

# Move MHK! Steering Committee



## Minutes

Thursday, October 5, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, Eisenhower Recreation Center  
2850 Kirkwood Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502

**Members Present:** Betty Banner, Adam Pawlosky, Emily Mailey, Gina Snyder, Jayme Minton, Danna Voegeli, Michael Badamo, Jack Platt, Marcia Rozell, Patrick Gormely, Connie Birdsong, Nicholas Lander.

**Members Absent:** Brandyn McDonald, Kendra Delgado, Chad Moreau.

**Staff Present:** Aaron Stewart, Parks and Recreation Director; Casey Smithson, Parks Superintendent; Chris Curtis, Recreation Superintendent.

**Consultant Team Present:** Steve Rhoades, Larry Reynolds, Madelyn Onofrio, Alison Snawerdt, Vireo. Pat O'Toole, Berry Dunn. Tracy Anderson, Anderson Knight Architects. Lauren Ozburn, Water's Edge Aquatic Design. Kerry Newman and Brian Garvey, SFS Architecture.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Aaron Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2) ROLL CALL & ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Aaron Stewart called the roll. At 7:00 p.m., 10 members were present which meets the quorum of 8 members. Connie Birdsong arrived at 7:26 p.m. and Nicholas Lander arrived at 7:40 p.m.

### 3) COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS AND KOMA REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Stewart opened the meeting with the committee's requirements to comply with the Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA). The committee was also informed if a quorum could not be met for a meeting, no business could be conducted, and therefore the meeting would be adjourned.

### 4) GENERAL AGENDA

#### A) INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Stewart introduced the Parks and Recreation staff and the consultant team. Committee members introduced themselves and why they volunteered to serve on this committee.



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**B) OVERVIEW AND PROJECT SCOPE**

Mr. Reynolds introduced the project and gave a short explanation of what comprehensive master planning is and the types of recommendations it will generate. He gave a general overview of the scope of the project which included the inventory assessments and analysis, concept plans for City Park, Northview Park, and Warner Park, demographics and trends analysis, operations and staffing analysis, update Flint Hills Discovery Center strategic plan, indoor aquatic and recreation center, strategic direction and recommendation and implementation strategies. Mr. Reynolds indicated that the main purpose of this meeting was to review the statistically valid survey that would be released within the month.

**C) PREVIOUS PLANS AND STUDIES**

Mr. Reynolds introduced and reviewed the previous plans that have been completed. These included the 2015 Strategic Facility Study, 2017 Facility Feasibility Study, 2021 Indoor Aquatics Feasibility Study, and the 2021 City Strategic Plan – Crossroads MHK.

**D) SYSTEMWIDE GOALS AND NEEDS**

Mr. Reynolds previewed the statistically valid survey that was created by ETC Institute. The Committee offered comments regarding the length of the survey, demographic identification, phrasing of the aquatic funding questions, and disclaimer regarding the survey being about the entire system with and emphasis on indoor aquatics. The group also provided feedback on the list of priorities.

**E) NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Stewart informed the group that the survey will be finalized and released to the public in the next month. The committee will wait for those results before meeting again. Mr. Stewart anticipated the next meeting would be toward the end of January or the first of February.

**4) NEXT MEETING**

TBD.

**5) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.