



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – March 12th, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall- Maple Room

Board members in attendance: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Kim Galbraith, JoLynn Hobbs, Gary Swanson, and Lorrie Hamilton

Board members absent: Amy Vlastic, and Bob Wright

Council liaisons present: Julie Cain

Council liaisons absent: Chuck Sipple

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

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer asked for a motion to approve the February 12th, 2019 meeting minutes.

Lorrie moved the motion. Kim G seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. New Business

A. Welcome New Board Member

Chair Karen Ward-Reimer introduced new Board Member: JoLynn Hobbs.

JoLynn introduced herself to the committee. She has been a Leawood resident since 1996. She is married with two children and has two French Bulldogs. She lives in north Leawood and has served on her homes association board since 2012. Council member Debra Filla invited JoLynn to apply for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board position.

Chris added that JoLynn was very helpful in the creation of Brook Beatty Park. JoLynn's family was kind enough to donate a bench for the park.

The Parks and Recreation Board members introduced themselves to JoLynn.

II. Old Business

A. Update on RFP Process for 96th and Lee

Chris informed the committee that the City Council is reevaluating the new Fire Station # 1 building layout and size.

Chris added that the park plan is currently on hold but she would like to have consideration for getting the consultant onboard via contract in the next few months.

Council Liaison Cain added they are still moving forward but would like to make sure that the fire station will be functional for decades to come.

A. Update on Foundation Projects

Chris informed the committee that the Leawood Foundation met last week and had a discussion on what projects they would like to fund in the future. One project is a replacement for the agility course at the Leawood Dog Park. The Foundation would like to offer a match for donations up to \$10,000. They will next need to reach out to one of the major donors prior to moving forward. The Leawood Stage Company has already donated \$1,000 of proceeds from *Bark! The Musical* to the agility course fund. Chris has researched new, more durable agility course pieces and will present them soon.

Council Liaison Cain stated it would be a good idea for the Foundation to reach out to local dog day-care and grooming businesses for donations.

Chris stated the Foundation has also considered funding new exercise stations or a new restroom for undetermined locations. Typically, the campaigns perform better when they are fundraising for specific projects. Chris will follow up at the next meeting with more information on the projects.

III. Staff Reports

Brian reported the following:

- He will be participating in a Greater Kansas City area dog park managers meeting next week.
- The parks maintenance crew has been assisting public works with limb clean up. They are updating the clean up map daily on the city website. As of now, they are about forty percent complete.
- Fixing storm damage along trails.
- Leawood Tree committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, March 21st.
- They are still searching for candidates for multiple part-time and full time positions. Staff is a little thin, on certain crews, at this time.

Council Liaison Cain added that the city has spent a significant amount of money on helping residents with limb pick up.

Kim G added that she will direct people from her homes association to our homepage for information. She feels some of the complaints she has heard is due to lack of knowledge on the process. The information on the website will be very helpful to her neighbors.

JoLynn added that she shares with her homes association residents to check the map and to be patient and grateful for the city's help on the residential limb pickup.

Kim G asked if Brian would report to the Parks Advisory Board on the Tree Committee discussions.

Kim C. reported the following:

- 1,800 participants enrolled in Spring Soccer. Soccer practice was scheduled to start this week but rain has caused the fields to be closed.
- Recreation staff is working on the 2020 budget.
- Working on LED light project at the Lodge at Ironwoods. We have met with a structural engineer to determine if the current lighting fixtures can hold the weight of the new LED lights.
- Swim team, dive team, and pool passes will go on sale April 2nd.

April reported the following:

- Historic Oxford School House is open and accepting field trip reservations.
- Registration for “Tea with Shakespeare” presented by the Leawood Stage Company, Daughters of the British Empire and the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival is open and will sell out quickly. This year will feature a Victorian era fashion show.
- We have received Vara Waivers for “Inspiration” by Rita Blitt and “Women of the World” by Kwan Wu.
- A fallen tree branch has damaged “Faith” by Wendell Castle. This piece is located at Brook Beatty Park. The bench will need to be taken off site and repaired. The repair will be considered for approval at the next city council meeting.
- Working on an agreement to acquire a new art on loan piece. It is a kinetic piece named “Skywriting 1” by John King with the option to purchase at the end of the year. The piece is currently at the Overland Park Arboretum as part of the kinetic sculpture exhibit until the end of September. This will give us ample time to relocate the current on loan piece, “Pointe Defiance”

- IV.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the Maple Room in the Leawood Community Center.

Lorrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kim G. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director