

Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes APRIL 6, 2017

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 P.M., Thursday, April 6, 2017, in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

Attendees: Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Brandon Scarborough, Marc Elkins and Chris Claxton.

Board members absent: Debby Throckmorton, Chuck Udell, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Renny Arensberg, Charles Lusk, James Azeltine.

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- Alice discussed the Variety KC benefit held on April 1st. Peggy and Terry Dunn were the honorary Chairs and did a great job talking about the importance of inclusive play. Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Marc Elkins and Alice attended. The event raised \$280,000!
- Alice passed correspondence received from Blue Valley Education Foundation.
- The minutes from the March 2, 2017 board meeting could not be approved due to lack of a quorum. Susie Rawlings will send an email to the board asking for approval.

City Update

- Chris Claxton said the city will open bids for the trail out south on April 20th.
- The Capital Improvement Program will be discussed at a work session on Monday.
- The city accepted 6.7 acres of parkland from the Villages of Leawood east of 89th and Lee Boulevard. Mayor Dunn would like to improve the property below the trail.
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Financial Report

- Mike Best updated the board about our relationship with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF). The GKCCF will continue to handle our investments. The account at the Bank of Blue Valley has a balance of \$900, and the bank statement comes to City Hall. Mike is investigating how the GKCCF would like us to make payments to the city as we move forward. We currently have \$261,147 left to pay for the inclusive play area.
- Our current balance at GKCCF is \$369,136. We have received \$65,400 in contributions and \$13,585 in investment income. There is a good return of 3 – 4%.
- Mike is looking into a PayPal account for the foundation. Alice said we can put a sticker on our brochure with the new payment information once it is finalized.

Old Business

- Marc Andrasick is working on the QR codes for Gezer.
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- **“Play for All” Project**
 - Variety KC wants more poured in place concrete areas. Alice and Chris said they were satisfied with what we currently have. Chris said engineered wood fiber could work for the belt swing. The poured in place will cost \$40,000 more. The board agreed they wanted to complete the park in the proper manner.
 - Variety KC also wants a fence surrounding the play area because children could run onto the soccer fields. Chris said an aluminum fence would look better than chain link. Variety KC is agreeable to no fence.
 - The opening is planned for May 18. If that date does not work out, it will be held sometime in June. We are approximately 75 – 80% complete. Landscaping is needed.
 - The Leawood Dog Park dedication will be soon. The plaque has been approved by the donors. This will probably be a morning event and hopefully many from the board can attend.
 - The Play4All donor event will be held at the new facility at the Ironwoods Golf Course on Friday, June 23rd at 6 p.m. The Gezer Park donors will be included.
- Chris said the signs for I-Lan Park will be manufactured soon. It will be three sided and picture the continents and the I-Lan bridge (named the Leawood Bridge). The delegation will arrive on May 11-12th.

New Business- NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Announcements

- The **2017** board meeting dates are as follows (all meetings begin at 5:30 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall unless otherwise noted). **Please add these dates to your calendars!**

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| ○ June 8 | September 14 |
| ○ August 17 | November 2 |

Action Items:

- Susie Rawlings will send an email to the board asking for approval for the March 3, 2017 minutes.

/s/Susie Rawlings
Susie Rawlings, Secretary