

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT
WYCO/KCK BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURDAY, APRIL 21st , 2022**

The April 21st, 2022 Meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall, 701 N. 7th Street, Room 515, KCK 66101 & Virtually via ZOOM Online

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Diana Aguirre, Chairman. Angel Obert, Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Diana Aguirre, Chairman
Faith Rivera, Member
Karen Daniels, Member
Andrea Behrman, Member
Micah King, Member
Dani Gurley, Member
Tammie Romstad/KCKPS

Board Members Absent:

Carolyn Wyatt, Member
Bridget Holton-Deere, Secretary
Vilmer Alvarado, Member
Billy Brame, First Vice Chair
Jeff Sachen, Second Vice Chair

Administration Present:

Angel Obert, Parks and Recreation, Director
Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director
Shaya Lockett, Parks and Recreation, Manager of Recreation
James Bain, Unified Government, Counselor
Nichole Marlowe, Parks and Recreation, Administrative Support Supervisor

I.– PRELIMINARIES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dani Gurley to adopt the April 21st, 2022 Agenda, seconded by Faith Rivera Motion Carried (Ayes 6, Nays 0)

IV.- NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss Potential Sales Tax Measure Projects – Chairwoman Aguirre requested a special meeting to discuss all ideas and options presented at the previous meeting held on, Wednesday April 13th.
 - Angel Obert stated the Parks & Recreation Department staff sent out forms to be filled out to help facilitate and assist in the discussion of this meeting and help give everyone a better idea of what each district's interest are. She stated that five forms were sent back in, four forms were from voting members and one from the non-voting member. She had planned on putting this information into a presentation but due to the cyber hack incident with the computers she was unable to do so.

Angel Obert listed the items on the form presented and gave the feedback from the forms that had been returned prior to the nights meeting

1. Follow Masterplan – there was 1 member in favor
2. Spray Parks – there was 1 member in favor
3. New Rec Center w/indoor pool (city center location) – there were 3 members in favor
4. Beatrice Lee Center Restored w/new construction – there were 2 members in favor
5. Kensington demo – there was 1 member in favor
6. Kensington field renovations – there was 1 member in favor
7. New Ballfield's – 2 member opposed to this
8. Beatrice Lee update current center – there was 1 member in favor
9. Kensington update current center – there was 1 member in favor
10. Eisenhower/Field project – there was 1 member in favor
11. Reception Hall update – there was 1 member in favor
12. Additional feedback include – beautification of parks, repairing playgrounds and repairing fitness courts

• BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Faith Rivera – stated she had no questions but enjoyed the presentation and looks forward to the good things going on in the community.
- Karen Daniels – stated she would probably choose the Rec Center with the swimming pool too but knows that obtaining lifeguards is an issue, and that she liked the option to upgrade the Kensington Community Center also.

- Andrea Berhman - stated she had presented some things to Commissioner Kane asking for his feedback on any projects from past agendas or even from past votes that had interest or if any other districts had interest in certain projects.
- Micah King – stated he had no questions but was definitely interested in getting some more spray parks all over KCK.
- Dani Gurley – Stated, being new she had some general questions on spray parks regarding liability concerns.
 - Angel Obert – responded by stating that we currently have 3 spray parks, and that they are play at your own risk and that this was pretty standard across the nation.
- Dani Gurley – Asked what form meant by the Wyandotte County Park having unique challengers because it is in Bonner Springs.
 - Angel Obert – responded that the Unified Government and the Parks and Recreation Department must pay utilities in Bonner Springs for the facilities there. In KCK there are no utility fees paid to the BPU. Those are just some things that we took into consideration, if this were to become a reality, and constructing a new facility out west for the Parks and Recreation Department with this being a City Tax, and these taxes received would only be coming from the city of Kansas City Kansas and not from Edwardsville or Bonner Springs so this may not even be an option.
- Tammie Romstad – asked if there were a timeline on the tax funds being distributed?
 - Angel Obert – stated that this had not been determined because they are still trying to figure out an appropriate time to place this on the ballot.
 - Jack Webb – stated that it was his understanding that if this were to pass the money would be available immediately because they would bond it out.
- Tammie Romstad – stated that she asked because she was the member that had interest in the Eisenhower field project but was concerned that the school district and the Unified Government both own the property that the field is on.
- Diana Aguirre – asked if this was to be taken in front of the Commissioners on April 28th
 - Angel Obert – stated she was informed that she would be making a 5 minute presentation to the Commission on April 28th, giving the guidance presented to her from the WYCO Park Board.
- Dani Gurley – asked if a project were approved to move forward does the budget for that project affect the amount of the sales tax that will be enacted?
 - Angel Obert – responded I don't believe to the Commission is still having to figure that out, there is still a lot of unknown surrounding that.
- Andrea Berhman – Asked if any combined projects had been discussed, knowing that the Fire Department is interested in a training center and the Parks and Recreation Department are interested in a new recreation center, if they were to combine the projects to have one large facility with multiple purposes.
 - Angel Obert stated there had been discussion in the past regarding sharing park land and the fire station but no discussion in this sense.

VI – ADJOURNMENT

Diana Aguirre requested to adjourn, Dani Gurley made a motion, Micah King seconded meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Motion Carried (Aye 6, Nays 0)

Diana Aguirre, Chairman