

ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.

Leawood City Hall – Maple Room

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

Board member absent: None

Council Liaisons present: Lou Rasmussen.

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

Chair Ward Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Lorrie Hamilton made a motion to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes. David Harwood seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Dog Park Update

Chris reported that the deed to transfer the land is on the City Council agenda for Monday, May 30, 2013. We are still under direction to take a minimalist approach on the design of the dog park. We will construct a 4 foot flat panel fence with a 6 foot post and woven wire fence on the northeast corner to prevent dogs getting close to traffic.

Chris mentioned that we may be given new directives as the park gets developed.

Chris reported that currently there are plans to add a new water fountain by the basketball courts as well as a stub for an additional fountain across the footbridge and in the dog park. Other additions will include; a concrete entry into the park, benches, picnic tables and signage, which will include language stating that human food is not allowed in the park.

Chris reported that there is an interest to complete the park in 2014 with a late fall opening.

Karen asked about starting a bench or table donation program

Brian stated we currently have a bench and tree donation program.

B. Brook Beatty Park Update

Brian reported that the bid opening for the playground was on May 7 and the approval of the contract is scheduled to be on the May 20, 2013 City Council agenda. Staff is planning to break ground in June to start construction on the park.

Chris reported that Chief Dave Williams suggested purchasing a plaque to post at the park to explain who Brook Beatty was and his importance to our community. The Fire Department will be purchasing the plaque. This is another great partnership between departments.

Brian reported that the art piece will be moved to its new location in the park before construction.

C. Ironwoods Restroom

Chris reported that the approval of the restroom design is scheduled for the May 20, 2013 City Council agenda. The design was approved by the Planning Commission with an additional stipulation of turning off 4 of the 8 down lights on the building during the hours the park is closed. We are hoping to begin construction in the fall.

D. 123rd Street & Mission Road Trail

Brian reported that the design for the repairs is moving forward. He hosted a meeting for property owners to ask questions regarding the project. He stated he had about 7 people who stopped by the meeting and asked questions. The general consensus is they are happy about the repairs to the trail.

Brian reported that he had to get an easement through a resident's yard to get materials and equipment to the trail. He is hoping to get approval from the City Council in July and complete the project in the fall.

E. 40th Anniversary Events

Chris reported that due to lack of interest and the inability to make contact with car clubs in the area, the Car Cruise has been cancelled.

Kim reported that the Duck Derby (40th Birthday Celebration) is still on schedule for June 29 at Gezer Park. The Bank of Blue Valley is sponsoring the event by purchasing the prizes for the winners. There will be a face painter and a music show for kids by "Rockin Rob", as well as cupcakes and drinks after the race.

F. Recommendation for Master Plan

Chris reported that the sub-committee interviewed three consultant groups to conduct the Master Plan; MIG, Bartlett & West and Lose & Associates.

Chris reported that following a review of the teams presentation, coupled with the information they submitted on deliverables, the sub-committee is recommending Lose & Associates. They seem to bring fresh ideas and national experience.

Chris reported that they have not completed any projects this far west, most of their projects have been in the southeast.

Chris reported Landworks and dPlanit will be partnering with Lose & Associates on the project.

David Harwood made a motion to move forward with Lose & Associates to complete the Revised Master Plan.

Lorrie Hamilton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Staff Reports

Brian reported that approval for the consultant to complete the Bike Pedestrian Plan is on the May 20, 2013 City Council agenda. The Bicycle Advisory Committee is recommending RDG Planning & Design to complete the project.

Brian reported that RDG Planning & Design were the only group that the committee interviewed. He expects the process to take a year.

Brian reported that the crews are busy planting trees and flowers along with keeping up with the mowing. The crews have been working to get additional fields ready to accommodate rescheduled soccer games.

Brian reported that he received a request from an individual to put a geocache site in Brook Beatty Park. He reported that there is a tree with a cavity in it where the individual would like to place the cache.

Kim reported that the soccer season has been difficult due to all of the rain-outs.

Kim reported that Brian's crew prepared the fields at 119th & Mission Road to schedule make up games during the tournament weekend.

Kim reported that Lifeguard training will be held this weekend and the pool opens next weekend. Pool pass sales started on May 1 and evening and weekend sales started last Saturday.

Kim reported that all camps, swim lessons, tennis and golf are starting on June 3 and t-ball and coach pitch baseball games start June 4.

Kim reported that she is in the process of filling the Program & Facilities Supervisor position.

April reported that the last field trip of the school year was today.

April reported that the Prairie Book Club will be starting in June and will be held every Wednesday morning in June and July.

April reported that the Grinnin' & Groovin' Concert series will be held each Tuesday morning in June either at the Amphitheater or in the Lodge depending upon the weather.

April reported that the Arts Council had a call for artists for an art piece outside the Justice Center. She received 79 submissions and she and Dr. Ann Kenny (APPI Chair) pulled one-half of them for consideration. The selection committee will select 3 to 5 artists to submit proposals.

April reported that they hope to complete the contract for the Paley piece in the near future.

April reported that rehearsals for “The Sound of Music” have started. The show will run July 11-14 and July 18-20.

April reported that the Stage Company has a call for directors for “Harvey” which will take place in November.

April reported that she is having signage completed with QR Codes to be placed next to each art piece, which people can scan with their phone and it will direct them to the web page with more information regarding the piece.

David Harwood asked if the sign installation could be an Eagle Scout project, April said it could be a good project and that she would set up a time to meet with the scout.

Chris reported that Golf has had a trying quarter due to the weather.

Chris reported that she and Foundation Chair, Alice Hawk are working with the Jewish Federation on the talking signs for Gezer Park.

B. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – June 11, 2013

Chair Ward Reimer reported that the next meeting will be held June 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Bob Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Vlastic seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
Parks and Recreation Department