

**ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2010**  
**5:30 p.m. – Leawood City Hall – Maple Room**

Board members in attendance were Karen Reimer, Amy Vlastic, Bob Wright, Rod Crawford and Jacquie McKinney. Council Liaison Jim Rawlings also attended.

Staff members in attendance were Chris Claxton, Kim Curran, Tonia Morgan and Brian Anderson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Amy Vlastic made a motion to approve the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Rod Crawford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Discuss Off-Leash Dog Park Update**

**II. New Business**

**A. Report/discussion of Participation in “SuperPass” Program at the Aquatic Center**

Kim reported that she and Lindsay attended the Super Pass meeting. There are five cities currently participating; Merriam, Mission, Roland Park, Fairway and Prairie Village. For an additional thirty dollars per membership a pass holder can visit participating pools.

If Leawood chooses to participate, and a super pass is purchased at another pool, they have the option of visiting the Leawood pool.

This program was implemented last year and so far there haven't been any problems. Lenexa, Overland Park, and Leawood were invited to attend the meeting this year. So far, Leawood is the only pool showing interest.

Kim added that a benefit of participating in this program is the option for pool pass holders to visit a participating pool without having a super pass when the pool closes at 4:00 p.m. for swim meets, which is usually one day per week from June 1 to mid July. This would be an added bonus. If they have a super pass they can visit a participating pool at anytime.

Kim reported that half the revenue for super passes sold will be kept in Leawood. We will be responsible for keeping track of how many are sold. The other half will go into a pot and added at the end of the year. We will receive a portion of the total super passes sold. Prairie Village netted \$5,000 last year.

Rod asked if it will be a burden for staff to keep track of all super passes sold.

Kim reported that she doesn't think it will be a burden. Staff keeps track of dailys and pool pass patrons each day to have an accurate account at the end of the year.

Bob Wright asked if it will cut into the non-resident revenue.

Kim reported that it doesn't. She ran the numbers of all family memberships and only three families were from another super pass city and a few from Overland Park. Thirty percent of all family residents are from Kansas City Missouri.

Rod asked Kim her recommendation.

Kim added that she thinks it is a great deal. She doesn't anticipate any negatives. It is a service to our patrons. When we close at 4:00 p.m., they will have another outlet. With the city divided between Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley School Districts, and kids attending school with Prairie Village kids, it's a good option.

Bob Wright shared that the facilities are similar. It won't be a disproportion of people attending our facility versus Prairie Village.

Kim reported that we will have a chance to capture memberships of those who will purchase a Prairie Village pool pass opposed to a Leawood pool pass. It will be cheaper for them to purchase the membership in Leawood and pay the additional thirty dollars.

Mark asked how much participation the current participating cities have had.

Kim reported that we would probably have more residents. To become a super pass member, you must make the purchase in your city. Mission had 60% super pass members last year.

Bob Wright reported that if purchased, the cost would average one family visit to another pool.

Rod made a motion to participate in the super pass program. Bob Wright seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **B. Staff Reports**

Brian reported that the first Bicycle Friendly Committee meeting went well. They discussed a lot of different goals for the future. The committee consists of a good group of people. The next meeting will be March 3.

Rod reported that he attended the meeting and it was a nice "get to know you" session. Once everything is organized and on task, it will go well.

Brian reported that he and Chris are invited to attend the Public Works Committee meeting next week. One of the agenda items is to discuss bicycle accommodations for the streets.

Brian reported that a bridge in Gezer Park has a little spawling in the center of it. (A spot in the bridge that is flaking.) Thin slices of stone are popping off. He met with the contractor and architect. It is a warranty item. They are working on a remedy.

Bob Wright asked if the evergreens have been planted at City Park.

Chris reported that this won't be done for awhile.

Kim reported that Daddy Daughter date night was last Saturday. There were 254 participants. The time was cut down from three hours to two and worked a lot better. It was a success.

Kim reported that the soccer deadline was last Wednesday. Dan will start compiling teams and preparing schedules soon.

Kim also reported that the second rain garden class at the Nature Center will be held tonight. The turnout wasn't as great as the first class but we still had nine. This is attributed to the weather. A compost class will be offered in the spring.

Kim reported that the Parks & Recreation Department will begin taking American Express soon. She has been working with the credit card company, as well as the software company.

Kim reported that swim and dive team registrations begin March 1.

Amy asked if golf registrations are also March 1.

Kim reported that golf will be advertised in the spring/summer program guide. They will be sent the week of March 3rd. The class fills quickly. The prices have been changed this year. The cost will be \$50 a session in comparison to the \$70 annual fee. She will send Amy an e-mail when all information is available.

Kim reported that her staff has also been busy working on the 2011 budget.

April passed around a stack of handouts for upcoming events as well as a schedule for the remainder of the year.

The Cantilena String Quartet Concert will be held this weekend. This is a nice, free event to be held during the afternoon.

April reported that there will be a lecture on the history of photography at the end of the month. It will last approximately an hour.

April also reported that the next art show will be March 12. Postcards were mailed recently.

April reported that if you know anyone who sings, dances and acts to contact her regarding auditions.

Karen asked if this information is available online.

April reported that all information is available on the website.

April reported that the Art in Public places group have two selection panels functioning. One for I-Lan Park and one for the sculpture garden along Tomahawk Creek Parkway. They are moving forward with these projects.

April also reported that the Amphitheatre Steering Committee will be hosting a gala themed event for “Guys and Dolls”. Information will be mailed soon. The event is April 16, 2010.

Chris reported that the HOA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Green Initiative meeting is Thursday. If committee members are interested in attending, please contact Marica at Ext. 186. Each homes association received two free tickets. If anyone is interested in attending contact Marica, Ext. 186. The cost is \$10.00. Committee members are asked to encourage their Homes Association President to attend. Wine and beer will be served along with dinner during the social hour. There will be a year end review and some initiatives planned for this year. Seven informative booths will be available. There will be discussion about large item pick up day coming soon.

Chris reported that the good and bad news is due to the weather there aren't any players. This is giving Troon a chance to get the transitioning done and also work on their marketing and business plan.

Chris reported that she had a phone conference call today to get some of the annual pass programs approved. They would like to market them soon.

There will be a Chamber event there next Wednesday at 5:30p.m. The following week, they are hosting a promotional event to meet the Troon staff.

Chris reported that they have revisited the performance measurements for 2011 budgeting. They will also be doing more survey work and statistical work to make some of the performance measures that they are putting put in the budget more measurable.

Chris also reported that they attended KRPA. It started slow but there were some good sessions as well.

Chris reported that there will be a partnership with Blue Cross & Blue Shield called a Blue Chip Committee. They will award five cities across Kansas City a \$2500.00 grant. The applications come out March 1 to enhance specific programs.

There is sponsorship money available from Commerce Bank.

Chris reported that The Live Healthy Leawood program will be revamped this year to continue to find ways to get people and kids to keep themselves healthy. It has such a ripple effect not only on their health but on the economy.

Chris reported that they went to the Council regarding Ironwoods. Initially we had \$500,000. They recently met and discussed the design of the parking lot expansion. The current design would bring an additional 63 parking spots. If so, the cost would increase an additional \$100,000 due to needing to relocate \$60,000 worth of utility and haul away a lot of rock.

Ultimately, this would have taken \$396,000 of \$500,000. The Steering Committee of the Amphitheatre Group felt that they weren't getting much return on this.

Councilman Rasmussen is busy working on this and will make an update at the March 1, Council meeting.

### **C. Next Meeting Date/Agenda**

Mark Mergen requested adding the off leash dog park to the March agenda under old business. He would like to discuss where we are, what we are doing and whether it is feasible.

Karen Reimer reported that the next meeting will be March 9. She asked if there is any chance to meet at the Nature Center. It would be nice to see what's going on; or, will it be too dark.

Chris reported that it will probably be too dark for the March meeting.

Karen asked to keep this in mind for a future meeting as it is nice to visit other locations as well as all of the city parks.

Amy Vlastic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Mergen seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department