



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2011 -5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall – Maple Room

Board members in attendance: Karen Ward Reimer (chair), Doug Stevens, Lorrie Hamilton, Bob Wright, Rod Crawford, Jacquie McKinney and Amy Vlasic.

Council Liaison attending: Lou Rasmussen and Julie Cain.

Staff members attending: Chris Claxton, Dennis Jones, Cody Kennedy, Shelly Pollock, Brock Shafer, Jeff Peterson, Kim Curran, Brian Anderson, April Bishop, and Tonia Morgan.

Others in attendance: Animal Control Officers Carla Lewis and Jerry Webb. Ann Kenney, Chair of the Art in Public Places Initiative of the Leawood Arts Council.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Doug Stevens made a motion to approve the July 26, 2011 minutes. Lorrie Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Pricing Policy for Fees and Charges (revised document)

Chris passed around copies of the revised Fees and Charges policy for Committee to review. Changes as discussed at the last meeting are redlined. Additional formatting changes are highlighted in yellow.

While reviewing the revised policy, she reminded the Committee that the work session to discuss this has been pushed back to January 3, 2012. This doesn't mean we have to wait to take it to Council; however there are few more opportunities to do so between now and the end of the year.

Chris asked Council Liaisons Rasmussen and Cain if the wording sounds appropriate to what we were trying to accomplish.

Chris reported that the October 3, Council meeting has been cancelled so there are five council meetings remaining for the year for this to be placed on the agenda.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer reported that the changes made about the departments meet her thoughts.

Bob Wright also reported that his changes were made accurately.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked Chris to clarify if the other changes made were word smithing and additions added to make it clearer.

Chris reported that this is correct.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked if more time was needed for review. Is the Committee comfortable with the changes.

Jacquie McKinney made a motion to accept the pricing policy for fees and changes as written to recommend to the Council at a future meeting. Doug Stevens seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Discuss use of Park Ponds by Dogs

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he originally brought this up at a City Council meeting.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked Council Liaison Rasmussen to advise them of everyone's thoughts when it was brought up at the Council meeting.

Chris reported that she should have copied the language on the motion in the agenda. It was a referral to the Park Board.

Chris asked Council Liaison Rasmussen to summarize the council discussion to the Committee.

Council Liaison Rasmussen replied that he observed patrons unleashing their dogs and allowing them to cool off in the ponds when the weather was near 110 degrees. He realized they were violating the leash law. It occurred to him that it is inevitable to happen. Why not look at it from a point of view of utilization of the facility for our citizens who have dogs. He'd rather allow them permission rather than being potential violators of the ordinances. It may be worthwhile to permit. There will probably be charges to the City in terms of changing the signs from no swimming to no swimming except dogs. It may be profitable.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that his initial thought was permitting this at Tomahawk Creek but while discussing this with staff researching proper wording that might be useful, staff suggested the board consider all the Parks ponds.

He immediately discussed this with a reputable veterinarian and asked their opinions to make sure he wasn't totally off base. According to the veterinarian there isn't a problem with dogs swimming there. It occurred to him that people will do certain things in a park so it may be best to make it legal and charge them for doing it. It is up to the Committee if this should be or shouldn't be considered.

Chris reported that she invited Carla Lewis and Jerry Webb from the Animal Control Division of the Police Department to answer any questions the committee might have from an enforcement view.

Chris added that she is certain everyone is aware of the leash law requiring dogs to be on a leash at all times even in parks. Although a law, it is often difficult to enforce with not many people to do it.

Chris opened the floor for feedback.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked the staff from Animal Control if they foresee any problems if it were allowed.

Officer Webb replied that there are concerns. It is not a confined area and isn't fenced at any location suggested. Some are close to roads or the trails. Another concern is there are patrons who fish. The dogs may conflict picnickers that aren't expecting a dog to be running loose in the area.

Officer Webb added that if a dog swims in the pond, they get out and shake and this may not be appreciated by someone reserving the area. Another concern is there isn't a separation between joggers, walkers, bikers and off leash canine. There is roughly fifteen – twenty feet between the

trail and the pond on Tomahawk Creek Parkway. Pedestrians that aren't use to, or aren't aware of, this potential permit encounter each other. Not all dogs are dog friendly or people friendly.

Chris reported that in regard to Council Liaison Rasmussen's report that dogs are currently doing it and we aren't able to enforce it. Would we consider not leaving it the way it is but the only difference would be the fee for those allowed to do it. This may be difficult to enforce. How would you know.

Officer Webb reported that when he met with Councilman Rasmussen he mentioned a specialized tag that would differentiate dogs with a permit versus dogs without. There would be those who will copy cat this and allow their dogs to swim without a permit because they see other dogs swimming. Before you know it there will be many dogs doing this. It will be hard to check their tags and to enforce. Animal Control Officers are not always in a convenient area to do this.

Council Liaison Cain reported that when we currently see a dog we are able to stop and comment that the dog needs to be on a leash. This could be difficult if there are permitted and non permitted dogs. This will require a much lengthier conversation questioning if they have a permit.

April reported that she has a question regarding the safety of the dogs. Is there any way the dog may get caught up with the growth of the ponds, which would send the owners into the pond after them.

Officer Webb reported that he hasn't noticed a problem with growth on the parkway ponds. In the past there was a problem with geese getting caught in the pond at the farm on 135th St. but the fire department rescued them. A potential threat would be fish hooks and lines that are already in the pond. This is more of a concern than growth in the pond.

Chris asked how many citations are given in a typical year for off leash dogs.

Officer Webb reported that the numbers vary. Currently everyone is fairly responsible in Leawood. They try not to issue citations the first time. There have been times when a friendly initial contact is all that's needed. But, there are also times when you run into someone several times and they've been told twice to leash their dogs, then enforcement is needed.

Council Liaison Cain shared an animal control story that happened a month ago that ended happily. Animal Control did a great job helping her.

Council Liaison Cain asked what the difference is between a fisherman obtaining a permit to fish in our water and dogs swimming in our water with a permit. It should be allowed and she is all for this.

Council Liaison Cain added that her dog is trained and walks beside her which makes it hard to understand why every dog has to be on a leash. There is a possibility that five percent of the bad dogs may ruin it for ninety five percent of the good dogs. In her opinion, a fee should be charged if dogs are permitted, and sign a disclaimer regarding fish hooks or potential growth in the water.

Lorrie reported that as an almost every day user of the trail system, she is adamantly opposed. She doesn't want any dog off their leash. She doesn't like being surprised. They are off their leash all the time. A dog being off their leash is unsafe for pedestrians. In her opinion she is absolutely anti-dog. If a pedestrian sees a dog off its leash you have no idea if it is trained like Julie's dog or what it is going to do.

Council Liaison Cain added that she whole heartedly disagrees. She understands that there is a percentage of people who, like Lorrie, are anti dog; therefore we have the leash rule.

Lorrie reported that it is not solely based on being anti-dog. Some may take their dog off the leash and allow it to swim but what will stop a dog from running off whether it's well trained or not. Dogs have literally followed her home from the park. There is the fear of an unleashed dog biting you.

Jacquie reported that she has a ninety pound golden. There isn't anyone that loves a dog more than her. She can't imagine living without an animal of any kind but agrees that dogs should be on a leash. One child bitten from a dog is one child too many. This is too much of a tax on our law enforcement officers. We have to understand that not everyone will sign the liability form. She can foresee lawsuits coming if this is allowed. She also walks the trails a lot and she doesn't want the risk of being bitten. All dogs should be kept on a leash and not allowed to swim in our pond.

Jacquie suggested that if it is a hot day, the owner can allow their dog to run through the sprinkler in their yard on a leash. An owner also has the option of spraying the dog with a hose to cool them off.

Doug reported that he can appreciate wanting to let a dog run and be free and enjoy the amenity at the pond but if we have a leash law, an exception shouldn't be made. It would be great to have a dog park and offer a controlled area with a pond/water amenity for dogs to use. This would be the place to allow them to run freely. It is confusing to have either/or. The leash law should be maintained.

Bob reported that he is also in favor of maintaining the leash law. It would be nice to incorporate the creek under the bridge into the dog park at City Park. He sees people throwing items in there for dogs to retrieve. He is the owner of a partial golden retriever and they don't have a place to allow his dog to run and play. He is the father of four children under the age of twelve and recently spent a night in the emergency room with his cousins child who suffered a four inch gash as the result of a dog bite from a dog not on a leash. Dogs off the leash create a risk and if people don't want to take the risk outside of a contained area such as a dog park, they shouldn't be expected to it.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked Brian if he sees any problems with maintenance that would affect his staff. Nothing has been said about Gezer. Is this an issue.

Brian reported that the pond at Gezer is concrete, which eliminates an issue there. The wadi is a liner with stones and gravel in it to protect it. Kids are constantly picking stones up and stacking as well as moving them. Sometimes there are exposed fabrics, his concern would be if a dogs claws could puncture it. The aerators at City Park have a line and air hose that has come loose before and floated until they were able to weigh it back down. He could see a dog getting tangled in that.

Brian reported that he spoke with the maintenance staff at Shawnee Mission Park regarding dogs swimming there and at one time so many animals were coming in and out they had a lot of mud, silt and erosion in that area. He wouldn't see this being a problem here.

Bob reported that if the area off of Tomahawk Creek Parkway was allowed it might just become a dog park because people would can claim their dog is going in and out of the water and receive a permit to do so. This could lead to potentially hundreds of dogs on a Saturday. It may become a dog park, although not for its intended purpose, that is not enclosed. The enforcement staff wouldn't have the ability to say that their dog can't be there.

Rod reported that he agrees with most of the comments thus far but his concern is that people may not understand the policies if some dogs are on the leash and some aren't. It may be difficult

for patrons to understand if more exceptions are made and we try to accommodate certain groups of people. This may cause stress that is undeserving.

Chris reported that after the Committee expressed their opinions, it appears the consensus is that the majority do not favor allowing dogs to swim in the ponds. However, but she heard a discussion about what opportunity there might be if we were able to have the dog park in the future. This is on the short term goal list of the Council and would be a good alternative. She is uncertain how soon this will happen.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that delay is regarding feasibility in the sense of if we can get the land for free.

Chris reported that she believes this can be done. They have confirmed that we will receive the eight acres. The acreage north of 435 is currently being resolved.

Chris asked if there is any indication from the Council if they favor budgeting monies for this in the future.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that this has not been determined. It has been on the capital improvement program as an unfunded project. When the land is received, the procedure is to discuss this at the CIP meeting.

Chris reported that the language in the letter didn't identify that it had to be used for a dog park.

Doug Stevens made a motion to leave the dog leash ordinance as is. Jacquie McKinney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer thanked the animal control officers for attending.

B. Discuss Lighting of "Cloud Gate" – I-Lan Park

Chris introduced Dr. Ann Kennely, the Chair of the Art in Public Places Initiative and member of the Leawood Arts Council. Chris gave an overview/history of lighting in the park. When the park was being designed there was opposition from the neighbors to the south about lighting in I-Lan Park. There are no lights in the parking lot or the north shelter. The only lights are small (2) and are located in the shelter attached to the restroom for security.

Chris added that she is concerned about this. She discussed this with the City Administrator but he does not have an issue lighting it.

Chris added that the other issue is the color choice of red. She asked Anne Kenney to respond.

Dr. Kenney reported that the process has been going on for two years. The entire time it was being discussed none knew the background. She understands if neighbors don't want it lit but at the time they were unaware of the neighbors' concerns. In talking to the artist it was agreed that it would be simple "up" lighting that wouldn't affect anyone.

Dr. Kenney added that she talked to Jimmy Linn, a former Council member from Taiwan. They ran the design by him for his approval. He agreed on the lighting issue with the exception that it needed a red "tinge" because red is similar to the gates to cities in Taiwan.

Dr. Kenney reported that April suggested installing a red lens on the up light that will be straight in the air. This appealed to the artist and everyone involved.

Dr. Kenney reported that it may be best to receive permission from the neighbors if there is a commitment not to light it at all.

Chris reported that she could not find anything referencing that it is forbidden to light the sculpture. She just knows that the history is there. If you are in the park and the trees are foaled out, it is not seen, but it is visible in the winter because there are no leaves on the trees.

Chris reported that she also heard that there may be an opportunity to shine it from the front up and not from the back. This would be less intrusive. The concern would be tearing all the landscaping to get it in there so we would have to work around what is installed.

Dr. Kenney reported that they discussed only two spots and three on the temporary.

April reported that another advantage of red will be noticeable at Christmas. The neighbors won't notice it as much during the year as they would a white light. The impact on the neighbors will be minimal.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked how long ago this was when the neighbors expressed concern.

Chris reported that this was ten years ago. She will check the approval process with the Planning Commission. She is unaware if a stipulation was made.

Bob asked the approximate expense for two lights.

Brian replied that a rough estimate will be \$4,000.

April added that the amount comes out of the Art in Public Places Initiatives budget. This is factored in when a piece is considered for purchase. They also include the installation and landscape cost.

Chris reported that Scott questioned doing the bulbs. So that if it needed to be changed from red we need to be able to do this.

April reported that they will have the flexibility to make changes if necessary.

Jacquie reported that she doesn't see how anyone can object to the lights. There is a four to five lane highway that has major bright street lights right there.

April reported that when looking at Lloppi at night vs. day, they are two different pieces. In her opinion, the red lights in this piece (that is normally gray) will create a different image to the viewers.

Doug suggested to do a test to determine the amount of wattage, power, location and color to give an opportunity to see how bright or subdued it is. A temporary light may be a good idea first. This would be nice to fine tune the lighting on the sculpture to get the full artistic affect. He asked if all public art sculptures in Leawood all lit.

Brian reported that "My Mind" and the bench at Brooke Beatty are not. The concern he has is finding a way to plan the correct landscaping because over time it will grow into the sculpture. He would hate to tear up everything recently planted.

Dr. Kenney reported that it should be completely outside of the bed to be able to change its angle. It shouldn't be planted on the inside. She wouldn't want the lighting in the middle of the landscaping.

Chris reported that we should be able to work around it.

Dr. Kenney agreed.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that there is a consensus that the lighting is not adverse to the use of the park.

Committee agreed and determined that a motion isn't needed at this time.

C. Staff Report

Chair Karen Ward Reimer reported she asked staff to attend tonight because there are new Committee members that haven't had a chance to meet them and for Board members to be aware of how much the staff does. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. She asked each staff member to introduce themselves to the Committee and share something unusual, fun or different that Committee members may not be aware of. She understands that staff goes above and beyond and work a lot of additional hours. She thanked the staff and is glad.

Kim reported that the unusual part of her job is dressing up as Leawoody. Whenever you see the Leawoody costume at an event, she is inside. She reported that Dan Mahanke couldn't be here tonight as he has a sick child.

Kim reported that the First Tee fall classes began this week.

Kim is attending the police and fire open house tomorrow with April. This is a good chance to give out programs guides and distribute items that we have left from the year.

Kim added that they will start implementing QR codes. This is a square bar code you put your phone up to and scan. Cody began researching this and the I.T. Dept. approved it. They are anxious to begin putting this on a lot more marketing materials and using it different ways. She also updates the front page of our website regularly.

Rod asked if there is a charge for creating the code.

Kim reported that it is easy. It is a computer generated code so there is no charge.

Kim reported that placing flyers in the backpacks was a huge draw for us. We normally printed four thousand flyers and advertise throughout Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley School District.

Bob reported that schools should accept electronic flyers. His children's school accepts these.

Kim added that the district does accept them. A survey was sent to patrons last winter asking how they receive their information. The number one response was the program guide. Staff is good about sending text about upcoming events and registration deadlines.

Kim reported that fall soccer started last Saturday. There are 129 teams this year which is up from 101 last year. We went to 7 vs.7 through third grade. There was a huge influx of third grade teams. Additional goals were purchased to accommodate this.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if this is a result of joining with the premier league.

Kim reported that she is uncertain if it can be tied directly to this or not. But we did have a sizeable influx of teams this year.

Kim added that there are currently eight players signed up for the premier academy. Leawood residents pay \$100 and non-residents pay \$120. The program runs the length of the soccer season and they receive instruction as many as five nights per week or as little as once a week if desired.

Bob asked if the current teams are playing Leawood recreational soccer.

Kim reported that this is correct. They are not leaving for Premier.

Bob asked if we know how many signed up as a conduit to transition into premier. How do we keep track of who signs up with the Legends as a result of coming through Leawood. Do we receive the registrations fees. It will be nice to keep track of who actually signs up through the Legends.

Kim reported that she is uncertain at this time but they can and will know when necessary.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked the pressure in terms of need for soccer fields.

Kim reported that it is expanding. We are working with the Happy Feet league and the fields on 20 and 21 are being used for four and five year old games on Sunday afternoons. Tentatively the goal is to go 7 vs. 7 through the fourth grade.

Bob reported that he fully supports this move and he encourages everyone to support it as well.

Chris reported that August 28th is when we kicked off the Sunday use of fields at 20 and 21. We will know more once the programs progress.

Shelly Pollock introduced herself as the new Aquatics & Special Events Supervisor. She took Lindsay Hart's position and has been here three months. She is proud that the LAC closed at the usual time this year.

Council Liaison Cain asked if we closed due to the recent outbreak in the pools.

Shelly reported that all necessary precautions were taking to prevent this from happening.

Chris added that all Council as well as Park Board received an e-mail regarding what was going on with the outbreak early on. Last Spring the City spent \$50,000 to install a UV (ultraviolet treatment system) at our pool. Leawood is the only outdoor pool in the area that has UV. It kills 99% of all water born bacteria including crypto. In addition we did what we were asked to do by Johnson County Health Department in super chlorinating and closing for two days. If you are going to pay for something like this you need to trust that it works.

Chris added that now they are working with the health departments to help them recognize UV. They will work to promote this with other agencies. We need to talk as agencies about how to deal with this and have a plan that is uniform; and continue to work with the Johnson County Environmental Department and the CDC. We need to work smarter, harder, and together.

Amy asked if anyone can get it. She was told that mainly small children get it.

Chris reported that anyone can get it by ingesting the water or having an open wound. Typically it has a tendency to affect people with a weaker immune system.

Shelly reported that children are more apt to swallow water.

Jacquie asked who made the decision to purchase and install the UV system.

Chris reported that she and Kim discussed it and try to keep up on technology and what's available.

Jacquie reported that anyone responsible should be commended for moving forward.

Chris reported that it was brought to the Park Board for consideration and was supported along with support of the Council.

Chris complimented Shelly, Kim and Scott Fanning for coming in at 5a.m. on Thursday and didn't leave until midnight testing every pool independently for chlorine and PH. It was a lot of work and they did an excellent job.

Lorrie asked if there was an increase in last minute pool visitors because the other pools were shut down.

Shelly reported that it increased slightly. The weekends were busier with super pass holders. Many patrons were angry because their pools had closed.

Shelly reported that the doggie dunk was held last week. One 192 dogs attended. Leewood residents paid \$3.00 and non-residents paid \$5.00 per dog. The highest attendance in the past was 167dogs. Our attendance may have increased due to many pools being shut down.

Shelly added that the Dock Dogs performed. They jumped for distance and are trained to knock obstacles down. They also performed off of the diving board. There are pictures on the website.

Shelly reported that the "Fall in the Park" Festival is coming Friday, September 30 to City Park. The event is 5:30-8:00 p.m. with the movie *Race to Witch Mountain* shown around 8:00 pm. The blue grass band the Raindogs will perform. She placed flyers for each child in every soccer coaches bag with their jerseys.

Shelly also reported that since she is new to the area, she doesn't know many people other than those on her staff so she is anxious to interview every staff member that will apply for a position at the LAC next year beginning in December. There will be 120-140 applicants.

Dennis Jones reported that he is the new Outdoor Recreation Specialist for the challenge course. He has been on the job 97 today. He is responsible for training and supervising the staff as well as maintaining the structures. He is also responsible for marketing the program. The most unusual part of his job is periodically harnessing himself up the fifty foot structure and knocking down wasp nests.

Dennis added that we had a rough period due to the heat and cancellations of programs. Currently we are even with last year. In September there were eleven programs booked. Open climb is offered every fourth Saturday. In October there are nine programs booked so far. Programs will be run simultaneously in a couple of instances in October. This will take coordination of staff to pull this off. This is good.

Dennis reported that they are in preparation of the annual maintenance of the structures. Alpine Towers will perform a thorough inspection of all structures to ensure their safety. This year they will also do a program review that will entail observation of staff doing a program with the public and critiquing the procedures used.

Jeff Peterson reported that he is the Outdoor Education Supervisor. He has been employed six years with the City. The most unusual part of his job is cleaning and maintaining twenty different animal cages. They range from Bob the big bull snake who is almost six feet long to hissing cockroaches. The cages are bleached and cleaned on a monthly basis. He maintains exhibits, which are mainly low cost. They do what they can to educate the public on nature on a minimal budget.

Jeff added that he is responsible for scheduling the front desk staff. Dennis has done a great job handling the challenge course. Jeff reported the cabins are very busy this time of year. Most weekends are full in September and October. He anticipates filling weeknights when Blue Valley, Shawnee Mission or the parochial schools are out.

Jeff reported that he is responsible for the operations of utility personnel in regards to lighting fires, assisting with trash, cleaning, and lockouts as well as other duties as needed. They offer

camp fires and ceremonial rentals to scout groups. Scout groups rent the fire ring on a regular basis. They begin scheduling for the 2012 season January 3. They offer different badge work for Daisy's to Juniors and Tigers to Weebelos. There is a charge for each program.

Jeff reported that the only free program offered is the story time the first Friday of each month.

Jeff added that they also offer one mile, forty-five minute nature hikes. This is a nice educational adventure where they learn about tree habitats and poison ivy.

Jeff reported that they also provide birthday parties. The numbers have been a little down this year. They also offer educational nature parties for ages 4-10 that includes a craft along with presentations of snakes, birds etc., if desired.

Jeff added that they have worked with many different Eagle Scouts in coordination with Brian's crew. They assist with getting things done that the funding nor time or staff would be able to. Jeff reported that they also welcome Girl Scout Gold awards.

Brock Shafer reported that he is the Recreation Supervisor. The most unusual part of his job is sharing an office with Dan. He can joke about this during Dan's absence this evening. He is responsible for programming classes for patrons ten months old through senior citizens. He also does summer camps and Tennis.

Brock added that the Labor Day Run was held September 5. There were 484 runners up 150 from last year. The Race Manager, Karen, who had worked in its inception about 20 years ago retired.

The new group, K C Running Company, did an awesome job. They helped to promote the event and moved to chip timing with a nice huge finish line. He plans to work with them to grow the event again next year.

Brock reported that Tween Camp went well this summer. There were a few weeks we did not have camp due to low enrollment but for the most part most of the weeks were full.

Brock also reported that the Junior Tennis League program was a success with 70 participants. The tennis leagues will be reformatted next year to flow progressively into the Junior Tennis program. We have trouble with younger kids who sign up for the program but have difficulty keeping score, serving and some other basic functions.

Brock added that we had really good luck with the computer and technology classes offered this summer as well as the Mad Science camps were great. Most had 20-30 signed up per session.

Brock reported that the Computer Explorer classes offered for younger children went well also.

Brock added that after the consistent success of Beginning Bridge class we now also offer an Open Bridge night on Mondays for those interested in just coming in and playing bridge.

Brock reported that the hours for Holiday Camp will be expanded this year from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. as opposed to 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Hopefully the extended hours will increase enrollment and assist the working parent.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked the status of utilization of the tennis courts. Will we need to add another court.

Brock replied that they are very busy; this summer mostly early morning and at night due to the heat.

Chris replied that staff will take a look at this during a late fall retreat.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked if money is still collected to utilize the courts. When she drives by at 10:00 p.m. and sees lights on the courts. Are people still playing at this time.

Brock reported that this is not unusual.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if it is coin operated.

Brock reported that it is \$1.00 per thirty minutes that lights three courts.

Council Liaison Cain reported that they are really nice courts.

Brock added that this is a reason why they are so busy. They are so nice many people want to use them.

Cody Kennedy reported that he is the Program and Facility Supervisor. He is responsible for the Lodge and Community Center rentals. He is also responsible for four summer camps and the July 4th event. The most interesting and unusual part of his position is dealing with about 10 future brides on a daily basis.

Cody added that camps went well this summer. The numbers are close to years past which is good.

Cody also reported that the Lodge is going strong. Wedding season is fast approaching. He has to deal with various issues.

Cody reported that the Fourth of July event went well. They received the most admission revenue in the past four to five years. He received overwhelming positive reviews from this year's event.

Cody added the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Day will be held October 15th and 16th in the Oak Room.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if there is a problem in terms of renting space in regards to concessionaires. Are there restrictions.

Chris reported that we don't allow outside vendors at an event where we are sponsoring the event. A booth fee is charged for vendors who are allowed at the event.

Kim reported that people aren't allowed to teach private lessons at the City of Leawood. They cannot earn money on City property.

Chris added that another example would be charging for private tennis lessons or a boot camp. We are willing to work with people to provide these types of services but most do not because it effects their income on the program.

Chris reported on Aprils behalf that the *Six one Act Plays* will be held in the Oak Room. They are split between comedy and a serious acts.

Chris added that the History of the Mask is coming up on September 23rd at the Oxford School.

Jacquie asked if the mask making workshop is for adults or children.

Chris reported that she is uncertain. *[Tonia went to get the program guide for clarification].*

Chris also reported that J. Kent Barnhart will be at Leawood United Methodist Church to present *Songs of Broadway*, October 20th at 7:30 p.m..

Chris added that another new event will be the New Red Onion Jazz Babies to be held at the Lodge, 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th. A Harvesters donation will be collected.

Brian reported that he is the Superintendent of Recreation. He has a unique responsibility of being the Recirculation Coordinator as well as in charge of lighting the new fire pit a lot at Gezer Park.

Brian added that he is proud of the work his staff did on the sculpture landscaping at I-Lan Park. It really enhances the piece.

Brian also reported that they are busy finishing up the fire pit landscaping at Gezer. It has been used once thus far and it went really well.

Brian reported that they have completed the work at the HHavdalah garden.

Brian added that pool has been shut down. They have also been busy getting the soccer fields ready to go. The 7 vs. 7 fields provide a lot of flexibility to move forward and can make three fields on one field depending on the age group in the future.

His staff has been working on an ADA sidewalk leading to the north t-ball field. This will be completed within the next month.

Brian reported that the trail that goes above the pond to the cabins has a steep switch back which has led to a lot of cracking and settlement of the asphalt. A contractor will be brought in to pulverize the trail and roll it. His staff will pour concrete for 500 feet. They can complete this out of their trail maintenance budget within the next month.

Brian reported that we received Honorable Mention for the Bicycle Friendly Community application submitted in July, which is positive progress. We will receive a report on how to improve moving forward.

Brian thanked Amy for arranging to have the Bicycle Friendly Committee featured in the Leawood Lifestyle magazine.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked what is going on with the trail area south of 119th Street.

Brian reported that it remains closed with permanent fencing across both ends and barricades as well.

Chris reported that a work session is scheduled with the council later in the year. The trail is estimated at \$1.2 million and the Mission option is estimated at \$900,000+.

Amy reported that this is good information. She has received several e-mails regarding the cost.

Council Liaison Cain asked where we are with the stone for the shelter at Gezer Park.

Brian was informed that it was released from customs and should arrive in Norfolk, Virginia next week. It will be on its way here via rail. He was told as soon as it arrives they will be on the job right away.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked the rental experience at the shelters at Gezer.

Chris reported that they are starting to pick up as people realize they are available to rent. She asked Tonia if the West shelter has been busy.

Tonia reported that it has been extremely busy. There are days booked well in advance and she has a waiting list for cancellations. She has also received several calls for the East shelter as well.

Chris reported that with it being so close to setting fees for next year, she used fees on the current schedule for the East shelter and the fire pit. We will look for possible different pricing for next year. Tonia suggested offering a combo package for the fire pit and shelter combined. Certainly the shelter alone will be rented far more than the other.

Chris reported that like practice fields, you can't have too many nice shelters. The shelter at Tomahawk Park will be open for rentals next year to help with more options.

Brian reported that the Tomahawk Park field is complete. It has been graded, seeded, and strawed. Once the grass grows in they will need to lower storm drains that were intentionally left high.

Council Liaison Cain reported that while recently at Gezer she was informed by an officer that a car had been broken into and was told that it is happening often. Has this continued. How many instances have we had.

Chris reported that she is uncertain how many thefts total there were. The pool had less than the previous years.

Kim reported that there were a total of approximately ten at the pool this season.

Shelly reported that most at the pool were quick. Purses are left in view then thieves break-in quickly and are gone.

Chris reported that the police are great and try to help out as much as they can.

Chris reported that something unique about her work is that she is in charge of all the colors for the department: shirts, signs, paper and everything that involves "color" goes through her office.

Chris added that the large item recirculation day South of 135th will be held this Saturday, September 17th. She hasn't received as many calls, but the calls received have been good. She would like to thank Garret Matthews who is new to the Committee for the leg work and getting everything organized as well as writing an intro sent to the HOA's; this was really helpful.

Chris added that signs were placed yesterday.

Chris reported that a cooperative Lunch and Learn, with the Leawood Chamber, is scheduled for Thursday. Currently five-six businesses are attending. This doesn't sound like many but when you consider how specific it is, it's not bad. The City of Leawood will apply for Bicycle Friendly Business in January. They are trying to encourage Leawood businesses to apply.

Chris added that Brian has received the bike racks for City Hall, which will be installed soon.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked where they will be located.

Chris reported that they will be installed across from the court yard area near the middle curb. This is a natural area. It will be "L'd" in there and hold ten bikes. Scott and Joe agree on the spot.

Chris reported that the Winter/Spring 2012 guide will drop in the mail November 28th.

Chris reported that Holiday Lighting will be held Monday, November 21, before the Council meeting.

Chris reported that we have essentially purchased the forty-five acres adjacent to Ironwoods. The Park is now 115 acres.

Amy asked what will be done with it.

Chris reported that this is yet to be determined.

Chris asked Tonia the most unusual part of her job.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that Tonia also has to put up with the Golf committee.

Tonia replied that like Cody she has to deal with shelter patrons that are sometimes very irate.

Amy asked why they would be angry.

Tonia reported that they reserve a shelter and decide to arrive early, which doesn't allow us to get it ready. Or they request a certain date for an event and it is already reserved by another patron. Or the patron who plans a party, sends out invitations before reserving the shelter to find that it isn't available and they are angry because they did not reserve the shelter first.

Chris reported that patrons fail to realize that shelters are outside and are heavily used, sometimes without our knowledge.

Tonia added that Rentals for next year will begin January 2. She has already received several calls requesting certain dates.

D. Misc.

Rod Crawford apologized to the Committee for not being present at the recent meetings. He started a new job near Worlds of Fun and didn't calculate the difference between working in his home in Leawood and driving 35 miles each day. It has been a lifestyle change for him. He is hoping that his schedule will settle soon. He takes this appointment seriously.

E. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – October 11, 2011

Chair Karen Ward Reimer reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 11, at 5:30p.m.

Kim added that 2012 fee recommendations will be presented.

Amy suggested meeting at Gezer at the fire pit. Brian can light the fire again.

Council Liaison Rasmussen requested receiving the fees prior to the meeting.

Kim reported that she will send them to the Committee on October 4.

Chris added that if anyone would like to add to the next agenda, please notify her or Karen via an e-mail.

Amy Vlastic made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jacquie McKinney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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