

## Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2024

7:00 p.m.

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

**Members Present:** Brandie McDonald, Kendra Delgado, Betty Banner, Emily Mailey, Jayme Minton, Danna Voegeli, Michael Badamo, Jack Platt, Marcia Rozell, Patrick Gormely.

**Members Absent:** Adam Pawlosky, Gina Snyder, Chad Moreau, Nicholas Lander, Adrian Cruz.

**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, Vireo. Pat O’Toole, Barry Dunn. Tracy Anderson, Anderson Knight Architects. Brian Garvey, SFS Architecture.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2) ROLL CALL & ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called and 10 members were present at roll call.

### 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

I) Marcia Rozell motioned to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Platt, motion passed unanimously.

### 4) GENERAL AGENDA

#### A) CONCEPT REVIEW

##### I) CITY PARK



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- Vireo discussed the demographics that were used in developing the selection of City Park as the location for indoor aquatics. Review of the 5 concept designs that were initially developed were reviewed. The selection of the north side of the park was highlighted by the utilization of the parking garages that will be available for overflow. In addition, Manhattan Avenue terminating into the park/building was highly desirable.
- The three concepts were reviewed. This included the understanding that the primary use is walking around the exterior of the park. Discussion around the promenade and its utilization as a spine of the park as well as a gathering space. In all three concepts, it is highlighted that the spine connects back to Linear Trail.
  - (A) Questions were asked about the demolition and removal of the of City Parks pool. Discussion around why we would remove the pool. Phasing was discussed and when items would change such as the removal of the existing pool. This included the improved functionality regarding the pools being close together.
  - (B) Discussion surrounding the need to move the pool as well as how the park would work together with the various components of the park. Questions were asked about the removal of other exterior pools to which Director Stewart responded that it would be a financial discussion item, but nothing has been determined about shutting the facilities down, it was a financial exercise regarding the closure of the existing facilities.

#### 1) AQUATICS FACILITY

- (A) The Consultant discussed the two concepts of Recreation Centers. The first was a single-level concept that was spread out. The second concept was a two-story concept. Discussion of the orientation of the building and how it could possibly be laid out in the project. Discussion surrounding various components and how they work together. This included the size of the pool, and which sizes serve which season.
- (B) The Consultant asked the committee to give input based on the three concepts provided. Questions of clarification surrounding the components of the various amenities were asked such as does the shape of the building affects the interior components, can the promenade connect through to the corner, and could the parking on the south side of the park move to the middle.
  - (I) For the City Park Design - Option 2 was offered at the primary preference with moving the promenade redirected away from between splash and play. Option 1 as the 2<sup>nd</sup> preference.
  - (II) The pool size preference was also discussed. The consultant laid out the options for both and how they would serve. 50 meters was determined as the preference for the size of the pool.

#### II) NORTHVIEW PARK

- The Consultant presented the concepts for Northview Park. Three options were presented. Questions surrounding the options of a pool and splash park and what the timeline is. Discussion around pairing with school amenities and having the park amenities complement the courts. Sports Courts are highly desired for this area. The committee would like to see splash park concepts. Centralizing the play area in the park. Discussion around engaging all ages in the park and how the trail complements the active areas of the park. Awesome aquatic experience!

### III) NORTHEAST PARK

- The Consultant presented the three concepts for the park. Parking should be shifted to the middle and there should be two entrances and exits. Discussion around the amenities and where they should be located. Discussion around the trade-off of practice space and a dog park was explored by the committee.

### 5) NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024, AT 7 PM.

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### 6) ADJOURNMENT

Jack Platt motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily Mailey, motion passed unanimously.