



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Oak Room- Leawood Community Center

Board members in attendance: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Amy Vlastic, Kim Galbraith, Lorrie Hamilton, JoLynn Hobbs, and Bob Wright

Council liaisons present: Julie Cain

Council liaisons absent: Chuck Sipple

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

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

Bob Wright made a motion to approve the November 12th, 2019 meeting minutes. Lorrie Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Discuss Community Garden Task Force as Sub-Committee of Parks and Recreation Department

Chris reminded the committee that Council Liaison Sipple suggested the Community Garden Task Force move from being a sub-committee of the Sustainability Advisory Board and to being a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Chris added that the task force still has one more year at the 96th and Lee garden location.

Brian added that he believed the garden task force would fit well under the Sustainability Advisory Board or the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a variety of reasons:

- Sustainability Advisory Board
The task force aims for residents to live a more sustainable lifestyle by growing their own produce and donating leftover produce to a food kitchen.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Parks and Recreation staff handles reserving the garden plots for residents and it is a recreational activity. In addition, the gardens will likely be on parkland.

Chris added that Council Liaison Sipple also suggested that we might need to evaluate the interest of a community garden out south. In the previous year at 96th and Lee, 16 Leawood resident families signed up for a garden plot. Some families

signed up more than one member. Will those who were using the north plots be willing to move to the south location?

Council Liaison Cain added that she also suggested moving the task force under the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board after the task force members suggested using park staff and park funds.

Chris reminded the committee that during the previous meeting, a motion was created and approved that stated the Community Garden Task Force was tasked with finding independent funding through partnerships and grants, for the new garden location.

Lorrie stated that she did not believe 16 members warranted a project over six figures.

Lorrie motioned to have the Community Garden Task Force be a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Kim G. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bob asked if moving the Community Garden Task Force under the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board means that their funds will be controlled by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as part of the project list that is reviewed annually.

Chris responded that yes, at that time, the funds for any development of a future garden will be controlled by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in regards to prioritization of projects.

II. New Business

A. Discuss Possible Names for New Parkland (89th and Sagamore)

April suggested the following historically relevant names:

Dykes Branch Creek
Country Club Ridge

Brian added that he has seen a number of people walking in the area, especially walking groups from local businesses. He has also seen a number of bird watchers. The space is supposed to be passive use only.

Council Liaison Cain added that there is a group of residents that would like to have a crosswalk at 89th and Lee.

JoLynn added that she favors a historically based name for the space. She suggested potentially naming it after Gordon Henke.

Chris suggested using the word “crossing” in the name since the trail is from Lee Blvd. to State Line.

Amy suggested Country Club Crossing.

Bob suggested Cloverleaf Crossing

Chris suggested committee members email her with any ideas for potential names and continue this discussion at the January 14th meeting.

III. Staff Reports

Kim reported the following:

- Breakfast with Santa had a large turnout with 365 attending. The live reindeer was a huge hit.
- Started seasonal hiring for 2020 and we will be hosting a job fair in the Oak Room on January 7th from 4:30p.m -7:30 p.m.
- Tony Nichols accepted a job as the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for the City of Roeland Park. We will miss him.
- Cabin reservations are now open.

April reported the following:

- “Nuncrackers” took place at the Lodge at Ironwoods on November 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th 201 with great crowds.
- “Cracked”, a reimagined Nutcracker by Vida Dance Company, will take place at the Lodge at Ironwoods on December 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

Brian reported the following:

- City Park pond reconstruction has begun and will likely be completed at the end of April. The base of concrete has been poured and the perimeter stones are currently being placed.

Chris reported the following:

- April’s last day is December 22nd and we will be having a reception here in the Oak Room on December 17th from 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Introduction of Holly York as the new Cultural Arts Supervisor.

B. Chair Karen -Ward Reimer thanked Lorrie Hamilton for her years of service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This will be her last meeting and she will be missed.

V. Next scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held January 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the Maple Room of the Community Center.

JoLynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director