

ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall – Maple Room

Board members in attendance: Karen Ward Reimer (Chair), Bob Wright, Lorrie Hamilton, Dave Coleman, David Harwood, Doug Stevens and Amy Vlasic.

Council Liaisons present: Julie Cain and Lou Rasmussen

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

Guest in attendance: Dr. Ann Kinney (Leawood Arts Council), Dave Hanson and son Will (residents). JoLynn Hobbs (Brook Beatty Park).

Chair Ward Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

David Harwood made a motion to approve the October 9, 2012 minutes. Dave Coleman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Special Business

A. Leawood Rotary Request – Brad Moore [Purchase and Install Clock – City Park]

Don Smith, Leawood Rotary Club President and Brad Moore, Leawood Rotary Club member made a presentation of the clock they would like to purchase and install at City Park. *(Copies were passed out with pictures of the clock and its potential location, style and size)*

Mr. Moore reported that he joined the club a year ago, at which time the club expressed an interest in purchasing and installing the clock. They are proposing purchasing a clock from the oldest clock making business in the Nation. The clock will cost \$22, 000; funds will be raised to purchase it and cover the installation cost. The clock will need electricity to run.

Mr. Moore added that they surveyed the entire City of Leawood for potential locations including private and public properties. After narrowing it down from eight locations, it was determined that it was important to locate it on municipal grounds so all of the residents can enjoy it in perpetuity.

Mr. Moore also reported that after a careful study they have a great interest in installing it at City Park. The best area in their opinion is on the long island between the tennis courts and swimming pool. They would like to have this be an ongoing project that could enhance overtime as funds become available. Phase I would be the purchase and installation depending on fundraising efforts. They envisioned a paved circular area surrounding the clock with benches to make it more of an amenity. The clock will have a four faces with the rotary emblem in the center and roman numerals. They would like to consider landscaping and to possibly elevate it with a circular island with an additional seat height where someone could sit on the ledge all the way around it. They will sell commemorative plaques to go on the pedestal base as part of their fundraising efforts. This will be spearheaded the first of the year once approved.

Mr. Moore reported that he will go before the Planning Commission and City Council once approved by the Park Board.

April asked if other locations within City Park were considered.

Mr. Moore reported that several other locations were considered. They were striving for a location that would provide the most visibility to most people, most of the year. This would be a great area between the tennis courts as well as all of the cars that pass it during soccer season. He spent a lot of time observing the area and feels the most concentrated traffic is in that area. This is a good place to have a reference landmark. It would be nice for parents to drop their children off and have them meet at the clock tower for pickup.

April asked if the clock is a specific symbolic to The Rotary.

Mr. Moore replied that it is an everlasting time piece and portrays the rotary concept. They are hoping youth will see the Rotary emblem and over time may be inquisitive about Rotary. It definitely won't be a form of advertising but they would welcome new members.

Council Liaison Cain asked if the clock makes noise.

Mr. Moore reported that it can with the appropriate options. Some chime and make music on the hour. They haven't considered this for the location in the park.

Mr. Moore reported that they are confident it is a secure location with the tennis court lights, the street lights and lighting of the clock. They don't feel it is subject to vandalism.

Chair Ward Reimer asked who is responsible for the maintenance after installation.

Mr. Moore replied that it should be maintenance free if it is only a clock on a pedestal. They would discuss landscaping maintenance with the City. There shouldn't be an ongoing expense despite the slight electrical draw.

Council Liaison Cain loves the idea but wondered if other areas in Leawood were considered other than City Park.

Mr. Moore reported that they looked at other locations including Town Center and Park Place. The future of both locations is unknown. They were leary of selecting either of these for that reason. It is comforting knowing that it will be on City property and open to the public.

Dave asked if the new Justice Center was considered and if the face of the clock is visible from the pool. Will it be easy for swimmers to see the time on the clock while in the pool. Dave added that the location chosen isn't highly visible. A better location may be near the pool where there's more traffic and a child can visually see it from the pool.

Mr. Moore reported that it probably isn't visible from the pool but is certain many walkers will see it.

Dave added that he has concerns with the location. The trees are currently relatively immature but when grown they will obscure the north and south sight lines.

Brian added that this is a good point. They are English Oaks and will grow very tall in the future.

Dave added that all the fields are on the north end and won't be visible. He would hate to install it and it will have to be re-installed in the future when the trees obscure it.

Mr. Moore appreciates the excellent points brought up.

Bob reported that he also thinks it's a great idea but is concerned about the location. It will rarely get utilized if installed near the tennis courts. He agrees it would be best to locate it where pool patrons can see it. The pool is open three months per year and this may be helpful when open. He knows a half a dozen places that would give more sighting than the proposed location. The ideal location would be to the west of the shelter. This is a central location. Everyone on the play equipment, shelter patrons and pool users could see it.

Bob added that he is also concerned that nearly every car coming into the lot travels there and sometimes at a high speed running late for soccer practice, games etc. This will be a safety concern if kids are hanging out.

Dave agrees. This isn't a good location for drop off/pick up.

Brian reported that he would also avoid areas used for any Fourth of July events.

Mr. Moore reported that they are willing to work out the location. All suggestions received tonight will be taken into consideration. They are hoping for a Spring/Summer unveiling once approved.

Mr. Moore reported that he contacted Richard Coleman of the Planning Department who informed him they are unable to come before their Committee until January due to deadline dates. His filing must be submitted by December 18.

David asked if it would be best to work with staff to identify a handful of potential locations that Park staff thinks are acceptable and bring the suggestions to the Park Board next month.

Chair Ward Reimer reported that direction should come from the Rotary without getting staff involved.

David reported that a brief meeting could be held with staff and present the Rotary with the information to develop it further. His concern is the thorough fare and it will become a gathering place and unfortunately there are distracted drivers coming through the park. We may need to see if modifications are needed to the island if the clock is put at that location to provide better safety for the traffic. This will become a very complex situation.

David added that this is a fantastic monument and could tie in with the 40th Anniversary Celebration. There are also great opportunities to engage Scouts with certain youth projects.

Chris reported that staff would be willing to meet and discuss opportunities.

Dave reported that clocks are usually in highly visible areas. For example, downtown Overland Park has a clock near the City Market. Many people see it on a regular basis and utilize it. We should consider other areas such as the new Justice Center.

Brian reported that this is a good suggestion. Did they consider the court yard at City Hall?

Mr. Moore reported that both sites were considered but felt the park would provide higher visibility. They are happy to consider other options.

Bob asked if they are referring to reading the clock or driving by and seeing the clock when they mention visibility. The potential location will receive a minimal amount of pedestrian traffic other than patrons using the tennis courts who would walk away from it going to the parking lot. City Hall would have a high amount of people coming in and out observing it on a daily basis.

Chair Ward Weimer asked for a Committee volunteer to meet with staff and the Rotary Club to discuss additional sites and bring the information to the Committee in December or January.

Dave Coleman volunteered.

Doug asked if the style of the clock is related to Rotary. Is this a particular choice that has been made. Are there other styles available.

Mr. Moore reported that they make variations on two different styles. They chose this style.

Chair Ward Reimer asked the Rotary club to contact Chris to discuss possible meeting dates. Chris will contact Dave to schedule a meeting.

Chair Ward Reimer and many Committee members thanked The Rotary members for coming. Committee members are very excited about this.

Brad and Don thanked the Committee for their time. They are also anxious about the upcoming meeting and bringing additional potential location suggestions back to the Committee. They aren't stuck on one site.

II. Old Business

A. Discuss Request to Revisit 2013 Shelter Fees

Chris passed around and gave an overview of the fees for shelters.

Chris reported that a Work Session was held November 5, to discuss the fee policy and the 2013 fees. The Council was very much supportive of the first item. They also discussed cost recovery.

Chris reported that Council member Bussing had received a comment(s) from a citizen(s) that the current resident shelter fees are expensive. She advised him that she would be happy to take a look at this and bring this information to the Committee as it would potentially be different than what the committee recommended previously.

Chris reported that there are operational costs to the shelters and things the residents have supported through property tax and bond issues but there are costs for manpower, keeping them up, and supplies. They are in such demand most days that it is not unusual during the height of the season to turn them around a couple of times per day. Brian often has to bring overtime staff in on the weekends when this occurs.

Chris gave an overview of the report. The shelters are broken down by small, medium and large for five hour blocks, which is the half day rental. We also rent them all day.

Council Liaison Cain asked the percentage of resident rentals versus nonresidents. She believes this was Gary Bussing's point.

Chris reported that there were 41 resident rentals last year compared to 104 non-resident rentals. The total resident revenue for 2012 was \$5,860.00. It would be \$4,765.00, which is 18.69% if you take the proposed fees.

Chris reported that Gary Bussing asked if something can be done to make it easier on residents.

Amy asked if replacement of tables, staining or other maintenance is needed at some point.

Chris reported that it is required at some point but they are not a fixed operational cost. Some of these things may last ten years. These weren't factored in to the report. This is a quick snapshot to ask the Committees input regarding if adjusting resident fees is an option.

Chris added that we need the large shelter to accommodate large events. The large shelter rentals are used for companies and family reunions. This is the most requested shelter. Although the shelter at Ironwoods isn't as large it is the only shelter there so it has more value in that location.

Amy asked if anyone complains about the cost. Chair Ward Reimer asked if Tonia has mentioned anyone complaining about the cost.

Chris replied that to her knowledge, the answer is no.

Amy reported that she doesn't like lowering fees if we will have to raise them again in several years. If the current fees can remain, this would be best.

Chris added that she sees both sides. We want to do what we can to provide lower fees to Leawood residents. The majority won't know they are receiving it.

Bob asked if lowering the price will increase the volume since they are in high demand and are often sold out.

Chris reported that it will not.

Lorrie reported that she can't see justification in lowering rates if we are selling out at the current rate. Residents are receiving a bargain with the current cost. Doing this would be going backwards.

David reported that Overland Parks Park and Recreation rents shelters by the hour. Their least expensive is fifteen dollars per hour for a fifteen person shelter. They have special rates for larger facilities. Hourly fees increase by the size of the shelter/facility. Are we comparable?

Chris reported that a spreadsheet of municipalities close to us was presented to the Council. Our fees are in the middle range compared to others. Our fees are a user fee. Overland Park may not keep their park shelters as clean as we do or provide as many amenities.

David added that we shouldn't lose money for subsidizing the use of the shelter. We already subsidize equipment and maintenance of the shelter. The actual physical use should be paid for by those who use the shelter.

Chris added that he is correct. It is a user fee.

Dave asked if it would it be better to keep the smaller shelters the same and lower the large shelter.

April asked if renting in two or three hour blocks be best.

Chris reported that this would cost more. We would have to turn it over more often.

April reported that this may not be necessarily true. Patrons may want to rent several two hour blocks. Would we get more money this way?

Chris reported that it wouldn't be compounding. We would need another category to do this and would turn it over more as well as require more staff to clean it between rentals, which would not be practical. She is uncertain if the concern is the revenue.

Chris reported that Gary Bussing's concern from the resident is a fair question regarding doing something more for the residents.

Lorrie reported that residents are receiving a bargain for what they are getting. We shouldn't lose money on shelter rentals. Obviously they are rented at the current rate. We shouldn't go backwards on the price.

Doug reported that he agrees.

David reported that we should keep the smaller shelter fees the same and adjust the large shelter fee down. We shouldn't lose money but it shouldn't be a financial windfall.

Doug reported that there is much more value in the lack of large shelter availability.

Chris reported that she agrees. This is why it was originally priced the way it is. It is the most requested shelter.

Kim reported that it is also more labor intensive due to the number of people it holds.

Chris reported that a determination would need to be made prior to December 17 if there is going to be a change. This is when the fees go before the Council.

Chair Ward Reimer reported that it is a general consensus by all Committee members to keep the shelter fees the same. She thanked everyone for their input.

B. Discuss Bridge at Gezer Park

Brian reported that he will custom make a planter box. It will cost \$200 for the siding. He will begin working on purchasing the wood and liner soon.

Chris reported that Scott Fanning, head of the Construction Division will also assist with this project.

Chris reported that the City received a bill from Mrs. Paul. It has been forwarded to risk management who sent it on to our insurance company.

C. Discuss Revised Restroom Plan – Ironwoods Park [Amphitheater]

Chris reported that the Stage Company had a retreat on October 14th to discuss potential needs for the restroom building.

Chris met with Richard Coleman, the Community Development Director, also an architect, and discussed the original footprint. Both agreed that keeping the number of restrooms discussed would be best- 7 women and 4 men. She, Brian and April also met with members from Continental Consulting Engineers and Greg Hasselwander of Kevin Cowen architects to consider the best footprint.

Chris reported that the current restroom is designed for built for 550 people which is not oversized. When the stage Company has performances and other programs use it, such as the kid's concerts, it is not unusual to have 500-1000 people attending.

Chris reported that everyone agrees that a bathroom is needed and would like to move forward but an exterior architectural plan that resembles the proposed amphitheater is not supported.

Chris reported that two scenarios were researched. She is working to get a fee for a possible design change that would include a small concession area to sell portable items, a restroom for the actors and a storage area. The second option would be to add the items and of course change the roof line. Estimates from the consultants are an additional \$95 - \$150K.

April reported that labor costs have stayed the same but material costs have increased since first discussed three years ago.

Chris reported that she will discuss options with Scott Lambers, City Administrator. The decision will be made by the Council as to whether or not they support the options with the increase.

Chris reported that we have \$335K remaining.

Council Liaison Cain asked if additional portable restrooms will be needed if the eleven restrooms are built.

April reported that additional portable restrooms may be needed on occasion for cast members to avoid standing in line if this option can't be added. She is hopeful this doesn't happen.

Council Liaison Cain asked if this will it be able to be constructed before the production next summer.

Chris reported that this is unlikely. It has to go to the Planning Commission first, then 30-45 days to finalize the plan, another month to bid, etc.

Chris thanked Council Liaison Cain and Rasmussen for getting this on the Council agenda in September for follow-up.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that a Co-Council member Jim Rawlings voted for this but was under the impression that the design was for 3,000 persons. He assured Jim that the

amphitheater design criteria was never intended for 3,000 people. The number of male and female stalls was laid out on the design criteria of the use of the amphitheater. It was limited by Council action of 1500. He wants to make sure all Committee members understand this.

Amy asked how many toilets are needed for 3000 people.

Chris reported that one toilet is needed for every 75 men and one for every 40 women.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that expanding the concept of the restrooms to include concession and storage areas will delay it further. This is a difficult issue.

Council Liaison Cain reported that this is frustrating that we can't get it done by next summer. How long might it take in a perfect world?

Chris reported that she is uncertain. It could possibly take three to four months.

Chris reported that the contract will be done in house. When she receives a cost or design updates, it will be presented to the Committee. A recommendation can be made at that time.

D. Discuss Council Action on Brooke Beatty Park

Chris reported that Council voted to allow staff to start the planning process. She has the plat. She requested the title and will make an application to the Planning Commission once received.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that the intent is to get to the Planning Commission in January.

Chris reported that staff agrees. She doesn't see any reason that this isn't possible unless the calendar is backed up.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he is hopeful this will be done by summer 2013. This is where the money is. We have the money in 2013.

Chris reported that there are choices such as fencing, irrigating the park etc., going up to the budgeted \$101,000.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked how much of the choices need Planning Commission approval, all, or the concept of the park only.

Chris replied the park only. Planning Commission won't be concerned about irrigation.

Chris reported that a final recommendation will be needed from Park Board if there are any changes. It will be brought back to the Park Board Committee at the December 11, meeting if possible, which will allow time to present it to the Planning Commission in January as originally planned.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that we need to move diligently to get this to the Planning Commission on time. This shouldn't be delayed further.

E. Update on Land Donation – Hallmark Farms

Chris reported that we recently received a proposal for the donation from Hallmark Farms. She met with Scott, Patty Bennett and Richard Coleman to review. There are a couple things that have surfaced that Hallmark Farms is requesting that we don't agree on. Unfortunately their City Attorney is overseas for a couple weeks. It may be tough to get this completed by year end.

F. Discuss Further Developments Re: Facebook & Twitter

Chris reported that the City is leaning towards being interested in the Everbridge Mass Notification system. The Police Department believes it might work for them.

Chris reported that her only concern is that people have to sign up for it.

Kim reported that we would piggy back with Johnson County. It is a sign-up only program. It would be good for participants interested in the large item recycling day. It has GIS locations.

Amy reported that most people are already on Facebook and may not be interested in signing up for something additional. She likes getting on Facebook and reading what you are interested in but you can ignore what you are not. You can get on as often as you like and remind people of events without bothering them.

Kim also reported that she agrees with Amy, people are already on Facebook. It is easy to unlike items on Facebook rather than unsubscribing. Facebook is a way to get closer to the citizens.

Chris reported that we currently have Textcaster. The City pays for this service. Patrons sign up to receive this as well. She believes this is similar to the Everbridge system, in some ways.

Lorrie reported that if you have to subscribe to something you will get inundated with information that may or may not pertain to you. It will be a lot of junk mail that you don't want and ultimately you will quit paying attention to it. This won't be good.

Amy reported that even her sons Boy Scout Troop at Nativity are going to start sending information on Facebook rather than sending notes.

David reported that he apologizes that he has been unsuccessful at getting his research together as suggested at the last meeting. He's been extremely busy but will get on top of this soon, hopefully before Thanksgiving. A good example of a City with Facebook is Kansas City Missouri's Facebook page. It is professionally done and open for comments. People who attend events often make positive comments. There is a history of every event. This would be helpful and valuable for the City.

Council Liaison Cain reported that it could be a lack of knowledge by Council. Facebook is the way of the world now.

Council Ward Reimer reported that all are in agreement that the Committee likes the Facebook concept. She advises getting on the City Council agenda and having David make the presentation to hopefully move ahead with Facebook and Twitter.

David reported that he has the legal information and examples together. He will send this to the Committee shortly after Thanksgiving. He will contact Mark Andrasik and work with him before the next meeting. We can approve modifications needed at the December meeting.

Council Liaison Cain reported that it may be best to have Scott, City Administrator advise if it is best to do this at a Council meeting or a Work Session. It may be better to do this at a Work Session where everyone can relax and see it without the possibility of public interruption. They start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 before the Council meeting. We won't have that amount of time in a Council meeting.

Chris reported that she will talk to Scott for his recommendation and notify the Committee.

G. 40th Anniversary – 2013

Chair Ward Reimer reported that there is a small group Committee who needs to decide when to meet before the end of the year.

Chris reported that it will be nice to have the plan in motion soon. The next program guide for summer, which will unveil this event, will be in March. She is also working with Alice Hawk and the Foundation to change the display case. It would be nice for everything to happen at once.

All Committee members who volunteered to be on the event planning sub-committee decided to have a lunch meeting Wednesday, November 28.

Chris will send an e-mail reminder prior to the meeting.

Chair Ward Reimer reported that all information discussed will be brought to the Committee at the December meeting.

H. "Smoke-Free" Parks – [Continued from 10/9/12]

Chris reported that she researched whose doing what and why. Some are definite *no's*, some are *yes*, and others have a hybrid. It is best to make a decision based on what you feel is best for the situation and not by what other people are doing.

Chris added as an example Lees Summits policy is 500 ft. away. Some may feel this is not attainable. Kansas City is doing a similar policy compared to other municipalities who have gone smoke free. There has been a 33% percent increase of parks that have gone smoke free in the past two years.

Chris reported that some may feel it isn't right for people to smoke within a certain distance where children are involved, for example, during a soccer game. She doesn't think people should smoke where others are trying to exercise or be healthy and encourage their kids to remain smoke free. There should be a dividing line. She noticed a person smoking while she was on the trail recently. She was afraid they were going to throw the lit cigarette in the dry grass.

Amy asked if some cities are totally smoke free and have smoke free parks only.

Chris reported that some are done by ordinance, and some make it a park rule. The big question is how to enforce it if brought to fruition. She focused on the bigger picture and what is being done with playgrounds, shelters, activities in the park.

Dave reported that this is a good idea and sets a good precedent for the area. There is a safety issue to City property and City parks. We are justified on both ends from a safety standpoint.

Council Liaison Cain asked if there is a movement to undo the non-smoking concept on a State level.

Dave reported that this is correct. He also heard this.

Amy reported that this could be difficult at the Lodge. There needs to be a rule and allow people to get used to it first prior to making an immediate ordinance.

Chair Ward Reimer reported that it would be nice to think it through and approach the issue without becoming negative. She doesn't want to have negative signage everywhere.

Lorrie reported that she agrees. She also wouldn't put signs everywhere. It is similar to the ordinance that all dogs must be leashed but people let their dogs off the leash all the time. There isn't signage everywhere about it but it is supposed to be common knowledge. Restaurants have become smoke free. This has become second nature. Parks could be the same over time.

Chris added that this doesn't need action tonight. It is information to review until a later meeting. She would like time at a future meeting to discuss this in detail in hopes to have a recommendation. Perhaps it could initially be a smoke free zone in certain parks and a proactive approach moving forward.

III. New Business

A. Arts Council Recommendation – “Koinonia” Relocation

Ann Kenney reported that *Koinonia* was purchased in 2006 and has been in the Lodge since then. Recently Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that the art wasn't very well displayed at the Lodge and it was looking rusted due to the temperature changes. It was originally finished to remain an indoor piece. They hoped it would move to another indoor City facility but Chief Meier's has expressed an interest in not having art in the new Justice Center because it would only be seen by those who would likely not appreciate it. There aren't other indoor options.

Ann reported that April asked the artist to refinish it with an outdoor finish. He agreed. This has been done. The Art Council and the Art in Public Places Initiative Committee met to decide where to place it and decided on the northeast corner of Tomahawk Creek Corner and College where *My Mind* was. This is a wonderful location. They would like permission from the Committee to do this.

April added that the art piece was purchased for \$12,000. If the artist were going to sell it again, it would be \$45,000. It may be worth a lot more in the future.

Chris added that it will be elevated. The artist will also create a footplate for it.

April added that this is a potentially dangerous intersection. Raising it would hopefully allow a potential accident to hit the concrete and not the art piece.

Doug added that this is a good idea.

Council Liaison Cain added that it is a beautiful piece and has been in a dark corner.

Chris reported that it will be lit with L.E.D. lights.

April passed around a brochure she had printed with pictures and descriptions of all the art pieces in Leawood, as well as a map with locations.

Council Liaison Cain reported that April took most of the pictures. She did a wonderful job on the book.

Chris reported that we saved a great deal of money doing this in-house.

April reported that it this will help with tours for Scout troops etc. She is also in the process of writing two educational pieces for elementary and secondary level children with questions and topics for each group.

Lorrie made a motion to recommend relocating *Koinonia* at the northeast corner of Tomahawk and College Blvd. Dave seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Ward Reimer thanked Ann for attending tonight and waiting her turn to speak.

B. Staff Reports

Brian reported that he has been busy working on the Emerald Ash Bore report. It is near completion. He is receiving calls from HOA's requesting information on how to treat their trees. He is meeting with Berkshire sub-division tonight to discuss and answer questions. They have a lot of ash trees.

Brian reported that his staff had a nagging water leak coming from under the slab of the concession building at City Park. While researching the leak they also found missing valves. He is anxious to isolate them and turn the water back on to the restroom. The leak generated an expensive water bill; he will meet with the water company soon to hopefully receive an adjusted bill.

Brian reported that the design engineers and consultant have done some borings and are working on plans for the trail at 123rd Street. He will move forward as soon as the plans are available.

Brian added that there has been a concern about the water level at the North Lake. The rain we experienced wasn't a significant amount to fill it completely and we received some run off. He and Chris noticed the pond seeped back down. He will monitor the area. He hopes it fills and holds for a reasonable amount of time. We understand that there will be some evaporation.

Chris thinks the first rainfall came when it was down, there may be natural absorption related to the bentonite. It will be helpful when we receive another rainfall. It is staked now so we can measure any potential future drop of the water level. We are holding \$30K of the retainage until we get a better handle on it.

Council Liaison Cain asked what is going on with the bottom of Gezer Lake and the wadie; they are both slimy. What can be done? It is three to four inches of green algae.

Brian replied that the colder temperatures caused the water to clear, which allows the algae to be noticeable. The cure for Gezer is to drain it, clean it and refill it. He was unable to do this fall year

due to an equipment problem with a Public Works truck. They were treating it with chlorine in the interim but now that the water is clear it is more noticeable He will look into cleaning this before the end of the year.

Brian reported that the 127th Street project has striped the bicycle lanes. There will also be signage posted.

Council Liaison Cain reported that she was surprised that the lanes are extremely wide.

Several Committee members agree. The lanes are wider than expected.

Brian reported that he appreciates the feedback. He was contacted by the City Engineer asking the same question. He could have done six or eight inches; they chose 8 and wishes they would have chosen 6 inches. They will also appreciate the feedback.

April reported that they contracted with a conservationist to clean each art piece and restore them, if needed. They are hoping to have her do this once yearly. The fee comes out of the art maintenance budget.

April reported that they are also working on obtaining QR signage to scan that will provide information about the art piece. This will hopefully be available in the spring.

April reported that the Stage Company recently completed "Nonsense". It was a huge success.

Lorrie reported that it was an adorable production.

April also reported *Songs for a New World*, a music review, will be held the first week in April, 2013.

April reported that she is excited that the summer show has been selected. They have the rights to *The Sound of Music*. The fall show hasn't been selected yet.

April reported that the Arts Council is done for the year. They are working with The Leawood Foundation on Arti Gras 2013. Artists who would like to submit work can contact her or click on the logo on the Leawood website. The event is a fundraiser for The Foundation.

April reported that the schoolhouse had a busy year. The last event will be held Saturday, December 8, in conjunction with Breakfast with Santa. The Nature Center will also be open.

Kim reported that her staff is on the downhill side of the season. They have been busy doing paperwork.

Kim added that the soccer season ended November 3. They lost one day to rain.

Kim reported that the alpine tower structure was inspected last week. It passed with flying colors. It is in good shape and structurally sound. The inspector commented that it's the best it's ever looked.

Kim reported that her staff is updating forms for 2013 rental packets.

Kim reported that she has been busy updating the website and webtrac, which is the online registration software.

Kim also reported that the pool was painted this year. A 3ft depth mark was added in the zero entry pool. This should help with identifying the deeper area of the pool.

Kim reported that Holiday Lighting will be held Monday, November 19. It begins at 6:00 p.m. Brookwood Elementary will perform along with a dance group. The Leawood Singers will also perform.

Lorrie and Chair Ward Reimer asked if Leawood will attend the event.

Kim reported that she is uncertain. It depends on how busy she is prior to the event.

Kim reported that Breakfast with Santa will be held Saturday, December 8. There will be two sessions, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Registration is starting to fill quickly. The Nature Center Open House will be the same day 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Chris reported that Lloopi is lit again but from the ground up. The Arts Council decided to abandon the string lighting that went up through the sculpture, as it has not worked properly for several years. The colors can be seen from the highway with the exception of the top portion. She will notify them to get the east light adjusted.

Chris reported that we've had trouble with the lines at Cloud Gate. Brian and his staff will contact KCPL soon.

Chris also reported that she is working on the Gezer signage. She met visited a vendor from Holland while attending the NRPA Conference who invented a talking post that would be great for what we are looking for at the park. They are very low tech, run on a flash drive and don't require electricity. They are operated with a foot pump with a recorded message and are maintenance free without running wires. They have a five year warranty. She and Alice Hawk met and decided to purchase two of them. One will be installed at the entrance near the current signage. The other will be located near the fire pit/garden area.

Council Liaison Cain asked the cost.

Chris reported that they cost \$3500 each.

Dave asked if Parks and Recreation receives state funding or is it all from the City.

Chris reported that it all comes from the City.

Chris reported that an intern may be possible for the SAB Committee. They met with a student a K.U. majoring in Political Science with a minor in Environmental Studies. She is a research oriented person and can be used for many projects. They will visit with her more next week.

C. Misc.

There weren't any miscellaneous items discussed.

D. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – December 11

Chair Ward Reimer reported that the next meeting will be held December 11. This will be an important but quick meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. A Holiday Celebration will be held afterwards for an hour.

Amy Vlastic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
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