



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2011 -5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall – Maple Room

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

Board members absent: Lorrie Hamilton.

Council Liaison attending: Council Liaisons Lou Rasmussen and Julie Cain.

Staff members attending: Chris Claxton, Kim Curran, April Bishop, Tonia Morgan, and Brian Anderson.

Additional guests attending: Chris White, Kerry Phillips and JoLynn Hobbs.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

Amy Vlasic made a motion to approve the October 11, 2011 minutes. Doug Stevens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

[Kerry Phillips and Chris White reside in Steeplechase next to Ironwoods Park. They are attending regarding the new park plan.

Jo Lynn Hobbs attended regarding the potential playground addition at Brooke Beatty Park. She resides in the neighborhood.]

Committee Chair Karen Ward Reimer welcomed the guests.

The Committee members introduced themselves to the guests.

I. Old Business

A. Discuss Playground at Brooke Beatty Park

(Referred to Park Board from the October 17th Council Meeting)

Chris reported that the potential playground was discussed at the October 17 Council meeting. It was referred back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for further discussion and possible recommendation.

Chris reported that there may be concerns about parking but she is unsure if this should be the focus. She looked at other parks in Prairie Village that are similar in size. The Roe location is the largest but none of the three allow street parking. Some have no parking signs.

One thing discussed in addition to the parking is the consideration of a structure. Size and components dictate the potential for it to become a destination park.

Chris expressed that she was concerned there could be an objection by APPI/the Arts Council to move the bench, but learned from April it has been discussed for visibility purposes. They also

discussed moving it within the park. They are open to discussing this further on November 21. This would certainly allow more space in the flattest portion of the park.

Brian reported that he also has concerns regarding parking. He also went by the park on Roe and certainly thinks playground equipment could work here. If so, they would likely need to move the bench but save the trees. He will research the utility easements on the southern portion of the area.

Chair Ward Reimer asked if the park should be a neighborhood park with limited parking. Is there any idea how many young children live in the area.

JoLynn Hobbs reported that there are a lot of children in the area; 15-20 in the immediate area that she knows of.

JoLynn reported that the residents who spoke at the Council meeting have a significant amount of young children as well. From a resident perspective, they are requesting something small for children to play on and a bench or two for parents, similar to the benches at City Park. The existing bench is extremely difficult to sit on during hot weather.

Brian asked for feedback regarding playground designs.

Brian reported that there are two types of age appropriate playground equipment; 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds. There are also combined options designed for ages 2-12 year olds but some features aren't appropriate for young toddlers who may have a hard time trying to keep up with their older siblings and climb certain portions of it.

Brian added that the grass isn't in the best condition. If we move forward with the playground project it will be a good time to renovate the turf and spruce up the area.

Brian also reported that the rain garden is doing well. Benches are always appreciated around a playground.

Council Liaison Cain reported that this is a great idea. It has been a missed opportunity. A real park is needed.

Bob asked if money will decrease the likelihood of a significant park presence at the police station location if/when money is spent on minor improvements to Brook Beatty.

Chris reported that she doesn't think so but this hasn't been determined. There are 2-3 discussed decisions that need to be made at 96th and Lee when the police move.

Bob added that it will be nice to have a pedestrian park that local families can walk to and people can drive a short distance with a few parking on the street. It is not big enough to attract a big draw. It is appropriate and would be a nice amenity, but we could miss the boat if this park is a check box on the list for Council to say we don't need anything at the police station because a new park was added on the north side of I-435. He would much rather have a significant park presence a few years from now than a small park at Brook Beatty but it would be nice to see both.

Chris reported that the space and users dictate the amenities for smaller age groups. Children who are older are welcome to play on it but this area would best support a unit designed for younger children.

Chris added that this may allow for other opportunities to do something different at 96th and Lee. She is uncertain what "different" will be because there has been a lot of discussion about the potential use of the property. This hasn't been determined.

Council Liaison Cain reported that she thinks Bob's point is valid and important but she has learned from City Council that you are astounded by what things cost. Thirty-four thousand dollars for a park addition isn't a small amount but for example installing a street light could potentially cost approximately \$250,000. She doesn't anticipate an investment for the park would have any bearing on what the Council will or will not do.

Brian reported when he is driving near Brook Beatty the area appears to be wasted.

JoLynn agreed. Brook Beatty is a community park. If the fire/police department area is developed, her neighborhood would have to drive to get there. There are other great parks but again, they have to drive. This is why she and her neighbors would like to know if it is a possibility to use the land close by. It isn't being utilized to the fullest.

JoLynn added that she and the other residents will appreciate anything the City feels is appropriate for the play area.

Chris reported that a motion should be made by the Committee if there is support for the playground addition. After which a design plan will be determined with cost estimates pending feedback on relocation of "Faith" from the Arts Council.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if the area is subject to flooding.

Brian replied that more water backs up into the channel than comes across and underneath Lee when the creek south of Brook Beatty backs up. This shouldn't be much of an issue because the area for the equipment will be installed on higher ground. He will research this further to be sure.

Jacquie reported that she strongly encourages the installation of park equipment. As a realtor she can guarantee young people are moving in. She was amazed when Mission Valley closed and anticipates it will have to reopen within the next three to four years. She travels Lee frequently and rarely sees anyone taking note of the sculpture. This is a good place for the artwork but she would like to see it relocated on the property to catch people's eye more.

Jacquie added that a park would add value to the properties in the area. One of the first things families with young children ask when moving from out of town or from the Missouri side is where the nearest park is.

Amy reported that residents in the southern portion of Leawood have a fair share of nice, beautiful parks. The northern residents have been slighted. It would be nice to upgrade Brook Beatty.

Chris added that over time there hasn't been a lot invested at Brook Beatty, with the exception of the art sculpture that was funded through the arts program. It makes a lot of sense to consider doing something.

Jacquie reported that this will be a great area for young mothers of young children during the day. She would like to see the equipment modified for the 2-5 year age group.

Bob reported that older children can throw a ball around while the smaller children play on the equipment and swing.

Chris reported that the traffic is sometimes heavy and fast on Lee. Should this move forward it will be necessary to add a buffer such as a short fence or bushes to stop a ball or a child from going out in the street.

Brian reported that it is good to hear that the neighborhood is supporting this. He remembers when work was being done to the creek and the discussion of a trail was proposed it wasn't well received by the neighbors.

JoLynn reported that she has been discussing this with Debra Filla for years. Parking has always been an issue. They want everyone to be able to go to the park. She didn't realize or understand all of the rules and regulations it takes to build a park.

JoLynn added that she met with different residents and this will be discussed at a HOA meeting Thursday night. They are willing to help with the landscaping, keeping the sight clean, maintenance or any other assistance it needs.

Amy Vlastic made a motion to advise City Council to move forward investigating installing park equipment in Brooke Beatty Park. Jacquie McKinney seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Discuss Council Action Regarding Plan for New Park Land

Chris reported that no motion was made but the general consensus is that there is a timeline and things will be done in that order. Most are already done. One map will be compiled which will include all utilities, the flood plain and any obstacles or potential restrictions. This will be done once she and Brian meet with Joe Johnson, who is in contact with the engineer.

Chris added that she will also meet with the City Administrator when this is complete. They are currently researching open work session dates. The Mayor asked them to look at the first quarter through the end of March, at which point there would be an opportunity to discuss the information.

Chris reported that there will be work sessions with the Governing Body that the Park Board can attend. The sub-committee representing the Board should meet soon to learn about the property, review the survey and discuss their thoughts then report back to the full committee.

The governing body will meet again to review comments and ideas; after which a public information meeting will be held at the Lodge. All interested Leawood residents will be invited to attend as well to provide input. The next steps will be discussed at that time.

Chris added that the staff and Park Board discussed that they feel it is important to work with a park planner. Someone needs to look at the big picture and how the 115 acres work together. This will be a decision made by Council. Preliminary design concepts will also be done.

Chris reported that she is uncertain what works best with everyone's schedule but she would like the Park Board to begin conversations now.

Council Liaison Cain agreed. Being proactive with time is what Committees are about. It will be nice to have preliminary thoughts discussed as soon as possible. She agrees with Council Liaison Rasmussen that the goal is to get this done within this year's timeframe. The only way to do so is to move forward now.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that the Committee needs to move quickly. They need to think about it and discuss it now. Leawood is a vibrant community; citizen participation is always encouraged. We need to move forward as soon as possible to decide what the park could be used for. He has no idea as to what will eventually end up there. It should be an open book to begin

with. It could be soccer fields, baseball, or tennis. It could possibly be another pool. He is uncertain but moving now is most important.

Chair Ward Reimer suggested meeting soon so as to report what was discussed to the entire Committee at the December meeting. She asked the Committee if they agree.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the subcommittee will meet early in December and the Park Board meeting will be held on the usual date.

Chris reported that at this point most of the business is done for the year such as the fees. There isn't anything pressing for the December meeting so it can be used to discuss the new park land only.

Jacquie McKinney asked if we need to know how much useable land we have before we start.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that roughly half of the 45 acres are in the flood plain. This doesn't mean it isn't useable, it just means we have to be careful what goes in there. The subcommittee should think of uses rather than location. What are the recreational needs of the entire City. If the ideas are acceptable once they are brought before the Committee, they will be recommended to the Council at that time.

Amy reported that when looking at possibilities we should also look at what is working at the current parks.

Chris reported that as a professional she has concerns about the big picture, as it relates to the needs of the entire city. We likely will not have any other opportunities to purchase land. It has been a very long time since we did a master plan of for Parks and Recreation. We can do just this piece but in the near future, we are in need of a revised overall plan.

Bob asked if she thinks it will be piece-meal.

Chris said no as it is a specific piece of land but if you look at the needs of the city, it can't all be placed at the new land. In relation to Brian's question about budget, the things can be listed but you have to talk through the space. Hopefully we will be able to get the a new Master Plan soon.

Council Liaison Cain asked if the master plan is done in house.

Chris replied that it is not.

Council Liaison Cain reported that it is like the park planner. Maybe it needs a master plan as well.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he tried at the Council meeting last night. We need a concept. Scott is of the mind to rather have this procedure so this is the way we are going for now.

Chris reported that there is no problem with this but eventually we should pursue someone who can assist us in putting it all together.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that the Committee should also consider access to the facilities if the park will be developed. This may be off of Kenneth Road or access through the sub-division. The original access to the park was near the cul-de-sac on the north east corner.

Council Liaison Rasmussen added that one of the reasons he was interested in getting the property line delineated is due to fencing. The issue is whether you fence or not. And, in his

opinion, the real issue is what the neighbors are doing with the property. There are some encroachments (nothing serious) but there are some. To minimize disputes with the neighbors you need to know where the property lines are.

Chris added that they had a very long conversation about fences when the first 70 acres was developed. This is why the split rail is up and on the property line.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that the Councilman from that Ward thought it should be open.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked Committee members to also remember access to the trails; it was planned for decades that the trails go through there. This is another utilization issue.

Chris added that this is a good point. Scott directed staff today to look at the access from the cul-de-sac and get measurements to determine pricing. We were also directed to look at costs to take the trail on the north side of the lake out towards Kenneth.

Amy reported that it should connect to State Line. Is the split rail through the rest of the park.

Chris and Brian reported that it is on the north property line.

Brian also reported that barbwire fence is on the south end of the property and along the east side.

Chris replied that this correct but Scott has instructed to remove the barbwire fence that separates the old and new properties.

Council Liaison Rasmussen commented if this is done we have to be cautious of the large tracts adjacent to the area. We need to think about the potential area being developed for residential use in the entire area that backs on the south side. We don't want to be faced once again with buildings being built and people saying they weren't told. The sub-committee has a huge chore ahead of them.

Chris will send an email and get some open date times. Once the sub-committee meets will the findings be discussed with the entire Park Board in December.

Amy reported that this would be fine but the problem is going to be five people's schedules coinciding at the same time. We need to be get a date and get it done before moving forward.

Jacque asked Council Liaison Rasmussen if he is suggesting adding a split rail fence if the barbwire fence will be removed.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he isn't suggesting anything. There are a lot of issues to consider. The barbwire was installed because of animals not for people. There was an animal farm with horses and llamas.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that we are nearing November and the deadline is September 2012.

Rob asked what Lou is referring to in regards to the September due date.

Council Liaison Rasmussen replied that the Council established a timeframe in terms of construction of the bathrooms at the present amphitheatre location. Whether or not an alternative location could be utilized and the new park would have a decision made by September 2012.

Amy reported that the sub-committee will meet soon. The information will be brought forth to the Park Board committee at the next scheduled meeting.

Doug asked Chris when the maps and information will be assembled and ready as stated in item #1.

Chris replied that she will meet with Joe to discuss the survey to see what the engineer may be able to do.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked Chris to clarify this statement. He was under the impression Joe already had this.

Chris reported that Joe has it. They all have it. It shows the center line of the creek as well as the utilities and encroachments. It just needs to be discussed further.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if the gas, stormwater and sanitary lines are also included. Also are the contour lines on there.

Chris replied that they are. The gas, sanitary and any easements are also included. The contour lines are not but will be as this is important.

Amy asked how much private property of the new land is already developed.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that anything north of the existing Ironwoods Park projecting east on the east/west line has not been purchased. It will be developed later.

Chris reported that they are working on this now. She saw Mr. Owens who works for Ashner at the Map 20/20 celebration and he asked about the road. She explained that we aren't to that area yet. She suggested that they meet discuss further as development continues.

Council Liaison Cain reported that they are adding a significant amount of houses; 150 – 180 homes. It will be similar to Wilshire Place. She is uncertain what the sub-division will be called.

Amy asked if the property will back up to the new acquired park land.

Chris reported that this is correct.

Chris passed around the survey for review. It was on the wall at the last meeting.

C. Havdalah Garden Update – *Added to the agenda by Chris*

Chris reported that the ceremony was held at Gezer Park. The only negative part of the evening was the darkness, which made it difficult to take pictures.

Chris sent a CD of the photos to Roshann Parish and Jeffrey Dobbs who donated the money. She also sent some to Julie Bartles Smith who will write something up for an upcoming publication.

Chris added that Brian and Dustin put up the sukkah before the event. They quickly found out that they hadn't planned for the time it takes to install it. There needs to be a fee for doing so as it is labor intensive, taking two people an hour. They are proposing a \$75 fee.

Rod made a motion to add a \$75 fee, in addition to the shelter rental, to install and take down the sukkah. Jacquie McKinney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Committee Photo

The Committee photo was taken at the beginning of the meeting.

B. Update from Bicycle Friendly Committee

Brian reported that the Committee is doing well. He reported that the city has received “Honorable Mention”. He also received feedback from a review committee who provide ways for us to move up to a higher category for becoming more bicycle friendly.

Jacquie reported that she would be interested to hear what other things they feel we should do.

Brian reported that there were some things they had already talked about improving upon. The highlights were the Spoke 'N Art ride. The bicycle police officer of the Committee reported at the last meeting that he is working on creating a diversion program for cyclists. Police officers are hesitant to write tickets to a bicyclist who run a red light or commit other violations. The police officer is working with the court system to create a diversion program for those who have bad riding habits and commit violations. They may be able to avoid paying a fee and complete a training class.

Rod asked if this was well received with the feedback received.

Brian added that they definitely liked this and had mentioned it before. They also discussed ways the Committee could teach motorists to deal with cyclist on the road.

Brian also reported that they will target companies that drive big trucks and busses to offer training and resources. The staff has been going through the streets and looking at every road to recommend improvements. If a street is being modified they will be able to suggest if sidewalks, bike lanes or bike routes could be added.

Brian reported that they received feedback regarding some of the streets the kids use to access schools that the Bike Committee wasn't thinking of in the beginning. As a staff they've only checked the streets in the northern part of town that they were contemplating. They will go further and verify the field in the near future.

April asked what will be done to repeat offenders who continually receive tickets. How many times are they allowed to take the class.

Brian reported that this is still in development. The Assistant Chief was in favor of it as well as the City Prosecutor. He will meet with the Chief of Police soon.

Rod reported that he has been really impressed with Brian and how he brought the different city departments together. The Committee has made a lot of progress since engaging with the other people. They are really engaged and interested in assisting. Getting them involved has been great for the Committee.

Chris replied that she feels the same. They have expertise in other areas and good ideas. They are great about attending the meetings and are really enthusiastic, which makes it all go great.

Amy thanked Brian for doing a great job on the committee.

C. Staff Report

Kim reported that the alpine tower inspection and a program review were held at the end of October. This was the first time for the program review. The report hasn't been received but from all indications, it went well.

Kim also reported that cabin rental season has ended. They had a very busy October due to the warmer weather. The numbers increased from last year.

Kim reported that fall soccer has also ended. Fifteen participants in The Legends Academy were recreational soccer players. She is expecting this to grow as time goes on.

Kim added that we will start offering Tai Chi classes again in the winter/spring program guide. Our previous instructor, Jan Bloch sadly passed away from cancer.

Holiday Lighting will be held on November 21 before the Governing Body meeting.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked April if moving the art sculpture in Brook Beatty Park will be discussed at the upcoming Arts Council meeting.

April reported that it will be discussed. They don't have a problem moving it but feel that they shouldn't incur the cost of relocating it. If the City is paying to build a playground, they can also pay for the move. A new location may be found in the sculpture garden for it.

Chris asked if it has been decided to definitely move it out of the park or will this be discussed on Monday.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that it may be good to leave it there or relocate it within the area.

April replied that this will be discussed on Monday. The downside is if children play on it. It is bronze and hot in the summer so kids can get burned on it. She would vote to move it but this isn't her decision.

[Kim continued with her report]

Breakfast with Santa is December 3. Enrollments are currently being accepted.

Kim added that staff received a lot of feedback from working parents about Holiday Camp times, which were originally 9-5. The new time will be 7:30a.m. – 5:30p.m. This expands the drop off and pick up times, allowing working parents the opportunity to utilize the camp.

Kim reported that she and Chris worked on a new newsletter. It will be available on the Leawood website. People can also receive it by subscription. It is also on the Blue Valley and Shawnee Mission school districts Community Calendars, which is helpful because flyers can no longer be sent home with children in their backpacks. This is a good way to keep in touch with the community and get upcoming events into people's hands. This is a free publication.

Chris reported that this was done in-house.

Bob reported that there were cars illegally parked in the center section to the north of field #10 at soccer last weekend. This happened when the police officer pulled in behind him on occasion and sometimes as soon as the office pulled out. We definitely need more no parking signs permeating

throughout the park. This is the one spot where parking is always an issue.

Bob continued that even when the young lady in the golf cart flagged them down and told them they couldn't park there, they did it anyway. A parent had to go get the ball that a player kicked between the cars on every game he had on field #10. This is a very bad area. It may be helpful to add more permanent signs for that strip.

Kim reported that this has been an issue as long as she's been here. They have fought this constantly. This is a very dangerous spot. Kids do run between the cars. She's had two officers writing tickets all day long in the past. Signs were also installed.

Chris asked Kim if two officers are present and writing tickets why didn't this do it.

Kim replied that this was during the time Officer Jennings and Officer Winders were on bike patrol. This area and the dumpster are two favorite spots. They wrote tickets all day.

Kim added that this may need to be done again. Tickets need to be enforced. She doesn't want to do it but something has to be done for the safety of the kids.

Chris reported that maybe the presence of the officers may help if Kim doesn't feel comfortable having tickets issued.

Bob replied that it will be the same issue as soon as officers leave. People stop and drop their player off for games on field #10 because there isn't any official parking for that field. Another problem is that the no parking signage is near the tennis courts. He noticed that cars did not park there the first weekend when signs were very visible. Parking is really an issue when the signs were removed.

Kim reported that this may be the solution. More signs may be all we need. She will take care of this. If needed, she will ask enforcement to step up.

Bob reported that it would be good if the person driving the golf cart on duty that day could have a mallet and put the temporary signs up. This may help.

Kim reported that she will discuss this with Dan and have more temporary signs installed next season. It is amazing because there are available parking spaces.

Bob reported that in his opinion the available parking spaces aren't utilized because they are not close to the field where their child is playing.

Bob asked if we know how many kids signed up for the Legends program through Leawood. He has received questions from several people wanting to know this information.

Chris reported that staff will sit down with the Legends and complete a year report. This is typically done in December.

Rod asked if this question was raised due to passing interest or concern.

Bob reported that a lot of people were uncertain about what the partnership meant from the beginning. He coaches three soccer teams and received a lot of questions from parents of children he coaches.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked the standard size of a soccer field.

Bob reported that it is roughly the size of a football field including the inzone. This is roughly 120 yards by 50 yards. The fields are smaller when playing through 4-5 grade. Dan has appropriately reduced the size of the field and the number of players on the field for younger ages. Fifth grade will be the first time playing on a bigger field which is developmentally appropriate.

Bob added that this is great. A smaller field is fewer players, more touches, and more shots.

Kim reported that we saw a large increase in the recreational soccer league.

Bob reported that he will wait to review the Legends report but he wonders if their affiliation or the change in the third grade format from 11/11 back down to 7/7; there were seventeen teams; twelve in his division. They didn't play them all. This was a better improvement than affiliating with the Legends although it is a good outlet.

Kim reported that it also provides a good feeder.

Bob added that both are good improvements.

Brian reported that certain areas of the park have been farmed as of late. Someone jumps the curb at night and tears up the field with their car tires. This has happened four to five times. They have ruined the field. The grass needs to be stripped and resodded. It is really uneven.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked how they get into the park at night.

Chris reported that they drive through. The gates don't work after being repaired more than once. We will try to add natural landscaping to make the area less interesting to destroy. Sometimes they even drive down the hill on Lee.

Brian added that he has talked to the police. They are parking a car in the maintenance garage at night and waiting on weekends.

Bob reported that there isn't any way to keep them from getting on field nine and ten. This is two hundred-fifty yards of boulders.

Brian reported that they discussed boulders. He and Dustin successfully did tree landscaping at I-Lan to stop cars from parking on the grass. If this were done on the fields it would be a lot of trees but very pretty once complete.

Chris reported that something needs to be done to avoid this from happening again. It always happens on Saturday night. The fields are fine for soccer on Saturday but the next day it has been destroyed. The ruts are significant and repairs are costly. Luckily the irrigation hasn't been damaged.

Brian reported that his staff has worked on the trail at Ironwoods. It is all being changed to concrete. Restoration work will be done once completed.

Brian added that they removed trees from the creek typically along Tomahawk Creek. The concern is they will block the creek over time.

Brian discussed lighting Cloud Gate. A demonstration was done of low voltage lights recently. He and April liked this option. They will be installed, once received. This will help by using less energy as they are low voltage. It can also be installed in the landscaping less intrusively.

April added that they are LED lights. They are bright and effective. They will be light amber colored. They will begin with a clear lens and may try red later.

Rod asked if the lights are a professional grade versus a home improvement store brand.

April reported that the gentleman is definitely a lighting professional. He is based in Chicago. He really knew what he was doing. He may also have an option if we have to replace the lighting on Lloopi.

Brian reported that he took the lighting person to Gezer Park to find options for the fire pit. The steps going down the ramp are tricky to negotiate at night. They decided that logopitch lighting will be used in the area to illuminate and cast light on the steps.

April reported that APPI will take a recommendation to Council to purchase "Introspection". There are several options of where it can be located.

April added that the Brook Beatty piece will probably move to the sculpture garden.

April also reported that they are looking at a temporary piece by Stretch that is less refined. It is unlike most of our pieces and anything we've had before.

April reported that if "Introspection" is moved it will be visible from Town Center Drive.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he heard it will be moved to Park Place.

April reported that this is a rumor. A definite decision hasn't been made. The Committee was looking at a possible location there. Park Place has paid a huge amount into the impact fee. There is land in the cul-de-sac that they would need to deed to the City if we want to move it there. This hasn't been decided upon or gone through the Committee. It was mere conversation..

Council Liaison Cain reported that Park Place has been named the most viable commercial development in the entire metro. This may be a great location for the art piece.

April agreed. It would be residential over there as well as commercial. It is a good solution. If not, it can be moved to the sculpture garden.

April added that the schoolhouse has been extremely busy with fieldtrips and scout troops. This will continue until the first weekend of December when the holiday event is held at the same time as Breakfast with Santa. Attendance usually drops off after this event.

April added that the Historic Commission is putting Graham Gibians home on the register. The Historic register is Leawoods, which is an honorary designation but this doesn't mean they can't tear the house down or do anything to it. The first original historic district survey was done years ago, before the databases existed. The last one was downloaded in the states website, which is the database for everything. They would like to take the old survey and update it into the states site. New digital photos will be taken and uploaded to the state site. This is their current project.

April reported that the Arts Council is complete with their 2011 events. The last concert was held Sunday night. They discussed doing something philanthropic with the event. People brought cans for Harvesters.

April reported that the first event of the year will be a Dino O' Dell's CD launch party for younger children. Discounted CD's will be sold for donation of can goods benefiting Village Presbyterian Church food pantry.

April reported that they are working with the Leawood Foundation to do a juried art show called Arti Gras. The event will be held the last weekend in February, the same time as Marti Gras. The Music and entertainers will be present. Save the date cards should be received this week.

Attendees will receive five ballots to vote for the King's Choice award.

Council Liaison Cain complimented April for coming up with the clever Arti Gras name.

April also reported that the Stage Company is auditioning for the concert style production of "Titanic the Musical" to be held on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.

Rod asked the age range of the cast.

April replied that it is an adult cast with one part for an eight year old child. It isn't a kid's show. People in the cast are dying in the production.

April reported that the summer show will be "Fiddler on the Roof". Children are welcome to audition.

Chris reported that the Titanic production is mainly singing not acting.

April reported that this correct. It is concert style.

Chris reported that the winter/spring program guide will drop in the mail November 28. It should be received that week.

Jacquie asked how many copies are sent.

Chris reported that 20,000 copies are printed. We are currently sending 16,000 direct mail to every single family home in Leawood.

Chris also reported that she and Brian attended the Bridging the Gap Award Ceremony last week. Leawood won the award in the government category for environmental efforts over the past year.

Council Liaison Cain reported that the Committee is a hardworking group. The volunteers of the Committee spend hours outside of the meetings.

Chris reported that the Council took action last night allowing us to engage Continental Engineers to begin the engineering work on the north lake. There is four feet of silt in there. Winter is the best time to do this type of work.

Chris added that there is a low water crossing along the area half way toward the north and holds every piece of trash and overflows, and it is also slick. It will be improved after the first of the year.

Chris also reported that there are a lot of actions on the Council agendas. Almost all of the facilities had roof damage, parks included. Repairs and painting will begin soon. HVAC's will also be repaired. The last storm was very significant. We are trying to squeeze in wedding receptions etc.

D. Misc.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he met with Scott Lambers last night who indicated we may get the land transfer for the dog park this year. All of the work this Committee did and recommendations to City Council are in place. We can start once the land is received "free of charge". This was one of our criteria. It was a gross estimate of \$300,000. This is in the CIP as an unfunded amount. Hopefully it can be funded in 2013. He is appreciative of the hard work.

Jacquie reported that every place she goes it appears to come up more and more regarding the Art piece at the corner of Tomahawk Creek Parkway and College Blvd. Many want to know what it is and why it is there.

April reported that this was discussed at the last Art in Public Places meeting. One of the locations considered for “Introspection” was to move it to this location at the corner and move the gate. Basically they felt it was too soon to move it in regards to concern of the previous owner.

Jacque reported that in all due respect of the artist, we represent the citizens of Leawood and they constantly want to know why it is there. The Arts Council originally recommended it to be installed by the Lodge.

Amy asked for an update on the 123rd street trail. People constantly ask her about it.

Brian reported that he has also received several calls regarding this.

Chris reported that the work session for Council to discuss this it was moved back to January 3rd.

E. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – December 13, 2011

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, at 5:30p.m.

Bob Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rod Crawford seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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