



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall – Maple Room

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

Board members absent: David Harwood.

Council Liaisons present: Lou Rasmussen and Julie Cain.

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

Chair Ward Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Lorrie Hamilton made a motion to approve the August 13, 2013 minutes. Doug Stevens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Dog Park Progress/Estimates/Dog Park Possible Grant Update {From the August Meeting}

Brian provided an overview summary of the progress of the project.

Chris reported that no new estimates have been received. She and Brian met with Brett of Continental Engineers yesterday to discuss the fence. Brian recently mowed the area and placed flags on what should be removed. A low area was discovered. He is sure the area will hold water and recommends moving the fence. Brett will provide surveyors to complete an acreage assessment of the new area.

Chris added that a fence can be determined once this is complete. It should cost less and not affect the budget. The current Hallbrook property fence along State Line is white. She and Brian also met with Public Works and Continental regarding the grade issue on the approach to the bridge. The east side is fine but the west will require some modification. The intersection will be improved by raising it one foot and extending it out approximately 50 feet.

Brian reported that it had been discussed to hang a water line off the north side of the bridge as an inexpensive option but it was determined that it may be best to bore the water line under the creek. Brett thought it may be difficult to get the water line around the abutment and fastened to the bridge. The best thing to do is obtain an estimate regarding the cost.

Chris reported that the new survey may be available next week.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he wants the minutes to reflect that as of this date the proposed fencing is acceptable in the opinion of our planners, particularly on the east side. Were any comments made regarding modifying the fencing on the west side.

Brian reported that there will be enough remaining tree buffer by moving the fence over that will capture, stop, and block a large portion of debris. The fence should have minimal risk.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if the proposal before this group is performing to the Leawood Development Ordinance in terms of fencing. This is important for the minutes to reflect.

Brian reported that this is correct.

Chair Ward Reimer asked what additional maintenance this will add to his crew.

Brian replied that it will definitely be an increase. Mowing will increase, as well as trimming, which should be done twice weekly. Trash removal, furniture and other maintenance, will also be needed. . The fence installation may be contracted out. Maintenance hours will depend on the number of dogs, the amount of beating the turf receives, and how often reseeding is needed Once built. He is certain waste removal and cleaning will need to be done on a daily basis.

Chris reported that they discussed mowing the area on Thursdays, which is the same day as City Park, keeping the dog park closed until it is done.

Chair Ward Reimer asked if his current crew can handle the additional work that will be needed.

Brian reported that they will do what they can to make it work. Staffing demands will need to be discussed moving forward. Operating with his current crew he is unable to mow all the properties 100%. For example, some areas such as the trail and around the ponds are mowed every two weeks. He would also like to mow more areas of Ironwoods Park and more frequently. The area behind the amphitheater is mowed every three weeks. The dog park will have an impact, as will the Justice Center. We also own the new acreage in Ironwoods, although much isn't done in that area at this time. Without the addition of staff they may need to determine ways to eliminate more areas they mow or lessen the frequency or look at contracting more.

Chair Ward Reimer asked Brian where he would like to see his staffing and if he is able to maintain maintenance needs to the level they have in previous years.

Brian reported that an addition of three full time staff and some long term seasonal workers for mowing and basic property maintenance would be beneficial. One would be hired to work full time with the irrigation manager whose employee resigned and he now works alone. It is difficult maintaining schedules, monitoring the computer, making repairs and checking the heads to make sure they are working properly, especially due to the new Justice Center, and additional irrigation systems. Two additional full time employees are needed for his mowing crew that would allow other staff to aerate soccer fields, spray weeds, and fertilize etc. The main focus is City Hall, soccer fields, and City Park; unfortunately other areas don't receive the same amount of attention.

Council Liaison Cain asked when the last time a new staff member was added to the maintenance department.

Brian and Chris replied that new staff hasn't been added since 2006.

Council Liaison Cain asked Brian to clarify that it has been 2006 since any staff was added let alone the three he mentioned that he would like to add and now we have the advent of the Justice Center, additional land at Ironwoods, and Brook Beatty.

Brian reported that this is correct. This was also before all of the improvements to Gezer Park. . We had the land to mow but now the maintenance there is intense. It is also very popular with shelter rentals along with the other shelters which increases the time spent cleaning them and the bathrooms.

Council Liaison Cain asked Brian if he's expressed the need for additional staff members. Are they aware that they are needed despite what he's reported tonight.

Brian reported that he and Chris discussed asking for two additional staff members in last year's budget but didn't make the actual request.

Chris explained that she discussed this during budget review. The City Administrator is willing to discuss this during the next budget cycle (2015)

Bob reported that the Board is expressing concerns about some of the finer aspects of our parks, excluding the basic service, that make it a Leawood park system versus an average park system.. He understands the Board isn't involved in staffing decisions but would like this addressed. We don't want to see the overall quality of all of the facilities become average. What can be done to move to the next step to ensure the parks are maintained to the level they would like to see it maintained. Is a recommendation needed. If a recommendation for new people isn't the proper way to handle this it still should be noted that the concern is the quality of our parks will deteriorate because so many new things have been added without adding additional staff.

Amy reported that she is also concerned that staff members haven't been added since Gezer Park. It is a high maintenance park. .

Chris reported that a recommendation isn't needed. The minutes will reflect the conversation that the Board has a concern and would like this considered during the next budget cycle. She will request a report from Brian regarding his crew and what they can't address, where the standards are and where they would like them to be. She will provide the City Administrator with a breakdown of this information for discussion purposes of adding staff.

Brian added that the Justice Center parking lots will also require snow removal in addition to the other lots they service.

Chris reported that a lot of complaints were received during the last snow because it wasn't the service level they are used to, but we received so much snow so quick. Every available staff member available from parks and public works was on the job.

Dave asked if the need for additional maintenance was taken into consideration when new projects come about such as the new Justice Center budget.

Council Liaison Rasmussen understands the ratios are out of control. When this happens flags will rise. He made Council aware of this during a past budget processes regarding the additional properties acquired. At that time Scott Lambers, City Administrator requested waiting until detail became available for Brook Beatty Park, Gezer, Ironwoods and the old City Hall to be certain the amount of people needed. Lou feels this is accurate and smart to do. The Committee is doing their job expressing concern. We can't increase the acreage drastically and acquire additional land and expect to maintain the same quality of maintenance. It won't work. . He suspects Scott will address it once the number of staff needed is determined.

Dave asked if revenue streams have increased. Do we have capacity to ask and add positions.

Council Liaison Cain stated it doesn't hurt to ask. This is all the Committee and Chris can do. Facts are facts. We haven't added additional staff since new parks, and the Justice Center etc. were added.

Brian reported that he is also concerned about maintaining the plants and landscape we are gaining. It is going to be beautiful but is a high impact area.

Chair Ward Reimer appreciates the Board discussing this. It is good to be proactive rather than a few years down the road reacting.

Chris reported that in regards to research done since the last meeting on grants for dog parks, she found that there are minimal grants available. Nutro, the apparent company to Iams, provided 30-\$2,000 grants; their deadline is the 31st and requires an RFP; there isn't a match. Kim researched Benefal, which has a contest, not a grant, geared toward individual pet owners, although they don't specify that an agency can't apply. If we work with the Pets Mart Charities Foundation, we would partner with the Police or the Leawood Foundation and we may qualify as a Government Agency with Animal Control, which would fall under PD. She also researched Kansas Wildlife and Parks; they don't fund dog parks but do trail work by request with an active master plan completed in the last five years. We could submit the trail section if the Council supports it. We pay for everything and the reimburse eighty percent. She also researched the Pet Save Bark For Your Park Contest, she is uncertain if it will happen next year, it's a contest not a grant; five US cities split \$200,000, the top city received \$100,000 to build a dog park, four other received \$25,000 each. The deadline for this year was April 1. There isn't a match. She also found information on Pet Finder.com researching information with grants.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked the next step. Does staff have the resources to research these further.

Chris reported that the research process is simple.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that we are trying to get the best offer we can. The original \$50,000 of amenities was dropped. He is hopeful to regain this back by possibly receiving a grant.

Chris reported that she is attending the NRPA Conference next month and will ask there also.

April reported that Leawood Stage Company would like to perform *Bark the Musical*. It is a hysterical musical with humans playing the part of five dogs. She is certain this will be well attended by dog lovers and could be a great fundraiser.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked Chris to provide an update regarding the construction easement.

Chris reported that she discussed this yesterday; Brett hadn't spoken with them. They are moving forward and may discuss more than the easement. .

Brian reported that the path from College Blvd. down has been marked off.

B. Brook Beatty Park Progress

Brian reported that the playground is in. His crew has been working on the stone retaining wall. Sturgis will come out this week to measure custom tops and install them once the wall is complete. They will also begin working on similar ornamental columns made of stone and pouring footing for the sidewalk to access the playground and the pads for the bench and drinking fountain. A plumbing company bid to bore underneath Lee Blvd. to tie into the water line on the opposite side of the park. They will set the meter and backflow. The bench, trash and recycle cans, and bike racks will ship next week. Once the infrastructure is complete the landscaping will be done during the day when there aren't many people at the park. He is aiming for an October completion date.

Brian added that a lot of people have provided positive feedback.

Council Liaison Cain asked if we've heard anything from the neighbor.

Chris reported that he discussed splitting the drainage ditch; she doesn't understand why this would be done nor does she agree. He didn't mention the proposed easement originally shown on the plan but mentioned an interest in moving forward with a land swap.

Chris reported that she will check the Mayors calendar to schedule a rededication . The Hobbs family donated the bench. She is working on a plaque for them as well as one for Brook Beatty, recognizing him as the first Fire Chief.

C. Ironwoods Restroom/Amphitheater Progress

Chris reported that they've received details from the architect finalizing plans. The timeline is still to bid in early December. They've been through the process so it's a matter of getting the plans out, getting the bid and a contract for someone to do the work. We are still focused on June 1.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked Chris to provide the Committee with an update on the golf course expansion.

Chris replied that there will be a Planning Commission meeting the later part of November. There were nine submittals ranging from \$860,000 to \$1.6 million. They met recently and decided on the top three to interview tomorrow. They are all good teams and are local.

Kim added that before moving forward with the Facebook report she would like to introduce Molly Jarrett, she is the Parks & Recreation intern for the Fall. She has helped with soccer, the Lodge, Labor Day Run, Doggie Dunk and more.

D. Facebook Picture Posting Update {From the August meeting}

Kim reported that she researched our policy. We are mainly outgoing rather than incoming regarding our pages. She deleted the first comment after she posted information regarding April's Jazz concerts and someone advertised Stretch & Grow Classes for kids .

Chris added that it was inappropriate for them to use our Facebook page to advertise their class. We have been on Facebook for six months. We need to meet with Patty and provide a statistic report soon.

Amy asked how many followers we have so far.

Kim reported that there are 188. Social media is a powerful tool and we receive a lot of page views and people sharing information but unfortunately we are on the back side of when it was popular long ago. .

Lorrie reported page views are more important than the number of followers. Council may not have known the difference when the request was presented to them.

Council Liaison Cain reported that it is nice to know that having a Facebook page hasn't done anything negative and has been positive.

Bob asked if Dan knows how to update the Facebook page regarding sports rain outs. Most games that are rained out are done so at 5 a.m.

Kim replied that she is the only one who has the capability to update the page. He is welcome to contact her as early as a cancellation determination has been made. She will update the page.

Kim added that we kept it pre minimalist to make sure everything went smoothly during that timeframe.

Chair Ward Reimer agreed. Everything is done in timely manner with great photos.

E. 123rd and Mission Trail

Brian reported that the contractors have completed a lot of work. The trees that impeded the work have been removed. The failed trail section has also been removed. . The area is fenced off and impassable to access. . He met with one resident concerned about the number of trees being removed but it was resolved.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked if the trees are being removed at the ground level and leaving the roots in.

Brian reported that in a lot of cases this is what's happening. Other areas the roots will be removed.

Chair Ward Reimer reported that she received a call from a resident complaining that he received a warning from the Police Department for going around the barriers and being on the closed trail.

Brian reported that the barriers are for the safety of the potential users. .

Lorrie added that daily trail users are focused on using the trail, although closed, if this is their normal route. They believe the trail belongs to them, not the City.

II. New Business

A. 2014 Fees and Charges

Kim passed around a 2014 Proposed Fee Schedule for Committee members to follow and gave a description of the proposed fees.

Kim reported that there aren't many changes. She gave an overview of the changes:

- There is a slight increase on special events due to not having any events that start at \$3 fee and \$70 is to increase the cost of events such as Daddy-Daughter Date Night.
- The pool fees for after hour rentals are proposed to increase from \$200 to \$250 for residents and from \$250 to \$300 for nonresidents. Pool rentals were established for residents in 2006 and nonresidents in 2007 and haven't increased since. We had a lot of rentals last year and staffing cost and chlorine cost has increased. A refundable pool rental deposit is being proposed similar to the Community Center and The fee would encourage them to clean the area before they leave.
- Soccer fees haven't increased since 2010. They are anticipating a \$5 increase for residents and nonresidents for the cost of uniforms, turf care labor, officials and supplies. They are proposing the same increase for t-ball/coach pitch for the same reason. The fees haven't been increased since 2008.
- The Lodge fees haven't increased since 2012. They found most are using the eight hour rate and adding two additional hours. Many make the addition at late notice which requires scrambling for staff changes. She is proposing increasing the rate slightly and eliminating the eight hour package all together and introducing a ten hour package. Most people rent for ten or twelve hours.

Dave asked if comparisons are done with other programs of various cities.

Kim reported that comparisons have been done but we are quite different than others because we don't have catering. Our fees are low end.

Dave replied that he paid \$75 for all three children for Blue Valley Soccer.

Bob reported that Leawood are at the bottom for soccer.

Chris reported that we don't raise fees just to raise them. Programming has increased. A year can make a huge difference regarding operating cost.

Bob asked how does one prove their residency.

Kim reported that we ask for proof of residency and a utility bill within the last thirty days. Questions are assessed against the Johnson County Assessor's Office. Civic and not-for-profit organizations must provide 5013C status.

Lorrie asked if this is done because we've had problems in the past.

Kim reported that it has happened with the Lodge, pool memberships and other areas. It was a problem but minimalized since we are asking for proof. This is mainly done to protect our residents.

Council Liaison Cain reported that Terrace on the Green is closing. She is interested to see what this does for us. Having our own kitchen and allowing people to bring their food and alcohol beats every place around.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that all of the differentials should be increased drastically by nonresidents versus residents. The constituents he's received complaints from feel the residents are being pushed out. We should consider increasing nonresident fees across the board not just certain categories. He recently received a complaint regarding a kindergartner who wasn't allowed to be on a team because they were told there wasn't room due to the nonresidents monopolizing spots. He also receives a lot of complaints that nonresidents arrive by bus loads to the fireworks display and they should be charged. It was suggested charging nonresidents \$5.00 to ride the bus and residents who provide proof (driver's license) are free. Staff should consider an entrance fee to access the park for the 4th of July event.

Lorrie reported that the buses are mainly full of Leawood residents who park their car and choose to ride the bus.

Chris appreciates Lou's point. She appreciates him addressing the calls as he receives them.

Dave reported that he agrees with Lou's sentiment. When he resided in Prairie Village and purchased a membership to Matt Ross the difference between residents and nonresidents was huge. If he remembers correctly it was hundreds of dollars difference, not the \$5 or \$10 we charge.

Chris reported that it depends on what it is. Soccer typically comes from schools with children from the neighbor. The majority of our teams are children in Leawood schools.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he doesn't remember this being the statistics he recalls.

Chris replied that this is team-wise not overall. The Aquatic Center is 30% nonresidents and 70% residents. It is the opposite with soccer. The trouble we run into with soccer is there are fifteen-eighteen kids trying to find a team individually or an entire team registers. A portion of Dan's job is to find a team for kids who come in individually. He is very good at this and works hard at it. He tries to place the kids but sometimes it is isn't possible. It is complicated to field a team and the age group which compounds itself.

Chair Ward Reimer reported that a good example is Brookwood children often reside in Overland Park but a Leawood father may coach the team and bring the team in but maybe only six reside in Leawood kids and the others don't but they all want to play soccer together on the same team.

Bob reported that he is shocked to hear that someone wasn't placed on a team because Dan has placed every kid who has ever wanted to play soccer in his view. . They must have registered too late and the team was full.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that he isn't being critical. His statistics show that many of our facilities have a great percentage of nonresidents and it is discouraging to him when people say they are pushed out by nonresidents and the residents are paying taxes.

Bob reported that when his ten and twelve year old daughters want to marry he shouldn't have to wait a year and a half to be eligible to rent Ironwoods Lodge. He agrees that the differential should seriously be re-evaluated. We should consider nearly doubling the cost for nonresidents so more residents can use the facility at the advantageous prices.

Dave reported he agrees. Our primary purpose should be for the Leawood residents who pay the taxes and those we serve. It is nice to have the availability to make it available for the public but our number one constituents are the people of Leawood. Something could be added that states if a team is from a Leawood school as long as they can prove their student attends that school they can be treated as a resident versus a nonresident.

Bob reported that this won't matter much to the parents because the difference in price is only \$10.

Chris reported that it is a very detailed report that Kim spends hours reviewing. There is an expectation regarding cost recovery for the Governing Body about how much they are willing to subsidize. The problem is there has to be a good balance between both rates to get there. You have to have the nonresidents because like it or not the higher fees they pay subsidize some programs and facility operations. Typically a facility is more than a class. A class is different from a league, a facility rental or special event. Our job is to figure out how all comes together to continue to operate without pushing the subsidies up. We identified in the fee policy how the level subsidy works and the hierarchy of the more personalized classes getting pushed higher as a user fee.

Chris added that Bobs point regarding the Lodge is well taken. She doesn't disagree. We could address this by revisiting the reservation time period. She doesn't disagree with making it more expensive and giving residents more time to reserve.

Bob reported that this is the same at a very crowded golf course; members can make tee times before nonmembers. The same concept could apply here if a Leawood resident wants to reserve more than twelve months out they can but a nonresident can't. Residents get precedence.

Chris reported that she is in favor of this. This would be a better way of controlling and in combination of raising the fee.

Doug reported that this is a good idea.

Amy reported that this is a private function. Fireworks are a municipal function and would be nearly impossible to charge a fee. She doesn't know of anyone who charges.

Council Liaison Cain reported that she likes the idea of setting stronger parameters about the time frame. She and Tonia discussed the same is happening with shelter rentals.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked Tonia to explain the rental timeframe for shelter rentals and what she thinks about the timeframes.

Tonia reported that shelter reservations are open to residents and nonresidents the first Monday in January of each year for the entire year. People plan ahead and she receives many calls and have people anticipating this day every year to schedule their event. Some reserve dates the later part of the summer/fall in January.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that this needs to be followed up on. Residents should receive first availability.

Amy suggested allowing residents to reserve January – March and then open it up to others.

Chris reported that she isn't opposed to this. Residents could be given an additional month. They can reserve in January and nonresidents in February.

Council Liaison Cain agreed. She asked if the ratio of residents vs. nonresidents is known for the Lodge rentals.

Kim reported that the Lodge is reserved by mostly non-residents. They are opened eighteen months out. On the first business day of the month reservations can be made by residents between the hours of 8:30a.m. – 1:00p.m. Nonresidents can come in after that time.

Lorrie suggested allowing residents more time to reserve. It would be nice to research past Lodge reservations to see if most are booked genuinely eighteen months out or sooner and figure out a length of time for nonresidents to reserve and increase the price significantly. The price is right if most residents are monopolizing rentals. She is certain they will still reserve if the price is raised.

Chris suggested allowing an additional thirty days to reserve. We know what our competitors are doing and there has to be a balance. We still have operations to pay for.

Lorrie asked where we are in terms of our competitors.

Chris replied that this is hard to say and is hard to compare.

Council Liaison Cain reported that she understands you can't compare apples to apples but our prices are too low if we are turning down five rentals daily.

Chris reported that rental facilities are similar to practice fields. You never have enough.

Dave reported that the problem is the facilities the tax payer's money goes toward are not being filled with residents. If there is great demand he agrees the price should be raised, maybe by residents and nonresidents to cover the fees and fulfilling the demand if we are turning five away per day.

Chris added that the only way to fully track this is figuring out how many residents are being turned away.

Kim reported that most ask if the date is available prior to asking the price. She turns down a lot per day but timing is important.

Amy reported that there aren't many banquet spaces in Leawood. Most that had them are getting rid of them. She was certain Aloft would have rental space but they don't. Most who want a local wedding have to go to Overland Park or the Plaza.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that staff should come back to the Committee with revisions.

Chris reported that they can send it out with revisions only but cannot come back as we were moved up on the work session. She request leaving soccer where it is for the time being and research the Lodge as the primary issue with a rental time extension.

Council Liaison Cain reported that we are fortunate that 1/3 of the income coming into the City is sales tax and a great portion of it is from nonresidents. This is important and supports a lot of the City's budget.

Lorrie made a recommendation that residents can reserve the Lodge seventeen months out and nonresidents eighteen months out. Shelters can be reserved January 1 for residents and February 1 for nonresidents.

Amy made a motion to approve the fee schedule as presented with the amended changes regarding rental times. Bob seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Staff Reports

Brian thanked all Park Board members who attended the Bike and Pedestrian stakeholder meeting. It was informative and gave a focus and direction. The first design studio meeting was held last night; twenty attended. He thanked Lorrie for attending. The next two design studios will be held next week; 135th St. South and the area from 435 to 135th St. will be the primary areas of discussion but people can discuss anything. Tables will be provided with maps of the entire City. Feedback has been positive. It has been interesting to receive comments regarding our management policies on sidewalk snow removal and repairing sidewalks from buckling etc.

Brian reported that the online survey has been active for a while. Roughly forty people have taken it so far. Committee members can take the survey at activeleawood.com. It is a survey monkey questionnaire good for those interested in biking or walking.

Kim added that Vickie Rodriguez has been hired as the new Program Facilities Supervisor. She will begin September 23 and will attend the next Park Board meeting. She recently moved from Colorado. The front desk Recreation Technician position retired. They are currently looking to fill this position.

Kim thanked Lorrie for attending Labor Day Run and helping tremendously. The next night was Doggie Dunk, 237 dogs attended. The pictures are posted on the website.

Kim added that soccer season has begun. There are 125 teams with 1551 children participating.

Kim reported that cabins are slowly filling for fall. The Cliffhanger Fearless Friday events have sold out most of the year. They are proposing raising fees to \$8 resident rate and \$10 nonresidents for children under twelve. We are currently losing money with the \$6 and \$8 fee and not seeing a huge differential on climbs. Dennis, the coordinator, is really diligent about tracking how many time people climb and found that children climb an average of 2.4 times and adults an average of 3.0.

Kim reported that Freaky Fall Fest will return October 11. They will have a hayride, costume contest, creepy cupcake walk, and a petting zoo this year.

April added that if anyone knows a business interested in participating in trunk or treat, Shelly is looking for sponsors.

Lorrie suggested asking the Rotary to participate.

Council Liaison Cain liked this idea and e-mailing Council Members Bussing and Rawlings and also Chief Meier. They are involved in the Rotary which supports children and women.

Chris added that the timeframe was narrowed to attract businesses to participate. Some may not want to pass candy out from 5-9p.m, and there isn't a way to prevent a child from visiting the same

trunk numerous times. We don't want it to be a hardship on those volunteering and purchasing the candy.

Amy asked if we want people who are campaigning to participate.

Council Liaison Cain reported that she will mention it to someone she knows has been attending parades.

Kim added that we are participating in the Police and Fire Open House tomorrow. This is the last one held at Station One.

April reported that someone ran into "Porch Lights". It was a damaged on the Prairie Village side. Their police department made a report. Honda car parts were left behind but at this current time it is unknown who is responsible. .

April reported that the five potential Justice Center artists were selected and contacted. Visits are scheduled between Thursday and the end of October. One of the artist backed out yesterday because she felt there was no way her piece would be selected as it is too abstract. The final selection will be based on the specific proposal for the specific site.

Council Liaison Cain asked if another person will be chosen. This was specified.

April reported that there were six but one is in Spain. She is uncertain if they are participating.

Council Liaison Cain feels strongly, and the record should show, that we need to get back up to five for reasons previously discussed. We are aware the first three are modern, which wasn't the directive and we came up with more and those are also modern and some backed down so it is important that we need to back up to five.

April reported that she will contact the artist to see if they are interested in participating based on location.

April reported that a reunion was held Friday night celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Leawood Stage Company. They announced doing "Watch on the Rhine" in April. It is a moving play about the Nazi resistance in 1940. "Hello Dolly" will be performed in the summer. They will perform "A Little Night Music" in the fall.

They are sharing a booth with the Olathe Community Theatre and the Barn Players at the Plaza Art Fair. They are promoting community theatre in Johnson County. They have been working the last few years on being cooperative with the other theatres in the area. They are doing a great job.

April reported that the Schoolhouse had a back to school event recently. She has field trips scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

April added that they are planning for Arti Gras that will be held next February. A few changes are: the entrance cost the first night will be eliminated to hopefully gain attendance and encourage more people to purchasing art. It will be flow through event with food and beverages. In years past people may steer away from purchasing artwork if they have to pay \$60 to attend the event. This Foundation receives a portion of sales. They will have a junior show for artists under the age of eighteen. They will have jewelry artists which is also different from years past. Please notify her if anyone knows of artists who may want to participate.

April reported that they will participate in an art show at the Rice Gallery October 18. Postcards will be mailed soon. They moved from Park Place back to Hawthorn.

April reported that “Harvey” tickets are on sale at the front desk for anyone interested. It has a great cast and should be a fun event.

Chris reported that there is a Master Plan public input meeting next Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. Information was sent to the HOA’s as well as the Chamber site to spread the word. The Steering Committee workshop will be held the next night at 6:00 p.m. Food will be provided. Public input is encouraged. If you can’t come Wednesday she will type the information and send via e-mail. She will send an e-mail reminder.

April reported that there is also a survey for the 135th Corridor for those who can’t attend the meetings. Please take the survey and provide input.

C. Misc.

Chris reported that she and Kim will both be out of town October 8, the next scheduled meeting date. She would like to propose moving the meeting to October 15. After a brief discussion it was determined that the Committee will meet the following week.

D. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – October 15, 2013

Chair Ward Reimer reported that the next meeting will be held October 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Lorrie Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Coleman seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
Parks and Recreation Department