



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

To reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with social distancing recommendations, this meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was conducted remotely using the Zoom media format. The meeting was livestreamed on [YouTube] and the public could access the livestream by going to www.leawood.org/.

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

Council liaisons present: Chuck Sipple and Julie Cain.

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

Special Guests: Allison Vandever and Kerry Newman from SFS Architecture.

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

Bob Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from October 15th, 2020 meeting. JoLynn Hobbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Special Business

A. Presentation of Proposed Design of Pool House Replacement at LAC

Chris stated that staff has been working with SFS Architecture for the last 45 days on the preliminary designs for the new Aquatic Center. She introduced Allison Vandever from SFS Architecture to the group.

Allison stated that she is the Project Architect for the Pool House replacement. She stated that Kerry Newman, who is the Project Principal is also on the Zoom call and can answer any questions the Board Members may have about the project. She stated that they have been designing the new Aquatic Center and seating areas in the same footprint as the current one, which includes a 4,000 square foot pool house. Allison stated the new design includes three buildings including a new bathhouse with entryway, concessions building, and multipurpose building. The buildings all feature a sloped roof with clean lines. The new pool house would have ample shower and bathroom areas. It will also have family bathrooms and changing areas, which the current bathhouse does not have. A breezeway will connect the pool house to the concession building which will include an interior first aid area, lifeguard area, and manager's office. There will be seating between the concession area and multipurpose room building. The multipurpose room building will not be seasonal

like the other two buildings. The two multipurpose rooms can be opened for one large space and may be rented or used by Leawood Parks and Recreation for classes, special events, swim meets and of course birthday parties. The multipurpose rooms will be accessible by a key code, so it will not require staffing at all times. The multipurpose building will also contain restrooms that will be accessible from the outside for park users. The restrooms will also be helpful once the new bike kiosk/trailhead area is installed.

SFS has sent building material samples to the Planning Department for review. The base of the building would be an anchored stone with alternating smooth face and chiseled face stone. The roof would be a gray membrane roof that is durable. There will be a large metal terrace on a portion of the building and a sturdy metal gate on the front of the building for off season security. The design also focuses on lighting design for the offseason to make the new facility a focal point and also provide security. Allison also stated that they have begun exploring integrating an artwork into the building with APPI and the Leawood Arts Council.

Chris added that SFS has met with the Planning Department and had all materials being presented tonight pre-approved.

Council Liaison Cain added that she liked the fun color that has been integrated into the building façade.

Chair Karen Ward Reimer asked if patrons can access the restrooms in the multipurpose room from inside the building.

Allison replied yes, each multipurpose room has its own restroom in addition to the two restrooms accessible from the outside for park users.

Amy asked how staff would monitor party room participant's entry into the pool.

Chris stated she would work with staff on a plan to monitor party room users and with SFS to provide a means to lock the exterior doors to the pool when it is closed.

Council Liaison Sipple asked about the security of the building materials, particularly glass elements.

Chris stated that she will take note and work with the architects on any security issues but any glass used will be tempered. Chris also said that the buildings will have a security system which the current facility does not have.

Kerry stated there may be shutters or another element that come down and cover the glass during the off season. He added that additional lighting will help deter vandals as well. He added they will continue to focus on security moving forward with the design process.

JoLynn asked if renters may rent the pool and multipurpose rooms simultaneously.

Kim responded yes, and it would likely be similar parameters to renting the pool currently.

Kim Galbraith stated she was a fan of the design.

Chris stated that she was very impressed by the design work put forth by SFS.

Council Liaison Sipple asked what the next step in the process would be.

Allison responded that they will be meeting with their estimator and will give City staff the estimate costs the week of November 23rd. She added that they will host an interact meeting next week as well as a meeting with Community Development Staff and Planning Staff.

Holly stated that the Art in Public Places committee will meet in December to discuss incorporating artwork into the design.

Council Liaison Cain stated she is very interested in the results of the interact meeting with citizens. She is interested in capturing the resident's interest and the potential uses they may have for the rooms, especially if the project is over budget and the multipurpose rooms are an additional cost. She continued by stating that she really likes the multi-purpose space.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if there is a way to gather more Leawood Resident opinions.

JoLynn stated adding a link to a survey on the City website to gather more opinions.

II. Old Business

A. Update on Installation of Art Pieces

Holly stated that both pieces should either be delivered in the next few weeks. They are hoping to have both pieces installed by Thanksgiving. Holly added that we will have dedications for the pieces in the spring.

B. Update on Design of New Parks Maintenance Facility

Brian stated that they met with architects at PGAV this week and were shown 8 different site layout options. They will go back and refine their designs, with staff feedback, as well as address set-back issues. Brian stated that they are ahead of schedule and will hopefully have preliminary plans to present to planning in April or May.

C. Update on Trail Renovation (City Park to College Pedestrian Bridge)

Brian stated the contractor was pouring the final area of the trail this week. Brian reminded the group that the trail has been resurfaced and widened to 10 feet. City staff will install sod along the edges of the trails once the resurfacing is complete. They are hoping to open the trail back up this weekend.

III. New Business

A. 2021 Projects

Chris stated she would like to share the upcoming projects happening next year. She shared the following:

- Pool House (*begins September '21*)
- Repaint Pools at Aquatic Center (*fall*)
- Bicycle Loops Kiosk (*City Park*)
- Restrooms at North Lake (*partnership with Leawood Foundation*)
- Ironwoods Pond Improvements (*with possible switchback realignment/add bridge*)
- Relocation of "Skywriting I" Temporary Art Piece
- Complete New Brochure for Public Art
- Temporary Art Piece (*purchase and installation*)
- Trail Extension from City Hall to Tomahawk Trail
- Design MLK Walk for Consideration by Park Board and Governing Body
- Complete Design of Parks Maintenance Facility/ (*Spring*)
Begin Construction- (*Late Fall*)
- Replace Playground at Tomahawk Park (*Late Summer/Early Fall*)
- Strategic/Master Plan (*all Parks and Parcels*)

Bob asked the status of the new park at the 95th and Lee.

Council Liaison Cain stated that the fire station plans are coming along, but any development of the park will be well after 2021.

B. Staff Reports

Holly

- Puzzle Palooza will take place this weekend at Vista 154. It is a sold out event.
- Creating Winter Break Art Kits for kids. The kits will be \$25 each with 5 fun winter art projects. The kits are geared for ages 4 and above with adult supervision.
- Working with Plaid Collaborative design team on creating a Public Art Master Plan.

Kim

- Breakfast with Santa is now “Sidewalk Santa” where kids can write a letter to Santa and greet Santa and Mrs. Claus from their cars here at City Hall. Staff will be responding to letters from Santa. Participants will receive a goody bag with crafts and a sweet treat. Registration is now open with 56 participants already enrolled.
- Completed their first session of Zoom yoga.
- Looking at offering e-gaming programming.
- Beginning seasonal hiring for aquatic positions.

Camille

- Developing social media plans and social media contests to keep users engaged virtually.
- Working on Leawood Recreator Newsletter content.
- Working on designing and printing banners and marketing collateral for 2021.

Brian

- New dog park playground equipment donated by the Leawood Foundation will be installed next week with weather permitting.
- Benches have been installed at Leawood Crossing.
- Installing South loop wayfinding signs on trail.
- Winterizing all water amenities and pertinent park equipment.
- Rotary Tree Grove planting took place last weekend and went very well.

Chris

- Dedication of two benches for Charles Lusk, a member of the Historic Commission, Leawood Rotary and Leawood Foundation will be happening on November 21st at Ironwoods Park at 10:00 am.
- This Saturday, Town Center will be hosting an event for their 25th anniversary with bands and performers. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. We will light City Hall simultaneously with Town Center’s lights.

IV. Miscellaneous

The next meeting will be held January 14th, via Zoom format.

Kim Galbraith made a motion adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director