



BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JCPRD Administration Building
7900 Renner Road, Shawnee Mission, KS 66219

February 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mike Pirner, and roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present: Steve Baru, Jeff Meyers, Mike Pirner, Leslee Rivarola, George Schlagel, Paul Snider, Nancy Wallerstein, Steve Klika

Board Members Absent: None

County Manager's Liaison: Joe Waters, Assistant County Manager, was in attendance.

Legal Counsel: Fred Logan and Andy Logan were in attendance.

Guests: PJ Novak and Hank Moyers with Confluence

Staff in Attendance:

Jill Geller, Executive Director
Jeff Stewart, Deputy Director
Terry Anderson, Superintendent of Safety & Outdoor Education/Park Police Chief
Bill Maasen, Superintendent of Parks & Golf Courses
Susan Mong, Superintendent of Culture
Rhonda Pollard, Superintendent of Recreation
Jo Ann Courtney, Administration & HR Manager
David Grant, Human Resources Director
Jay Hinrichs, Development Director
Cliff Middleton, Planning & Development Manager
Richard Smalley, Marketing & Communication Mgr
Ted Tartenaar, ITS Manager
Noelle Testa, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Assmann, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Mary Eads, Administration Assistant

Lisa Hughes, Children's Services Specialist
Monte Fiegel, Northwest Region Park Manager
Eddie Coffey, Southeast Region Park Manager
Brandon Loomis, Northwest Region Assistant Park Manager
Lysa Holladay, Outdoor Adventure Specialist
Jill Montgomery, Golf Pro Shop Administrative Assistant
Chuck Dvorak, Central Region Assistant Park Manager
Megan Merryman, Project Manager II
Mark Allen, Project Manager II
Katie Kelley, System Administrator
Lee Warren, System Administrator
Jim Wilson, Project Manager III

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Klika introduced Assistant County Manager, Joe Waters, as the County Manager's Office liaison. In addition, he recognized newly elected District 4 County Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick and incoming JCPRD Board Member Bob Carlson, who were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. County Service Pins

- 1. 20 Years:** Lisa Hughes, Children's Services Specialist
- 2. 30 Years:** Jill Montgomery, Golf Pro Shop Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Regular & Special Board Meetings

BRD-1 Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 16, 2019.

Administrative Services Committee

ASV-1 Consider approval to issue a request for proposal for recreation management software.

ASV-2 Subject to BOCC action at its February 14, 2019, consider approval of a slate of nominated Board officers as follows:

PROPOSED NOMINATED SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS

ChairSteve Baru
Vice ChairLeslee Rivarola
SecretaryGeorge Schlagel
Treasurer..... Paul Snider
Assistant Secretary..... Jeff Meyers
Assistant Treasurer..... TBD

ASV-3 Consider approval of minutes of the Administrative Services Committee Meeting held February 11, 2019.

Culture Committee

CUL-1 Consider approval of the request from the Theatre Advisory Council to replace “A Charlie Brown Christmas” with “Frozen Jr.” for the winter 2019 Theatre in the Park indoor season.

CUL-2 Consider approval for staff to sell, via Purplewave online auction service, or dispose of 250 chairs from Mildale Farm.

CUL-3 Consider approval of the Carlsen Center of Johnson County Community College Agreement.

CUL-4 Consider acceptance of the Theatre in the Park Advisory Council Minutes.

CUL-5 Consider approval of minutes of the Culture Committee Meeting held February 11, 2019.

Parks & Golf Courses Committee

PGC-1 Consider approval of partial road closure of Shawnee Mission Park for a 5K and a six-hour endurance race on September 29, 2019, managed by Team Sparkle Productions.

PGC-2 Consider approval of the 2019 agreement with Barkville Bakery to be a dog treat vendor at JCPRD dog-off leash areas.

PGC-3 Consider approval of the annual agreement with Mid-America Combined Training Association (MACTA) use of Heritage Park equestrian area in 2019.

PGC-4 Consider approval of an agreement for Arc Flash Hazard Analysis and Compliance Phase 2 Professional Consulting Engineering Services with Heriz Engineering.

PGC-5 Consider approval of Agreement for 2019 Bids for JCPRD On-call Mechanical & Plumbing Services PRK 2019-02 and to accept bids as identified in the staff recommendation from Plumbing By Fisher, Inc., Crystal Trenching Company, Inc., and The Fagan Company, the low bidders meeting bid specifications and under the superintendent’s estimate as on file in JCPRD records.

PGC-6 Consider approval of 2019 Bids for JCPRD On-Call Electrical Services PRK 2019-01 and to accept the bids as identified in the staff recommendation from Heritage Electric, LLC, Pro Circuit, Inc., and Facility Solutions Group, the low bidders meeting bid specifications and under the superintendent’s estimate as on file in JCPRD records.

PGC-7 Consider approval of minutes of the Parks & Golf Courses Committee Meeting held February 11, 2019.

Recreation Committee

- REC-1 Consider approval to authorize staff to utilize Purchasing Policy 16.8 Paragraph A. "Exceptions to Competition" to procure the repair work for the MAWSC Backstops. It is also the consensus of the committee to recommend Board consent approval to allocate \$200,000 from the CIP Bank and \$150,000 from the REC CIP to create the project for the MAWSC Backstop Repair in the amount of \$350,000 and approve an agreement with Empire Netting and Fence in the amount of \$297,822 to complete the backstop repairs at the sports complex as indicated in their initial proposal, dated January 25, 2019.
- REC-2 Consider approval of staff's recommendation to award the food product and supplies bid to EVCO Wholesale Food Corporation as the lowest overall bid meeting specifications and under the superintendent's estimate at costs listed on the bid tabulations on record and rejecting items that exceeded the superintendent's bid at costs listed on the bid tabulations on record.
- REC-3 Consider approval of the First Student Bus Lease Agreement.
- REC-4 Consider approval of the Kansas City Royals Baseball Corporation Facility Use Agreement (Kansas City Corporate Challenge Kick-off Event).
- REC-5 Consider approval of the City of Prairie Village Day Camp agreement.
- REC-6 Consider approval of the City of Prairie Village Learn to Swim Agreement.
- REC-7 Consider approval of the Agreement by and among the City of Fairway, Kansas; the City of Leawood, Kansas; the City of Merriam, Kansas; the City of Mission, Kansas; the City of Prairie Village, Kansas; the City of Roeland Park, Kansas and Johnson County Park and Recreation District use of swimming pool facilities (Super Pool Pass).
- REC-8 Consider the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held February 11, 2019.

Safety & Outdoor Education Committee

- SOE-1 Consider approval of minutes of the Safety & Outdoor Education Committee Meeting held February 11, 2019.

A. Consideration of Consent Agenda

Ms. Rivarola requested removal of Consent Agenda Item REC-3 for further discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Klika moved to approve all consent agenda Items with the exception of Consent Agenda No. REC-3, which was pulled from consideration to allow additional discussion. Mr. Schlagel seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

B. Consideration of Removed Consent Agenda Item(s) (if any)

REC-3 Consider approval of the First Student Bus Lease Agreement

Ms. Pollard informed staff has researched bus service options for its summer camp programs and has received written documentation from all area bus companies with the exception of First Student Bus that they do not lease buses or will not be leasing buses this summer. She also noted the change in the agreement from a three-year agreement to a one-year agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Baru moved to (1) grant an exception for JCPRD's summer camp transportation services, under Finance Policy 16.13 Exceptions to Competition, acknowledging First Student as the sole-source provider of bus leasing services in response to JCPRD staff's findings, and (2) approve a one-year agreement with First Student for JCPRD's summer camp transportation services. Ms. Wallerstein seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

DISCUSSION & ACTION AGENDA

A. Cedar Niles Park Design Presentation – Jeff Stewart, Deputy Director, and PJ Novick, Confluence

Mr. Stewart introduced PJ Novak and Hank Moyer, Confluence Architects, who presented the Cedar Niles Park design plan included in the meeting report and handouts.

MOTION: Mr. Pirner moved to approve the Cedar Niles Park Design as presented. Mr. Schlagel seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

REPORTS

A. Staff Reports

1. Written reports provided in Board Report.

B. Executive Director of Parks & Recreation – Jill Geller

Ms. Geller reported KCPL and Westar Energy partnered with Biologist Matt Garrett, and Big Bull Creek staff to tear out a mile and a half of barbed-wire fencing, which will help with JCPRD’s ability to mow, burn, and restore the grass land on the Big Bull Creek Park site. KCPL shared the information with their customers in their newsletter.

Ms. Geller explained JCPRD is in the master planning process for Camp Branch Park. There will be another public meeting on February 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Stilwell United Methodist Church.

Ms. Geller welcomed Joe Waters as the County Manager’s new liaison to the JCPRD Board. She expressed her thanks to outgoing Board Members Mike Pirner and Nancy Wallerstein for their years of service on the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners.

C. Legal Counsel – Fred Logan

No report

D. Board of County Commissioners – Steve Klika

No report

E. Board Chair – Mike Pirner

Mr. Pirner reflected on his time serving on the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners. [See Addendum] He expressed his thanks to former County Commissioner Jason Osterhaus for appointing him to the board and to current JCPRD Board members, the JCPRD Executive Director, and staff.

F. Board Members

Ms. Rivarola and Mr. Snider both expressed their appreciation and thanks to Mr. Pirner and Ms. Wallerstein for their service on the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

A. Election of Board Officers

MOTION: Mr. Klika moved the nominated slate of Board officers as approved in the Consent Agenda become the elected slate of Board officers:

NOMINATED SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS

Chair..... Steve Baru
Vice Chair Leslee Rivarola
Secretary George Schlagel
Treasurer.....Paul Snider
Assistant Secretary..... Jeff Meyers
Assistant Treasurer TBD

Mr. Schlagel seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

B. Administration of Oaths of Office for New Board Officers

Mary Eads, a notary public for the State of Kansas, administered oaths to all Board members for their office or position on the Board as elected for 2019.

C. Transition of Board Chair Responsibilities to New Chair

Per JCPRD statute, Mr. Pirner transferred chairmanship of the meeting to Steve Baru, Board Chair as newly elected.

D. Recognition of Outgoing Board Chair, Mike Pirner

Mr. Baru presented Mr. Pirner with a plaque of appreciation for his service as Board Chair.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members Mike Pirner and Nancy Wallerstein.

Mr. Baru presented outgoing Board members Mike Pirner and Nancy Wallerstein with plaques of appreciation for their service on the JCPRD Board.

NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING OPEN MEETINGS

NOTE: All meetings will be held in the JCPRD Administration Building, 7900 Renner Road, Shawnee Mission, KS 66219.

- Administrative Services/Culture/Recreation Committees – March 11, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
- Parks & Golf Courses/Safety & Outdoor Education Committees – March 11, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole – March 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. (*preliminary review of 2020 employee benefits and Park Management Maintenance Plan*)
- Committee of the Whole – March 20, 2019, 5:00 p.m. (*Civic Clerk Board Training*)
- Joint BOCC Meeting – March 20, 2019, 5:45 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – March 20, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Klika informed the joint meeting with the BOCC will likely be rescheduled. Notice will be provided if so.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Klika moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Mr. Snider seconded. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mr. Baru adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

[Signature on file] _____
STEVEN BARU, Board Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature on file] _____
GEORGE J. SCHLAGEL, Board Secretary

Prepared by: Jennifer Assmann, ASV Sr. Administrative Assistant
Approved: March 30, 2019

ADDENDUM

Statement of comments submitted by Mike Pirner for detail within his Board Chair report:

Pirner delivered prepared remarks regarding his time on the board. He started off by describing how he was appointed to the board, and thanked Commissioner Osterhaus for his years of service to the county and for his appointment and reappointment, and for his support of JCPRD. Pirner noted that he had met with Commissioner Janae Hanzlick and had indicated his desire to stay for at least a year, but she made it clear she was headed in another direction, which he respected. Pirner thanked all current and former board members he served with. Pirner specifically thanked Leslee Rivarola for inspiring him to stay on the board when she was appointed. Pirner specifically thanked Steve Baru for his leadership, devotion to the environment, and encouragement during a debate on King Louie several years ago. Pirner specifically thanked Nancy Wallerstein and noted how even they disagreed sometimes, they agreed on many things and he appreciated her advocacy for the parks. Pirner then thanked the staff, and said the most significant decision a board makes is when it hires its Executive Director and we hit a grand slam in hiring Jill Geller. He said he believed that Geller and her staff could run any public agency in the country. He noted Geller's approach to the board, that she appreciated all views and didn't count to a majority, but counted everyone on the board. Pirner then described his analysis of the board before and after he arrived. He noted that in the six years before he arrived, just two of the 7 spots had remained the same. In the six years since he arrived, only 2 of the 7 spots had changed. He further noted the amount of divided votes. In the six years before he arrived, there were just 12 divided votes over the course of the six years. In the six years he was on the board, there were 95! He noted that the number of divided votes did not mean the board was divisive, but it had a variety of opinions and that board members increasingly felt comfortable to express their viewpoint, even if it was not the prevailing view. He thought the combination of board stability and divided votes led to better decisions. Finally, Pirner went over his own record, noting that some had described him as the board contrarian. He said that he was a conservative, in the sense that the word conservative is an extension of the word conserve. He said two things were consistent in his votes - a desire to provide more access to our parks (which he said he did by supporting exceptions to rules and universal playgrounds) and to conserve things - money, resources, natural resources, people, etc. He then went over the number of projects he was proud to support, including the dressing rooms at TTIP, the new free market health care plans for employees including the seeding of HSAs, Meadowbrook, the trail system, not supporting the road through Stoll Park, and the Legacy Plan. He said, "When I had caution about something, I voted No. When I supported something, I voted Yes. And in all things, I voted in a way that I felt was best for this district and the people of Johnson County."