



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – March 10th, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.
Maple Room- Leawood Community Center

Board members in attendance: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Bob Wright, Kim Galbraith, Greg Williams, and JoLynn Hobbs.

Board members absent: Gary Swanson, and Amy Vlasic.

Council liaisons present: Chuck Sipple.

Council liaisons absent: Julie Cain.

Staff members present: 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 February 11th, 2020 meeting minutes. JoLynn Hobbs seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Introduction of New Board Member- Greg Williams

Greg stated he has been a Leawood resident since October 2013. He is a Kansas City native, with an eight year old daughter at Prairie Star Elementary. Greg was instrumental in working on the Power and Light District with Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes.

II. Old Business

**A. Discuss Potential Names for New Parkland (89th and Sagamore) –
*Continued from the February 11, 2020 Meeting.***

Camille stated that the name “Old Leawood Crossing” had the most votes.

Chris stated this will go to the council for approval under committee recommendations.

III. New Business

A. Review Vista 154 Events 2019/2020

Chris stated that Council Liaison Sipple requested that the Parks Advisory Board be aware of the revenue and expenses of Vista 154 at Ironhorse Golf Club because they are funded as a part of the Parks and Recreation Department’s overall budget. Chris added that a sizeable amount of our budget comes from alcohol tax and not from property tax. She stated that for 2020 there are currently 38 bookings for Vista 154.

That is up two events from same time last year. Chris stated that it is a top priority to continue to increase booking on a yearly basis.

JoLynn asked what is the capacity of the Lodge versus Vista 154.

Chris stated that capacity of Vista 154 is approximately 225 people and the Lodge is 300 people. Chris stated that they are working with designers and engineers to utilize the kitchen space more effectively for servicing the grille and at Vista 154.

JoLynn asked if parking was adequate at both locations.

Chris stated that there is adequate parking at both locations, unless every person attending the event drives separately in their own cars.

Council Liaison Sipple asked when the kitchen remodel project would begin.

Chris stated they are waiting on price estimates for the cost of labor, engineering, and supplies. They hope to begin the project before the end of 2020 if approved.

IV. Staff Reports

Brian reported the following:

- The crew will be working on striping the middle of several portions of the trail. This will help keep walkers and bikers safe on each side.
- City Park pond project is making good progress. They still need to install new aerators, grade, and seed the perimeter.
- Installing new LED lighting at the Lodge at Ironwoods.
- Mulch being replaced at Gezer park playground for the next few weeks.
- Gezer Park will be receiving a new irrigation booster pump after City Council approval. The pump will be installed this spring and ready to use by summer.
- Replacing poured in place material at Ironwoods Park playground.
- Trail behind City Hall, under Roe, is still in design phase. We are hopeful it will be finished by the end of 2020.

Kim reported the following:

- Spring Soccer will begin shortly with 134 teams.
- Eggstravangza is coming up on April 5th, at Leawood City Park.
- First Tee program starts April 6th.
- In the process of hiring new Aquatics and Special Events Supervisor.
- Walnut and Maple Rooms will be revamped with new flooring. We are using a wood laminate option similar to the Oak Room.

Holly reported the following:

- “Civil War” production by the Leawood Stage Company will run March 26th - 29th at the Lodge at Ironwoods.
- Cultural Arts Intern has started.
- Holly and Chris will be hosting a driving public art tour with the International Women’s Group; an organization of which the Mayor is involved.
- “Tea with Shakespeare” will take place on April 26th. The event is sponsored by the Leawood Stage Company will take place in the Maple Room at Leawood City Hall.

Chris reported the following:

- The Leawood Foundation is ready to fund the new Leawood Dog Park agility course. Staff will order and hopes to have it installed by summer. They will also be working on raising funds for the new flush restroom at the North Lake.
- Bids for the new art piece footings came in very high. We will be revising plans and publicly bidding in hopes to bring the prices down.

V. Miscellaneous

A. COVID- 19 Plan and Procedure

Kim G. asked that the City's policies for risk assessment, cleaning, and cancelations regarding COVID-19 are.

Chris stated that we don't have any specific policies in place at this time. We are proactive in our cleaning methods especially in high traffic area and event spaces.

Council Liaison Sipple asked where we are in the process for the new Parks Maintenance facility.

Brian stated that the RFQ is our and the deadline for submittal is coming up.

JoLynn asked what the progress of the 96th and Lee property is.

Brian responded that the Parks Maintenance crew will maintain the land until building commences.

VI. Next scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held June 9th at 5:30 pm.

Bob 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

Note: As a result of the closure of City Hall due to COVID-19, the meeting will take place via the Zoom format at 3:00 pm on June 9, 2020.