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MEETING MINUTES
Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse
9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, KS  66208
April 17, 2019
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME
Steve Baru, JCPHD Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ed Eilert, BOCC Chairman, and Mr. Baru welcomed all.

ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS
County Commissioners Present:  Jim Allen, Michael Ashcraft, Mike Brown, Ed Eilert, Becky Fast, Janeé Hanzlick, Steve Klika
County Commissioners Absent:  None
JCPHD Board Members Present:  Steve Baru, Bob Carlson, Jeff Meyers, Leslee Rivarola, Heather Rubesch, George Schlagel, Paul Snider, Steve Klika
JCPHD Board Members Absent:  None
County Staff Present:  Penny Postoak Ferguson, County Manager; Joe Waters, Assistant County Manager/JCPHD Liaison; Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager
JCPHD Legal Counsel:  Fred Logan and Andy Logan were in attendance.
JCPHD Staff Present:
Jill Geller, Executive Director
Jeff Stewart, Deputy Director
Terry Anderson, Supt of Safety & Outdoor Education/Park Police Chief
Bill Maasen, Supt. 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
Noelle Testa, Finance Manager
Jay Hinrichs, Development Director
Richard Smalley, Marketing & Communications Manager
Cliff Middleton, Planning & Development Mgr.
Ted Tartenaar, ITS Manager
Jennifer Assmann, ASV Sr. Administrative Asst.
Mary Eads, Administration Assistant
Rob Weber, Park Police Operations Captain
Mike Dizney, NW Region Park Manager
Sarah Vogelsberg, Facility Rental Coordinator
Michelle Alexander, 50 Plus Manager
Jim Wilson, Project Manager III
JCPRD UPDATES

A. Meadowbrook Update
Staff provided an update on Meadowbrook Park, which is anticipated to be opened in early June. The park and its amenities are the result of cooperative efforts by private developer VanTrust Real Estate LLC, the City of Prairie Village, and the Johnson County Park and Recreation District (JCPRD).

B. Culture Division Update
Susan Mong, Superintendent of Culture, provided information on the new Culture Division. The division consists of the operations and management of the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center (JCAHC), Johnson County Museum, Theatre in the Park (both at Shawnee Mission Park and at JCAHC), fine and performing arts classes and camps, and JCPRD rental facility services. Division staff are housed in the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center.

C. Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center Update
Rhonda Pollard, Superintendent of Recreation, presented information on the Shawnee Mission Aquatic Center, which features an Olympic-size pool and is located in the City of Lenexa near Shawnee Mission Park. Through an RFP process, JCPRD will operate the facility on behalf of the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD). SMSD will be responsible for funding all building expenses. JCPRD will be responsible for funding all programming. Ms. Pollard provided a report on anticipated programming to be offered in the facility. The SMSD Aquatic Center is expected to open this fall.

D. JCPRD Needs – Sports Field Improvements
Jeff Stewart, Deputy Director, presented a report on the recently drafted Outdoor Athletic Facilities Study completed by The Clark Enersen Partners. The following facilities were included in the study: Heritage Park Football Complex, Heritage Soccer Park, Heritage Park Softball Complex, Mid-America Sports Complex, Mid-America West Sports Complex, and Stoll Park. During the course of the study, Stoll Park was removed from consideration as plans are for the soccer program at Stoll Park to be moved to Heritage Soccer Park. When these facilities were originally constructed, they were state-of-the-art facilities. However, decades of heavy play and lack of funding to reinvest in the fields have taken a heavy toll and resulted in the loss of users. Considering their current conditions, significant updates are needed.

Detailed plans for each facility were presented including photographs of JCPRD’s existing facilities and comparison facilities by similar peer agencies, visitor projections, economic impacts, study recommendations, and improvements cost. The total projected costs for study recommendations is $97.8 million, with no increase in the number of fields. The plan has been developed in two phases to limit simultaneous closing of all JCPRD athletic facilities and to cycle the future replacement of synthetic turf fields. Recommendations increase the visit capacity from 1 million currently to 1.7 million, and the economic impact increases from $10 million currently to $46 million. Recommendations also include addressing accessibility issues. The study projects the return on the proposed $125 million investment would result in $466 million in economic impact over ten years. Funding scenarios were presented, which included the 10-year economic impact and required mill levy. Based on Clark Enersen’s pro forma, net revenues will be placed in a project fund for future improvements.
Staff responded to inquiries and requests for additional information. Staff feel confident there will continue to be a need for soccer and other sports fields. Currently, residents are relocating their play to other facilities inside and outside of Johnson County. A major tournament formerly held at Mid-America Sports Complex has moved to Florida, but organizers have indicated a desire to return to the more-centrally located Midwest if JCPRD facilities are improved. Suggestion was given to phasing the project so those facilities most needing improvements and being affected by loss of users, Mid-America Sports Complex and Heritage Soccer Park, are addressed first. It was noted the sports field improvements will be further discussed by the JCPRD Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
No other business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Chairman Eilert adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.