

Minutes: Meeting #1

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Multi-purpose Room, Anthony Recreation Center
2415 Browning Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502

Committee Members Present: Travis Say, Josh Runyan, Blake Wolf, Gail Urban, Sue Maes, Mike Marsh, Christine Weixelman, Steve Disbrow, Nathan Legleiter, Michael Wilson, Kevin Neitzel, David Willis.

Committee Members Absent: Leslie Neilson, Jenn Edlund, Marcia Rozell

City Staff Present: Wyatt Thompson, Assistant City Manager. Aaron Stewart, Parks & Recreation Director. Tyler Burroughs, Recreation Supervisor (Sports). Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent. Leon Brown, Stormwater Manager.

Design-Build Team Present: Garric Baker and Bruce McMillan, Bruce McMillan Architects. Kelly Karl, BHS Construction.

Public Present: Chaney Courtney, Greg Erickson.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Wyatt Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Wyatt Thompson called the roll. Twelve members were present, which meets the quorum of 8 members.

3) COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS AND KOMA REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Thompson opened the business of the meeting with an outline of committee expectations and the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). if a quorum is not present at a meeting, no business may be conducted and the meeting will be adjourned. If members cannot attend, notify Wyatt Thompson.

4) PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Garric Baker introduced the project and reviewed previous studies and actions including development of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Facility Improvement Plan, Facility Feasibility Study, and the 2017 ballot initiative which provides funding for new recreation facility improvements including this project.



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5) PROJECT BACKGROUND

Mr. Baker presented the text of the sales tax question which listed the improvements to CiCo Park including ballfields (both softball and baseball), a minimum of twelve tennis courts, trails, sidewalks, and amenities and infrastructure to accommodate all of the new improvements. He presented a property map and explained that CiCo Park is owned and managed cooperatively by the City of Manhattan, Riley County, and USD 383. Garric presented an overview of stakeholder meetings have been conducted to date.

6) STEERING COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION

Mr. Baker explained the role of the committee: 1) provide input on the final concept plan that fulfills sales tax question requirements, 2) prioritize amenities to include in the project as funding permits, and 3) make a final recommendation to the City Commission.

A preference questionnaire was given to committee members so that they could provide feedback on materials and features that may be incorporated into the project.

7) PROJECT TIMELINE

Mr. Baker provided an overview of the timeline for the Advisory Committee which generally consists of monthly meetings from October 2023 through March 2024, culminating in a recommendation and vote by the City Commission to authorize final design construction in May 2024.

8) QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

The group asked questions of staff and the design team and discussed topics including the skatepark, the number of fields required, cost estimates and market conditions, tennis court number and amenities, inclusion of pickleball courts, trails, parking, high school sporting events, artificial turf, and future use of other existing fields such as Twin Oaks and Norvell.

Mr. Thompson explained the City's process to permit public comment. Josh Runyan made a motion to permit public comment, limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Christine Weixelman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 12-0.

Chaney Courtney asked if facilities for bike polo could be included in the project. Discussion ensued. Aaron Stewart stated he would work with Mr. Courtney to get additional information for the committee to consider at a future meeting.

9) NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Anthony Recreation Center
2415 Browning Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.