

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Aley Enclosed Shelter
1803 S. Seneca
June 20, 2011
3:00 p.m.**

Present: Bryan Frye, Andy Solter, John Stevens, Matt Goolsby, Tom Roth, Cindy Claycomb, Randy Brown

Absent: None

Also Present: Doug Kupper, Director of Park and Recreation, Sharon Dickgrafe, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Christina Butler, Clerk, Curt Van Boening, Jim Guy, Shon Slingsby, Ed Klock, Jerry Warren, citizens

President Frye called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Frye, second by Claycomb, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the May regular meeting minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Item 2A: Park Board Bike Trails Priority List

Kupper stated that a priority list of Bike Trails was established in 2007 by the Board of Park Commissioners and ratified by the City Council in order to give Public Works and Planning the most appropriate chronological order to develop new pathways. It was also done because Park and Recreation would put money in the CIP to match the federal money for building bike paths and if they did not get the money then the CIP would just go back into the General Fund. With establishing a priority list they could initiate the funds to design the pathways so when they applied again, they would score more points because they are already designed and through the public opinion phase. This has been updated with what had been accomplished thus far. He would like the Board of Park Commissioners to review the remaining four priorities to see if they still feel they are priority bike paths. The purple highlighted pathways represented completed projects and the yellow represented unfinished trails.

Claycomb stated that the Redbud Pathway was not completed at some of the intersections.

Kupper replied that the Redbud Trail is not entirely complete, but a significant part of the pathway has been completed.

Stevens asked if there was any public demand for the pathways.

Kupper replied that there was high demand for a pathway from Haysville to the Arkansas River. He stated the K-96 pathway was a huge priority because it is a long path and could collect many citizens into the K96 bicycle path as well as the very south end of the bicycle path. He also stated that representation from the Board of Park Commissioners needed to be on the Bicycle Master Plan Committee.

Goolsby asked how the pathway would cross Kellogg.

Kupper stated that was an issue, but there may be an elevated crossing that could be used or there was talk of using the turnpike authority property at the cloverleaf at Kellogg to gain access. He stated that the more they have designed for bike paths, the greater the possibility of being awarded the federal money for bike paths.

Solter stated that the river is the greatest growth opportunity. He would like to see the east side of the river move up on the priority list. It was the second priority five to six years ago, but had moved down on the list.

Kupper stated that it tied into the downtown plan and had a better chance.

Claycomb stated she would like a month to review the priority list.

Motion by Claycomb, second by Solter, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DEFER until July Meeting.

Kupper stated that a committee member could be appointed after the priority list was set.

Item 3A: MOU for Rehab of the Historic Fresh Air Baby Camp (formerly known as the Girl Scout Little House)

Kupper stated that the proposed MOU was submitted for approval. He stated since the donation was higher (close to \$1 million), it would need City Council approval as well. The end user will be the Park and Recreation Department and they will determine the users and the fees. Park and Recreation will be responsible for the building maintenance once the rehabilitation is completed. The MOU draft time frame is 36 months.

Dickgrafe stated that the last sentence should be deleted from the MOU "The parties agree that, upon completion of rehabilitation, they shall submit to the City Manager and the Board of Park Commissioners a plan for the use and maintenance of the structure. "

Jim Guy (1043 Jefferson, Wichita) stated that he had created the Friends of the Historic Fresh Air Baby Camp and started working on the MOU. He introduced Shon Slingsby and Ed Klock of PDA Architects.

Slingsby (1133 E. 2nd, Wichita) described the current condition of the building. He stated that there was exterior water damage, rafters were bailing on the south side, the roof needs to be replaced, the porch needs to be re-worked, but the foundation is good. The improvements need to be approved by the Wichita Historical Preservation Society. A cost estimate would be approximately \$152,000 to \$167,000 for the roof improvements. He would like to see the supplies donated, but has allowed for a 15% contingency for contractor overhead and profit. He also stated that the building required immediate attention because the ceiling was collapsing.

Frye asked when the next meeting would take place for the Wichita Historical Preservation Society.

Dickgrafe stated it would be in July.

Kupper stated he would like to have this on the July 12th meeting of the City Council to get moving by the end of the year.

Motion by Claycomb, second by Stevens, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the MOU after deleting the last sentence as submitted.

Item 4: Updates from the Director and President

Kupper handed the Board members copies of the Key Performance Measures to see how the City of Wichita Park and Recreation Department compares to others of similar size. He stated that there was an error in the PROS plan. He had asked for the correction to be made to read "2 mile radius" instead of "1 mile". He stated that this would be on the 6/28 City Council Agenda and on 6/29, Wednesday, all DABs were invited to the public forum for the 2012 Budget.

Kupper stated that Meridian Park dog zone bids are due Friday, 6/24. He said if sod was used then the Park can open in the fall. However it may be Spring 2012 before it is opened. He stated that Chapin Park is getting restrooms installed and the road is completed for policing.

Kupper stated that the RFP is out for the driveable seasonal holiday light display. They are trying not to compete with the seasonal light display at Botanica which has recently added \$80,000 worth of LED lights and should generate more money.

Kupper stated that the Children's Garden at Botanica would have its donor grand opening party on Thursday, 6/23, 2011, member grand opening on Sunday, 6/26, 2011, and the grand opening to the public on Saturday, 7/2/11.

Kupper stated that the Fall Activities Guide would be out soon. The Park and Recreation Department will offer two (2) 9 week sessions. He stated that Stacey Hamm is selling ad space for this Activities Guide.

Kupper updated the Board on the recent Saturplay held at Fairmount Park on 6/11/11. He stated that there were approximately 20-30 children in attendance and 4 staff members. The next Saturplay event would take place at Buffalo Park on 6/25.

Kupper updated the Board on the Zumba Party in the Park held on Saturday, 6/18. He stated there were approximately 100 participants and hopes for higher fall sign-ups because of the event.

Goolsby asked if the pools' attendance was down this year.

Kupper stated that yes it was, but they were not sure why the attendance has decreased.

Claycomb asked about the status of the Boston and Osage RFPs.

Kupper replied that there were 3 respondents to the RFP (two for Osage and one for Boston).

Stevens asked about the cost of the stone for Dr. Dye Park.

Kupper replied that he would check into it and advise the board. He stated that the wood sign that is currently there would be moved to 27th and Grove.

Dickgrafe stated that the MAPC had deferred the IT Tower placement and had to look at options at the Meadows.

Frye stated the issue would be back on the 7/7/11 MAPC Agenda.

Curt Van Boening (5219 Plaza Lane, Wichita Audubon Society) thanked the Board for the use of Riverside Park for the Kansas Acoustic Arts event.

Item 5: Issues on the Horizon

No Items

Item 6: Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Bryan Frye, President

Christina Butler, Clerk