



BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JCPRD Administration Building
7900 Renner Road, Shawnee Mission, KS 66219

October 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Leslee Rivarola, and roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present: Steve Baru, Bob Carlson, Kevin Fern, Dan Forgy, Heather Rubesch, Jeff Meyers, George Schlagel, Leslee Rivarola

Board Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Andy Logan was in attendance.

County Managers Liaison: Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager, was in attendance

Guests: Brian Garvey and Derek McMurray, SFS Architecture; Jane Massey, Theatre Advisory Board

Staff in Attendance:

Jeff Stewart, Executive Director (via conference phone)
Travis Buell, Deputy Director
Jo Ann Courtney, Administration
Terry Anderson, Supt. of SOE/Park Police Chief
Bill Maasen, Superintendent of Parks & Golf Courses
Ted Tartenaar, Information Technology Manager
Susan Mong, Superintendent of Culture
Rhonda Pollard, Superintendent of Recreation

Erika Seward, Development Director
Noelle Lewis, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Assmann, ASV Sr. Administrative Assistant
Mary Eads, Administration Assistant
Georgia Sizemore, Planning & Development Mgr.
Cindy Lawrence, PGC Sr. Administrative Assistant
Andrea Joslin, Outdoor Education Manager
Tim Bair, Fine & Performing Arts Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Rivarola recognized employees receiving County service pins during the month of October.

A. Quarterly Award Recipients

1. Administrative Services Division: David Markham, Communications Specialist
2. Culture Division: Sarah Vacik, Visitor Services Coordinator
3. Parks & Golf Courses: Kristina Keehn-Schneider, Park Worker II, Meadowbrook Park
4. Recreation Division: Gabe Stovall, Youth Sports Coordinator
5. Safety & Outdoor Education Division: Lanae Rench-Vopat, Park Police Officer
6. Seasonal Employee: Corrie Eisenbraun, Preschool Lead Teacher
7. Team Award: History Geek Museum Team: Jessica K. Doyle Smith, Museum Educator; Andrew Gustafson, Curator of Interpretation; Leah Palmer, Curator of Education; Mary McMurray, Museum Director; Justin Border, Communications Specialist/Graphic Designer; Josh Jordan, Collections Manager; Kaitlyn Dickerson, Education Assistant; Lynsay Flory, Education Assistant
8. Volunteer: Haley Wofford, Museum Volunteer

B. County Service Pins

5 years: Alexis Kelford, Recreation Coordinator

10 years: Heather Sump, Benefits Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Regular & Special Board Meetings

BRD-1 Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 15, 2021.

Administrative Services Committee – cancelled

Culture Committee

CUL-1 Consider acceptance of the Theatre Advisory Council Minutes dated September 24, 2021.

CUL-2 Consider approval of minutes of the Culture Committee Meeting held October 11, 2021.

Parks & Golf Courses Committee

PGC-1 Consider approval to accept the monument sign bid from Star Signs, LLC, the low bidder meeting all bid specifications and under the Architect’s estimate for the base bid of \$295,900.

PGC-2 Consider approval of the Temporary Construction Easement with Millwood, Inc. impacting Mid-America West Sports Complex.

PGC-3 Consider approval of the Permanent and Temporary Construction Easement with DD Ridgeview LLC. impacting Mill Creek Streamway Park.

PGC-4 Consider approval of the Encroachment Agreement with Magellan Midstream Partners, LP; and grant future ability of the Board Chair to execute like agreements with Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC and KCP Pipeline, LLC in order to expedite construction of the Heritage Park Southeast Trail.

PGC-5 Consider approval of minutes of the Parks & Golf Courses Committee Meeting held October 11, 2021.

Recreation Committee

REC-1 Consider acceptance of the Child Care Aware of Kansas Sustainability Grant, Round 2.

REC-2 Consider approval of the Tower Lease Agreement between Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) and Johnson County Park & Recreation District (JCPRD).

REC-3 Consider approval of the Reimbursement Agreement between Johnson County Park & Recreation District and the City of Roeland Park, Kansas for parking and ADA improvements at the Roeland Park Community Center Campus for a total amount of \$208,700.00, which includes the ADA entrance sidewalk for the Roeland Park Sports Dome.

REC-4 Consider approval of minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held October 11, 2021.

Safety & Outdoor Education Committee

SOE-1 Consider approval of Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Special Olympics Kansas, Inc. for the 2022 Polar Bear Plunge and Polar Bear 5k Strut.

SOE-2 Consider approval of minutes of the Safety & Outdoor Education Committee Meeting held October 11, 2021.

MOTION: Ms. Rubesch moved to approve all consent agenda items. Mr. Carlson seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

DISCUSSION & ACTION AGENDA

A. Theatre in the Park Facility Upgrade Concept Plan - Susan Mong, Superintendent of Culture

Jane Massey, Chair of the Theatre Advisory Board, began the presentation by thanking the Johnson County Park and Recreation District (JCPRD), the JCPRD Planning & Development Department, and The Parks & Recreation Foundation of Johnson County for supporting the Theatre in the Park. She provided a report on the advisory committee's involvement with the Theatre in the Park improvement planning. Tim Bair, JCPRD Fine & Performing Arts Manager, shared the history of Theatre in the Park and finished his presentation by highlighting the top five current challenges the theatre is experiencing. These include weather limiting functionality, space limitations and aging infrastructure, technology limitations, ADA deficiencies, and seating options. Derek McMurray, SFS Architecture (SFS), projected a fly over of suggested improvements to include a new stage house, upgrades to the guest services areas, parking to include 270 main parking spaces with the option for 480 overflow parking spaces, and seating to include 250 reservable seats plus terrace seating. Mr. Garvey, also with SFS, discussed logistics and a proposed cost of \$25,925,640.

Ms. Rubesch asked if there has been an economic impact study done for increased programming for City of Shawnee or Kansas City in general. Ms. Mong responded that future master planning efforts would include economic impacts in their scope. Mr. Meyers asked what the seating capacity would be for the renovated facility. Mr. Bair answered the seating capacity is planned for 2,500. Programming year around would result in a 215% increase in patron participation. Mr. Carlson stated he would like to see more events and programs for this facility or premium offerings that could be considered. Mr. Forgy asked if the stage house could be closed for weather. Ms. Mong shared that the stage would have the ability to be closed for smaller events and rentals that will hold approximately 500 people. Mr. Carlson asked if this takes pressure off the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center for auditions, rehearsals and programs. Mr. Bair responded that the new space would provide for additional opportunities for additional shows and space that currently only the Black Box Theatre can hold. Mr. Fern stated that he was very impressed with this presentation and thanked the staff for all their hard work.

MOTION: Ms. Rubesch moved to approve the Theatre in the Park Facility Upgrade Concept Plan as presented. Mr. Carlson seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

B. 2021 Fall Major Projects Update - Georgia Sizemore, Planning & Development Manager

Ms. Sizemore presented project updates that included Cedar Niles Park, Mid-America Phase I & II Improvements, Okun Fieldhouse Accessibility Renovations, Meadowbrook Park Phase II, Antioch Park Rose Garden, Shawnee Mission Park Marina Building, Arthur & Betty Verhaeghe Park Pedestrian Improvements, Ernie Miller Park Improvements, Heritage Park Trail Development, Theatre in the Park Concept Planning, Public Art Master Plan, Shawnee Mission Park John Barkley Drive Improvements, and the Big Bull Creek Park Sunflower Trail Study. Ms. Sizemore finished by sharing a listing of recently completed projects.

Ms. Rubesch asked if JCPRD had received any feedback on the Public Art project. Ms. Mong shared that 300 responses have been received to date, but more are anticipated.

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports

Mr. Buell welcomed Georgia Sizemore, Planning & Development Manager, and announced LaNesha Washington as the new Human Resources Manager who starts November 1, 2021.

Travis Buell shared that Johnson County Park and Recreation, Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center, and Johnson County Facilities & Grounds received the Legacy of Greenery Committee Award of Landscape Excellence.

Mr. Maasen announced an Inaugural Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place prior to the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. A committee has been formed and is working out details of the event.

B. Executive Director of Johnson County Parks & Recreation - Jeff Stewart

Mr. Stewart announced today JCPRD launched its closed captioning service for this board meeting and future broadcasting meetings.

Mr. Stewart congratulated the Culture Division and its partners on the success of the 3rd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Mr. Stewart stated the Theatre in the Park indoor season successfully launched this month with the production *The Full Monty*, which saw full audiences all three weekends. The holiday production, *A Campbell's Family Christmas*, will kick off in December as part of the Innovation Theatre Challenge to showcase local playwriting talent.

Mr. Stewart announced the Kansas City Blazers was awarded the prestigious USA Swimming 14 & Under 2023 Central Zone Championship Meet. The event will be held at the Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center and will bring some of the best athletes from more than 13 states across the Midwest.

Mr. Stewart stated the Johnson County Museum continues to work very hard on its accreditation process. The Accreditation Alliance of Museums will be conducting a site visit of the Museum in early November.

Mr. Stewart shared that the first public art project to be erected in Meadowbrook Park is fully underway with three finalists currently on display. The public will vote on the three proposals.

Mr. Stewart thanked all staff for their efforts while he has been out of the office on sick leave and welcomed Georgia Sizemore to JCPRD.

C. Legal Counsel – Fred Logan

No report.

D. Board of County Commissioners – Jeff Meyers

Mr. Meyers attended the Kansas Association for Counties Convention and really enjoyed it.

Mr. Meyers complimented Bill Maasen and his staff related to many compliments he has received on improvements that have been made to the course.

E. Board Chair – Leslee Rivarola

Ms. Rivarola stated the Charter Commission held a redo of its first public hearing and received about 2.5 hours of public comment related to the County's Charter. She shared that the next public hearing will be Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 5:30 pm at Holiday Inn off Ridgeview and K10 in Olathe.

F. Board Members

No Report

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING OPEN MEETINGS

NOTE: All meetings will be held in the JCPRD Administration Building, 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee Mission, KS 66219.

- Administrative Services/Culture/Recreation Committees – November 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (Nominations for 2022 board officers will be considered as part of the Administrative Services Committee meeting.)
- Parks & Golf Courses/Safety & Outdoor Education Committees – November 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Note change from regular schedule.)

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rivarola adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

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LESLEE RIVAROLA, *Board Chair*

ATTEST:

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ROBERT J. CARLSON, *Board Secretary*

*Prepared by Cindy Lawrence, PGC Sr. Administrative Assistant
Approved November 16, 2021*