



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – August 13th, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall – Maple Room

Board members in attendance: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Amy Vlastic, Bob Wright, Gary Swanson and JoLynn Hobbs

Board Members absent: Lorrie Hamilton and Kim Galbraith

Council Liaison present: Julie Cain and Chuck Sipple

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

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Amy made a motion to approve the July 9th minutes. Bob seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Update on Bike Kiosk Project at City Park

Brian showed the group three digital renderings of the proposed kiosk design. The designs were created by Vireo. The Parks Maintenance staff will be completing the work. The designs include seating, bike parking, water fountain, mister, bike repair station, and North/South loop information maps.

Council Liaison Sipple asked what the approximate cost of the project was.

Brian responded that he will not have an estimate until he meets with Vireo next week. Fortunately, there are funds available from the North Loop bike signage project.

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer asked if we have any trees in the area that will be affected.

Brian stated that no healthy trees will be affected.

JoLynn asked if there will be a plaque or name for the space.

Brian stated he thought pin lettering might be a good option.

Bob suggested the name of “Loop Landing”.

B. Update on Tennis Court Renovation

Brian informed the committee that there are small cracks on the surface of the newly renovated tennis courts. Several cores of the asphalt have been taken to a lab to establish if there was anything wrong with the asphalt blend.

Council Liaison Cain asked if we will have to pay for the repairs, or if it is covered under contract.

Brian stated that it is under warranty and we will not have to pay for the repairs

JoLynn asked if we used one contractor for the whole project.

Brian stated that yes, we used McConnell Construction and they will be making the repairs.

C. Update on Installation of “Inspiration” Art Piece

Chris informed the committee that we have a contract with Continental Engineering to go to the Council for approval on September 3 for design of the footing for the sculpture. After the design contract is approved and the design is complete, we will hire a company to build the footing and install the piece.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if the piece will be installed before Christmas.

Chris responded that this is the intent. The location and plans will need to go through the planning process.

Chris added that they are simultaneously working on installing a new art-on-loan piece and relocating “Point Defiance”. The Arts Council is recommending the piece be relocated to Ironwoods Park near the entrance. They are also working on updating the Leawood Art brochure to include all of the new pieces including “Walking Woman” and “Inspiration”

II. New Business

A. Discuss Trail Repair (City Park to College Blvd)

Brian stated that the area of trail when leaving Leawood City Park to the south under College Blvd. is very distressed. He is meeting with contractors in the next few weeks to get estimates and will hopefully have a recommendation for City Council in September. He added that people will not be able to exit Leawood City Park on the trail while work is being completed. The work should take approximately one week.

B. Discuss Recommendation by Storm water Committee RE: Gezer Park Drainage

Chris informed the committee that there is an area directly north of the park where a resident believes that rain is running off from the park and pooling in their backyard. The storm water committee has met and recommended that we install new storm a drainage system.

Brian added that he has met with the resident several times. He stated that the area is very flat and once the ground becomes saturated there is nowhere for the water to go. When Mission Road is widened in the future (2022?) We will be grading the park property and tying water runoff into an additional storm sewer on Mission Road. This will ensure that no city property is contributing to their water issues.

Council Liaison Cain added that it is fortunate we are able to loop this project into the Mission road project.

III. Staff Reports

Kim reported the following:

- First Tee is up and running for the fall session.
- Fall soccer will be starting on Saturday, September 7th.
- The Aquatic Center is running at reduced summer hours.
- Truckin’ in The Park is August 24th with 14 trucks and 2 Proud 2 Beg providing live music.
- Doggie Dunk will be taking place September 3rd beginning at the Leawood Aquatic Center.

April reported the following:

- August Concert Series started last Sunday. Concerts will take place at Ironwoods Park on Sunday evenings until September 8th.
- Into The Night Fall Festival will take place at Ironwoods Park on Friday, October 4th. There will be many fun activities for kids including a petting zoo, train rides and live performances.
- "Fall Into Art" art show will be happening in the Oak Room of Leawood City Hall on October 18th, 19th, and 20th. Opening Reception is Friday night, the 18th.
- A Gallery Art Crawl is being presented by the Leawood Arts Council and will take place on Friday, September 13th at five local art galleries. See the website for details.

Brian reported the following:

- Working on new trail signage for trail etiquette. Signs will be larger, helping pedestrians in viewing the sign's messages. Johnson County will also be placing signs along their trails as well.

Council Liaison Sipple added that he thought the signs should be larger than 18"x 24".

Chris reported the following:

- Chris shared the most recent Look to Leawood magazine that featured several Leawood volunteers including Chair Karen Ward Reimer. Great edition featuring the many volunteers in Leawood.
- Chris will be attending and moderating, as well as presenting on effective verbal communication at the KRPA Women's Leadership Summit on August 23rd at Meadowbrook Clubhouse. Over 100 women will be attending from Parks and Recreation agencies from all over the state of Kansas. Governor Laura Kelly, former KRPA Executive Director will also speak at the event.
- There will be a live reindeer at Breakfast with Santa this year. It will be located on the patio with photo opportunities available.

IV. Miscellaneous

Bob informed the committee that he has taken a new job that will require him to travel quite frequently. He asked if the Park's Advisory Board might consider letting members teleconference in to meetings.

Chris said she will need to check on this.

JoLynn asked if the City had purchased the home to the south of the 96th and Lee property and if so, are we happy with the extra space to work with for our park.

Chris replied that if the home is purchased, it may have more to do with the design of the new fire station than the park but at this time, there has been no definite resolve pending review by the legal department. One item that is yet to be resolved, which will have impact on the future park, will be whether to keep any or all of the current fire station.

V. Next scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held September 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the west shelter in Gezer Park

Chair Karen Ward Reimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bob moved the motion. JoLynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director