- Victoria Schmitt Babb, Community Resource Manager for Cunningham Recreation/Play 4 All will assist with materials to be shown to potential donors.
- The City's approval requirements will need to be followed. Scott discussed the planning process. The project is scheduled to go to the Plan Commission on June 28th. The information needs to be distributed two weeks prior to the meeting (6/14). Since the City owns the property, Chris will work with Richard Coleman and get the information to the Plan Commission members.
- Chuck Udell asked what commitments we have to other projects. Alice states between \$15,000 and \$20,000 will be needed to finish other projects such as the dog park shelter and signage at Gezer Park. Discussion followed regarding a reserve fund and how much the foundation should keep as a minimum.

Previous items:

- Mike will show the GKCCF's website and donor profile page to the board at the next meeting.
- Mike will open the foundation's checking account at Blue Valley Bank.
- Mary Ann will meet with the Parks and Rec department to discuss pros and cons to address for Arti Gras next year. Alice and Susie will attend.

New items:

- Mike stated the foundation's 501(c)(3) application is in process. The information will be given to the attorneys at Spencer Fane next week.
- We will apply for grants that are available. The Kansas Recreation & Park Association grant to promote play & health across Kansas is due May 27, 2016.
- Chris will work with Richard Coleman and get the information to the Plan Commission members.
- Chris will provide a timeline including owners and responsibilities.

/s/Susie Rawlings

Susie Rawlings, Secretary