

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY CO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
August 12th, 2020

The August 12th, 2020 meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held via TEAMS Online

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jeff Sachen, First Vice Chairman. Angel Obert, Assistant Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Carolyn Wyatt, Member
Bridget Holton-Deere, Member
Faith Rivera, Member
Ty Collins, Member
Billy Brame, Member
Patricia Gates, Secretary
Jeff Sachen, First Vice Chairman

Board Members Absent:

Beatrice Lee
John McTaggart, Member
Craig Howell, Member
Tammy Romstad, KCKPS

Administration Present:

Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director
Angel Obert, Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director
James Bain, Counselor
Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

- Jeff Sachen stated - “So, we do have one item before the actual agenda starts and that is the election of officers. So, usually every December we are obligated to elect new officers for the following year. This year, we cannot locate where that happened multiple people remember doing it. However, nobody can remember when so, I don't know if we want to wait until you know, another person joins because you do need six yes votes in order for the proposals to pass as far as the election of a vice chair a first vice chair, a second vice chair and then a secretary. But we do currently have enough people to go ahead and get started. So, if anybody would like to make a motion to go ahead and start the process of an election of new officers for the board that would that be fine. However, if there are any questions or if anybody would like to wait for Carolyn to join or possibly somebody else to join in.”
- Faith Rivera stated – “I would suggest waiting till at least Carolyn joins or Bea Lee join somebody. Just because I know them. I mean, I know that you guys do too. But, I mean, I mean, that's just my that's just my thought because I don't think they knew that this was gonna happen.
- Jeff Sachen replied – “Yeah, this is something that has just come up.”
- Faith Rivera responded – “With that, I would, I would ask. I mean, I would suggest or ask if you guys could wait until, because I know that Carolyn asked me if there was a vote tonight, and I said, I didn't know, I pulled out the agenda, and I didn't see anything. So, I apologize.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, that's not a problem.”
- Ty Collins stated – “I was just gonna ask if we could get some feedback from legal on like what we need to do, like, what, if we don't currently have officers elected. Like, what can we accomplish as a board if we don't have officers elected. So, if it can review, that that'd be great.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, so, so we do currently have officers elected, I am currently the Vice Chair, I believe that, let me see, I got it written down. Craig, Howell is the second vice chair and Pat Gates is the Secretary. Pat took over the Secretary duties once Erin Stryka left, I believe, is that correct, Pat?”
- Pat Gates responded – “Yes.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “I wish I remember what month that happened because I think that is the month that we did do, where we all voted to just keep everything the same as that. Correct?”
- Pat Gates – “Yes.”
- Jeff Sachen replied “So, we can go back and look there. However, we are currently, we do currently have officers in place. The thing with it is that it's usually done in January or sorry, December. And this year, I believe our December agenda was pretty crowded due to I believe that's when we had the parks come in the park ranger or the sheriff's. I think there was a lot going on and it kind of just, we kind of just missed it, to be honest. So, I think that definitely that is something we're going to want to do tonight. So, you know, we can give it a little more time as far as the vote goes, however, that isn't necessarily something that would be on the actual agenda.

I mean, that's just something that usually the Chairman, which in this case we have a vacant spot for that would just call in, in the December meeting. So, since we can't find any records on that. Then we're going to go ahead and do it tonight.”

- Billy Brame responded – “and then we would do it again in December this time?”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “So basically what would happen is whatever goes in tonight would only be good until December when the new chairman would call for, you know, some some other people will be nominated and then we vote on the nominations. After, after that, has happened.”
- Bridget replied – “Should we just keep the officers as they are until we get a chairman and then let that person?”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “I you know I believe that you could make emotion James might be able to correct me if I'm wrong, you could make a motion to state that, however, that is that is not something that I could that I could initiate. I don't believe
- Faith Rivera stated - “Excuse me. Um, I just talked to Carolyn, off, off the side bar and she says her Zoom is not working. She's asking if she could call angel and get in. Would that, would work? Would that work, or is that a no.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, that would probably work. However, I think she could just call she could click on one of those hyperlinked numbers.”
- Faith Rivera stated – “She doesn't have, Zoom's not working”.
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, so if you can. Yeah, you can just click on that, and she could join the attendees.”
- Faith Rivera responded – “Okay, let me. Let me tell her.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “And Kristen correct she can, she can actually speak on that if she is given access right?”
- Kristen Love responded – “Yes, she can.”
- Pat Gates stated – “I have a question. Yes, um, have we, have we had any input from the mayor, because in the past or mayor has chosen and appointed the position.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “I, I do not have any information on that. It has been probably I think, he's had since the last in person meeting, I don't know, maybe Jack or Kristen or Nichole or Angel could give some color on that, whether or not there's anything moving with that.”
- Jack Webb responded - “The Mayor’s Office has been notified. That's all we're aware of right now.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Okay.”
- Pat Gates replied – “Okay, thank you.”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “Okay so well, just until, until we have Carolyn join. I think I can go ahead and just move on to the adoption of the agenda. Would anybody like to set a motion to adopt the agenda.”

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ty Collins to adopt the August 12th, 2020 Agenda was seconded by Bridget Holton-Deere Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Wednesday July 8th, 2020 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting are presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Bridget Holton-Deere, seconded by Pat Gates to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

II - PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

1. Visitors

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time.

As a general rule, the Board will not enter into discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary response and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

- One visitor requested to speak...
- Rose Mulvany-Henry - "Okay, great. Thanks a lot. I appreciate the opportunity tonight. My name is Rose Mulvaney Henry, my address is 12461 Augusta drive Kansas City, Kansas 66109 and I called into the Parks and Rec office today with the same question, and Mr. Webb I believe you tried to call me back. And I apologize. I was on the Wyandotte County Economic Development Council Zoom at that point for their monthly meeting. So I couldn't return it. My question is this, is there a rule that, with regard to our parks that disallows golf balls being hit in the park, and if so, can somebody point me to where the rule is you guys have a fabulous website. I couldn't find it today, and the reason why I'm asking is because my husband was at Wyandotte County Lake Park tonight. He's 73 and a half years old. So trying to do something for exercise during COVID and Somebody who actually works for the library came and told him he couldn't hit them and then they called the security guard on him, he's done this multitude of times. Security guards run by him all the time. Never say a word, and if he's doing it and he's not supposed to. I apologize, but if there's a rule, and he's not supposed to, I guess I would ask, and I don't know if this board has the authority to do so. But I'd ask that the rule be staying at least during the pandemic. So, our elderly folks can get out in community and get some exercise."
- Jack Webb replied – "There is not really a real per se, other than, it depends on where they're at doing it. I don't know why the Schlagle Library, I guess he was at the old ball court or something."
- Rose Mulvany-Henry responded – "He was near there is what he tells me yes but and a place where he frequently. I mean, it's just closer to our house to go up Walcott. I guess to do that, and so like I said he's done in a bunch of times, never had an issue."
- Jack Webb responded – "I would say driving a golf ball, would probably not be a good idea."
- Rose Mulvany-Henry replied – "Right, right, right. No. Understood. And you know, I

understand that the library is not open to the public at this point in time, I understand that they give kids programs. My husband is a seasoned golfer, he would never put a child in jeopardy ever so I understood that that was a concern, but there were no kids around there at the time. I know there's a lot of things that go on in our parks and this is one that you know, it got him pretty hot under the collar today that somebody called a security guard on him, he's been a member of our community for 65 plus years. So, I'm just hopeful that a that he's not breaking a rule and be that if he is breaking a rule, we can figure out a solution to it. In order for him to continue hitting golf balls in that space.”

- Jack Webb stated – “I can't speak for, Schlagle Library. But you said they called a security guard, would that be a sheriff's officer.”
- Rose Mulvany-Henry replied – “I don't know if it was a sheriff's officer. He referred to it as a security guard. He was down actually with his brother at the time his brother was fishing and he was helping him with this poll and the security guard came down. This was after this incident with the library personnel, and they said, hey, if somebody up then up here hitting golf balls. And he said, Yeah, I was. And so, he goes where you can do that up here. So, again, if there's a rule. Somebody just point. I mean, you say there's not a rule, per se. I mean, there was no markings there, they couldn't do it there. He's, he's tries to be smart about, you know, hitting golf balls. He's not using a driver out there. He's just chipping and, you know, stuff like that.”
- Jack Webb stated – “I'll have to talk with the sheriff's office it sounds like, but there are really no rules to it that ordinance or anything is written down, other than we don't want nobody driving the ball.”
- Rose Mulvany-Henry replied – “Understood. Well, and he indicated to the gal who came up to him that he's like, look, I pick up my golf balls, which he does. But I was concerned that it just so happened that you guys were having a meeting tonight so that's why I attend.”
- Jack Webb responded – “I'll see what I can find out. I have your number and give me a day or two off to find out who to talk to.”
- Rose Mulvany-Henry responded – “I appreciate that.”

2. Correspondence

- No correspondence was given

III – OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business was presented

IV NEW BUSINESS

(6:28pm Carolyn Wyatt entered the meeting)

1. Officer Elections –

- Jeff Sachen stated that an election needed to be held at this meeting
- James Bain responded – “Hey, Jeff, this is James, um, I mean, this does not have to happen tonight, there were a couple months ago when Mark left and I think with

Carolyn, it could have been somebody else's raising question about what we're doing and how officers were elected and all these things. And that's when we started looking this up and certainly if everybody is fine with waiting another month. You all run the board and you can do that. I just wanted to address it, because the concern was raised a couple months ago, we got through all the records that you mentioned couldn't find where these elections that happened, and now we need to do it at some point. Um, but certainly does not have to be tonight.”

- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you for the input there, James. I think that if in fact Carolyn is in fact on.”
- Carolyn Wyatt stated – “I’m on, they have to let me in.”
- Jeff Sachen requested that Kristen Love provide Carolyn Wyatt with speaking access.

(At this time the meeting moved on to the Staff Agenda and would return for Officer Election following its conclusion.)

Jeff Sachen stated – “Alright. So, at this time, I believe that I will open it up for the election of the First Vice Chairman, the Second Vice Chairman and the Secretary. As we know, the chairperson of our board is always the mayor's appointee. So, we will not be going on that tonight. So, if somebody would like to make a motion and nominate anybody for any of those positions.

- Carolyn Wyatt nominated Faith Rivera for First Vice Chairman.
- Jeff Sachen nominated Ty Collins for First Vice Chairman.
- A vote was taken for First Vice Chairman, two (2) voted for Faith Rivera those being Carolyn Wyatt and Faith Rivera, five (5) voted for Ty Collins those being Bridget Holton-Deere, Ty Collins, Patricia Gates, Billy Brame, Jeff Sachen.
- Jeff Sachen stated – “You do need a minimum of six votes in order to carry.”
- James Bain stated – “So you have to vote again or open nominations up again or you have to get the six vote somehow.”
- The board decided that a revote would be a waste of time at this point and would revote at the next meeting for First Vice Chairman.
- Bridget Holton-Deere nominated Jeff Sachen for Second Vice Chairman all seven (7) votes were in favor of Jeff Sachen as Second Vice Chairman.
- Bridget Holton-Deere nominated Patricia Gates for Secretary, nomination was seconded by Faith Rivera, all seven (7) votes were in favor of Patricia Gates as Secretary.

Jeff Sachen stated - “We will carry the first vice chair over to next month and just an FYI, the first vice chair does do the meeting so I assume I will take it over for one more month until we have a till we have enough votes. Either way on the two contenders.”

1. Staff Agenda

- Jack Webb:
 - a) Inclusive Playground at the WYCO Park/Bonner – The all-inclusive playground has been completed. We will have a small ribbon cutting ceremony on the 21st at 9am with just a select few officials because of the COVID, but if you get a chance go out

to Wyandotte County Park, take a look at it. It's right by shelter D.

- b) Update CDBG Project City Park – The project has been delayed several times, the last one was due to permits, we have that resolved now, so it should be moving forward. They are building the restrooms. Now that's a 20-day build. Once they get them set in place, then they'll put the road in, we don't want to put the road in before that and 2020 project it should be on offer running by now but it's been delayed due to COVID so we're still working on that and that's Clifton Park.
 - c) The Marina Café - The Marina Café, I'm glad to say it will be open soon. Probably the next 30 days. Amanda Green will be running it. It is to provide a service for all the lake patrons. It's been closed for 20 years or better. So it will be nice to have that backup and running.
- Angel Obert:
 - a) City Park Field #3 I'm sure you guys remember the grant funds that we had received for that that project is moving forward. We just awarded the bid for that project. So hopefully we can get started on that and have it completed by December.
 - b) CARES ACT - I want to talk just briefly about the cares act. And if you guys have been paying attention to that. And the about 37 million the unified government received and Parks and Rec put in for some projects for some of the first some of that funding and those projects were related to COVID so you know Monday night it was passed in Commission. So, we'll know from the state IN about a month. Had about \$2.8 million worth of projects that we submitted for so depending on approval from the state that could be some good projects, some good capital projects. Some of those projects included Jack want to touch on that. That We submitted for?
 - Jack Webb commented on this - Adding air conditioning to some of the gym's, in the Rec Centers that do not currently have air and with the air filtration system. To the ones that currently do have air it will help circulate the air better and filter out some of the allergens, stuff like that. We've asked replace 10 restrooms throughout different parks with a new updated version. Prefab, like we're putting it City Park, they will have hot water. Capability stuff like that so they can wash your hands. We asked for two vehicles with pressure washers, so we can clean them better the picnic tables better it has the capability of steam cleaning the playgrounds, if need be. So, those are some of the projects we've asked for.”
 - c) Community Centers - Due to COVID Our community centers are still close to the public. And what that means is you know, it's not available, people can't just go in there whenever. We're not running programs like free play, anything you know that has a lot of contact. Some of our centers have a very limited programming going on. If the instructors of those programs can comply to the guidelines set forth by the health department and KRPA and follow all safety guidelines do to COVID. Argentine is closed for now and we will have a date. Probably in the next week or so, of when that will reopen. Does anyone have any questions.”
 - Carolyn Wyatt responded – “I have a question. At our last meeting Eleanor, Eleanor Jefferson came. She was talking about the um, what is that, AD, HDAD what is that Jeff for Beatrice Lee, where the ramp and the bathrooms aren't in shape for people wheelchair disabilities there, and that there is money for that

at the UG and it's just setting there. So, she asked about that. And so, we're trying to get a reply on that.”

- Angel Obert asked Jack Webb if he had any information regarding this. Jack Webb responded – “There's \$2.2 million dollar to bring the Beatrice Lee Center into compliance. That has not been funded.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Right, but I'm just talking about the money that is their available, the money that is there. “There is money that is there for that. Maybe you need to check with the treasure, or whoever.”
- Jack Webb responded – “Who told you that?”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Well, it's just that you all need to check that and verify what I'm saying. That there's funds there, that haven't been used so you can just check it out with whoever handles the money. And then, you know, we'll know the same thing, you know. Where you can correct me, but I've heard that the money is there and they haven't used it. So, I'm just bringing it up.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Carolyn. Yeah, we can double check with Budget. Jack and I work pretty close, and I'm not aware of any funds for that project, but I will double check, verify and follow up with you.”
- Billy Brame asked – “Is the cares money all or nothing or can they fund just part of our projects, would they be able to, like, just give the vehicles or just do the bathrooms?”
- Jack Webb responded – “Yeah, they can do pretty much all or nothing if they want.”
- Billy Brame replied – “Do we have like a hierarchy of needs, like the bathrooms above the vehicles above something or is it all up to them to decide what the, what the things that they pick are.”
- Jack Webb responded – “ It past Commission so... If I understand this, we just have to get the states permission to use the funds for that.”
- Angel Obert replied – “I believe, Billy, the state does the final vetting process on that. So if they're reviewing the projects and You know, they asked for more detail or more information. You know, it just has to be COVID related. So, everything that we put in, you know, ties back to COVID in some way, shape, or form.”
- Billy Brame asked – “Are the Beatrice Lee bathrooms, or they one of the 10 bathrooms. If we update them for hot water.”
- Jack Webb responded – “No that's a building. They have hot water”
- Angel Obert responded – “And those restrooms are park restrooms. That the master plan called for that needed to be replaced. Like Jack said what Miss Wyatt is talking about is a facility, and I believe Jack, correct me if I'm wrong. If you touch that facility at all, you have to bring all of it up to code is that right?”
- Jack Webb responded – “Yes.”
- Angel Obert replied – “You can't piece it out or just do part of it. It have to do the total project.”
- Jack Webb stated – “And that is \$2.2 million. According to the study, we had

done two years ago.”

- Billy Brame asked – “Is it one of the ones that would get air. You said that some are getting new air conditioning.”
- Angel Obert replied – “Yeah, so it was in the request here.”
- Jack Webb responded – “The gym. The, the other part of building has air, it will be updated, but the gym will get air.”

- **BOARD MEMBER’S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT**

- Faith Rivera commented – “Yeah, I got something to say. Um, this week I've been contacted by the FBI in regards to the, the agreement with the Metro 24 I meet with them tomorrow.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “Is there any more color there?”
- Faith Rivera responded – “That's all I know is that they contacted me about the, they wanted to talk about the Metro 24 and that I'm on the board. And so I have an appointment with them tomorrow at 1pm I think that you guys should know that information.”
- Jeff Sachen commented – “So before we end it like say thanks again to the park staff. I know these have been challenging time for you guys with you know, the, the cut budget in the in the furloughing that you've had to do with your employees and kind of still getting everything done. I have seen the park, Wyandotte County Park and it looks amazing. And I'm really looking forward to when everything gets back to normal. So, you know, we can utilize that for the community. I know that was a big, big thing for you guys and to see that it's actually happened, which, you know, unfortunately, a lot of the ideas that we talked about in these meetings. This is one of them. That actually that actually went through and I think it's a great thing. And with that, we'll talk to everybody next month. Everybody have a good and safe month. See you next month.”

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Ty Collins moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bridget Holton-Deere,
Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM

Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

Jeff Sachen, First Vice Chairman