

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Friday, August 18, 2000**

Present: June Bailey, James Johnston, Joe McLeland, M.S. Mitchell, Trix Niernberger and Leon Robinson

Absent: William Sanders

Also Present: Tim Austin – Austin Miller, PA; Blaise Plummer, Law Department; and Doug Kupper and Maryann Crockett (staff)

President Mitchell called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. He stated that an error might have occurred on an item at the regular meeting on Monday, August 14, 2000. He said in order to insure that the Board acted according to the rules, this Special Meeting was called to discuss the Board’s recommendation to the City Council on the Kingsbury Site.

Mitchell briefly reviewed the Board’s previous action on the item stating that they had deferred making a recommendation on Kingsbury until completion of the Needs Assessment Study on the Brooks Tract to see if the Kingsbury site was essential to the Brooks plan. He said although the Kingsbury site was not within the scope of the Needs Assessment Study, the consultant indicated that it would be advisable to have a buffer to the North and West of the Brooks Tract because of the steep slopes.

McLeland expressed concern regarding acquiring land without programming funds for development. Bailey stated that there were not many opportunities to acquire such a large piece of property in Northwest Wichita. She commented that development funds could be programmed into the future Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Tim Austin commented that his clients were more than willing to discuss providing a buffer around the landfill. He mentioned the concept of a public lake and stated that his clients were open to any dialogue regarding their proposal.

On motion by Johnston, second by Niernberger, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to recommend that the City Council retain the Kingsbury property for park purposes, subject to a sand production leasing proviso. It was further requested that the revenue from the sand production be used to develop the land as a park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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M.S. Mitchell, President

ATTEST:

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Maryann Crockett, Clerk