



**ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Leawood City Hall – Maple Room**

Board members in attendance: Amy Vlastic, Dave Coleman, Lorrie Hamilton, and Doug Stevens.

Board Members absent: Karen Ward Reimer (Chair), David Harwood, and Bob Wright.

Council Liaisons present: Julie Cain and Lou Rasmussen.

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

Amy Vlastic called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Dave Coleman made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Lorrie Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Dog Park - Update**

Brian reported that the fence is done and the drinking fountain has been installed. He received three quotes for sod. It should be installed soon. The manufacturing of the bench shade structures are in the process of being complete. The rules sign is in transit and should arrive soon. There are a few odds and ends to complete but everything is coming along great.

Amy reported that a lot of people are anticipating it being open. Is an opening date scheduled.

Chris added that a soft opening will be held once the sign is installed with a grand opening will take place in the spring once the park fully develops. The shelters are scheduled to arrive in October and will be installed on a day the dog park is closed for maintenance, but it is unreasonable to wait that long to open the park.

**B. Work Session – Park Master Plan**

Chris reported that a Work Session discussing the Parks Master Plan priority list will be held October 6, at 6:00 p.m. She recently presented Scott Lambers, City Administrator, with a list of C.I.P. projects and ADA issues the golf course is experiencing so he can review everything at once. The 2015 budget will be increased to accommodate their needs along with ours.

Chris added that fees will be discussed at the October meeting in order to submit them to the City Clerk in time for the November 3 Work Session. The proposed fee schedule and cost recovery will be discussed. Both are important Work Sessions that will be held with the Governing Body.

Amy asked if Committee members should attend the meetings.

Chris replied that it would be nice for park board members to attend, especially for the Master Plan discussion. The October Work Session is devoted to discussion of the Master Plan only. Council will be seeing it for the first time so there is likely to be a lot of discussion.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked when the next phases will begin since the first phase is complete.

Chris replied that it will depend on what's discussed at the work session but the next phases can really be completed by working with Council and/or staff, rather than the consultant, which will

save \$55,000. She is hopeful a directive will come from the meeting, but she will suggest that we not move forward with a consultant for the next two phases.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked how we will move forward with a plan for the additional acreage at Ironwoods Park since \$1,000,000 was budgeted for that project.

Chris reported that it is on the list and needs to be a discussion item. The Master Plan scope given to the consultant didn't include a specific Master Plan geared solely towards Ironwoods. This will be done when and if Council wants to move forward and will go out under a separate bid.

Council Liaison Cain reported that it is a good idea and a better use for the \$55,000 to move forward with the design for the extra acreage at Ironwoods Park as opposed to moving forward with phase II and III, based upon what we have and what the Park Board has previously discussed.

Chris reported that it may not be included in the packet but will be included in her discussion at the Work Session.

Chris reported that she and Brian visited a new park recently built in Grandview that Dave referenced at a recent meeting. They both liked the park a lot. She passed around photos of a shelter, the play amenities and slide area.

## **II. New Business**

### **A. Discuss Potential Time Length for Meetings**

Chris reported that this agenda item will be tabled until the next meeting due to Bob's absence tonight.

### **B. Staff Reports**

April reported the following.

- The concert series ended Sunday night. It was a great series.
- Rehearsals began for *A Little Night Music* that will be held at the Lodge at the end of October.
- The Senior Barn Players will present a Readers Theatre event, "The Oxford Fraud" on October 5th. Five senior actors from Leawood will portray school teachers and provide history lessons.
- The deadline for artists to submit work for the 2015 Arti Gras event will be December 11. It will not be extended as in years past. A \$10 "donation" will be collected at the door. Ava Reynolds will be the guest juror for the event.

Council Liaison Cain asked the difference between charging admission and not. She wondered if more people bought artwork at the event last year since there wasn't an admissions charge.

April reported that slightly more art was purchased but she is unsure if this was the motivation. It is important to encourage people to purchase more art. Ten pieces were sold at the event. We need to sell more in the future.

Lorrie reported that the last two performers for the concert series are definite keepers for the future. It was nice to have someone different.

Council Liaison Rasmussen asked where we are with the art piece in the median.

Chris reported that the Planning Department approved it but it is going to Council for approval September 15, due to changing the site from the original recommended location. The Konoinia piece is scheduled to be moved into the Justice Center next Friday.

Brian reported the following:

- His staff has been busy working on clean-up work and cutting down, dying/dead trees around the Justice Center in preparation for the Open House being held tomorrow.
- The irrigation is programmed and communicating to our computer control. He should be able to adjust the time and have a more realistic time when it is on.
- His crew is working on the dog park every opportunity when it isn't raining.
- The finished version of the Bike/Ped Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission September 23, to hopefully recommend for acceptance at an October Council meeting. RDG will attend the meeting to answer questions.
- He is working on getting trail renovation proposals for Tomahawk Parkway to Roe. Prices have been coming in higher than he'd thought; an estimate for concrete is \$100,000 and asphalt is \$70,000. He is working on receiving quotes for sod at the dog park and amphitheater areas which may cost around \$7,000.
- They have been busy mowing.
- The Johnson County Environmental Department installed a system to monitor the quality of the stream water at the College trail bridge. The County is in charge of the project but every City has to monitor the condition as it enters and exits the City. The pipe is small and can be seen from the bridge if anyone notices it and wonders what it is.
- He received complaints last week that many people were getting stung by yellow jackets along a portion of our trail. Several people were stung multiple times. A nest was located in the ground just outside of I-Lan Park on the Overland Park side of the trails with thousands of bees. He set up a trail closure and contacted Overland Park who sent Critter Control to remove the nest.

Council Liaison Rasmussen reported that a constituent asked him about a trail map. Brian said he had just attended a Johnson County Trails meeting and asked about maps other cities have and the City of Shawnee has a really nice foldable map similar to a small square that could be carried in a pocket or purse. It is also waterproof. The map focuses on Shawnee's bike routes and trails. This would be nice for Leawood residents, which is what the inquiry was originally about. He will inquire about the cost. It would be nice to find a sponsor.

Chris added that it could also be put on the City's website in the near future.

Council Liaison Cain reported that advertisement space could be sold on the opposite side to help offset cost.

Kim reported the following:

- The Doggie Dunk was a success. Two-hundred sixty-eight dogs participated.

Council Liaison Cain reported that neither she nor Council Liaison Rasmussen could participate, which usually happens because the event always falls on a scheduled Council meeting night. They would have both liked to bring their dogs.

- Labor Day Run was held with three hundred runners participating. A huge thanks to Lorrie for working the event.

Council Liaison Cain asked what the run benefits.

Kim replied that the event doesn't benefit anything or anyone. The City barely breaks even. The Lions use it as a fundraiser. We pay the Lions Club for the pancake breakfast.

- A Program and Facility Supervisor has been hired. Her name is Jacinta Tolinas. She is currently the Recreation Supervisor at the Cooper Tennis complex in Springfield, Missouri. She will begin September 29.
- The cabins are filling up quickly for fall.
- Freaky Fall Fest will be held Friday, October 10.

- Corner Café volunteered to sponsor many upcoming events and will be a good partner.
- She is busy working on 2015 fees with her staff.

Chris reported that fees will be sent to the Committee before the October meeting giving them time to review them prior to the meeting.

Lorrie asked if a family group will be added to the costume contest category for Freaky Fall Fest. She received a lot of requests for this when working the event last year.

Kim replied that this will be added to the event.

Chris reported that the Mayor has received interest from a former donor of another project and asked specifically about the path inside the dog park. She gave her the cost estimate and informed her that we have \$6,000 remaining in the budget. She also met a person interested in helping. She and April also discussed events for fundraisers to be held at a Leawood restaurant. The owners come to the event for a fee and the dogs receive food. Owners then purchase food at the venue in addition to the event fee. She went to Mestizo today for a free event and she expressed an interest in their patio space and lower level as a possible location. She was referred to Dazzle Paws who recently opened in Park Place who is also interested in participating. It will be nice to do something in the spring. She is certain other people will express an interest once the dog park comes to fruition.

#### **C. Call for Miscellaneous Items**

Amy asked if the dog park opening will be similar to Barks in the Park or bigger.

Chris reported that it will be similar but will depend on the schedule. It could be held in conjunction with an event and advertised in the guide distributed in March. The event would likely take place in May of 2015.

#### **D. Next Scheduled Meeting Date – August 12, 2014**

The next meeting will be held October 7, 5:30 p.m. at Leawood City Hall in the Maple Room. This is one week earlier than normal, due to the NRPA Congress the week of October 13.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department