

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY CO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
July 8th, 2020

The July 8th, 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, Member
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
(Kristen Love, Program Coordinator Assisted with the Technical aspect of the meeting)

Carolyn Wyatt entered the meeting at 6:09pm.

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Patricia Gates to adopt the July 8th, 2020 Agenda was seconded by Ty Collins

Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Wednesday, June 10th, 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 Faith Rivera to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

II - PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

1. Visitors

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time, there is a maximum time of three (3) minutes per speaker.

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.

Kristen Love introduced herself and explained how the meeting would proceed with guest speakers.

- **Guest Speaker's**

1. Matt Warner – 66109, “I would like to take my time to clear up some of the various misinformation that has been going out about Metro KC Fitness. Just would like to take this opportunity to clear things up, I feel like we were just here a couple of months ago so some things may seem a little bit repetitive. The number one thing I wanted to talk about is the utilization of the Joe E. Amayo Community Center, so there is 20,000 square feet Metro KC Fitness is only in 3,300 square feet, there are a lot of people saying that we have taken over the whole center. Other facts on that is there was another fitness center in there before that was 1,800 square feet and we actually flip flopped the spaces. So now there is a 3,300 square feet fitness center and 1,800 square feet of multi-use space. With money raised they were able to make another multi-use space of 2,500 square feet. So both the multi-use space has grown and the fitness space has grown. Then there are people who have been saying that we have kicked out the youth from the center. I don't feel like we have kicked out any of the youth,

again we are only taking a small portion of the fitness center and there are still to multi-use spaces that you can utilize you just have to go through Parks and Rec. Now obviously the gym is open at all times and that she scheduled through Parks and Rec. I've had people say that we are tax exempt, we are not tax exempt, we pay monthly sales tax, and annual income tax and monthly withholding tax, all these taxes are new tax revenue that has come with since we joined up with the Wyandotte County/Unified Government in 2017, so this has all been generated tax. So, people are also telling me that I am making all types of money through the Metro KC Fitness. So, some things that haven't been put out there are, I took out a \$180,000.00 loan back in 2017 to furnish the equipment, that is a three-year loan and I still have \$17,000.00 left to pay on it. Our annual payroll is \$160,000.00 per year so these are not just jobs we are creating these are careers that we are created in the past 3 years. Just this year alone we have spent \$20,000.00 on sanitation. But again everyone thinks it is crazy that a business needs assistance to get started but what I am not understanding is that same philosophy of taking a job to Jackson County or Clay County we actually have rent free facilities in both counties and we have been welcoming to us with open arms. Other things that are crazy to me that you don't think that would need assistance is that 81% of fitness centers fail in their first 5 years of being open, so this is not an easy business to be in. So we are trying to scratch our claws to make every dollar we can and help a community that's at 39% obesity rate. So we are always in the top five unhealthiest counties in Kansas, Wyandotte County this past year made it up to number 98... Jeff Sachen entered to state the three minute time frame had expired."

2. Kimberly Hunter – "I'm Kimberly Hunter and I live in Kansas City, Kansas, and the 66101, zip code. And I also work with youth and Rosedale and Argentine that use the Community Center, which is how I became aware of that space originally. I wanted to state clearly I'm not sure what's on the agenda tonight if the decision is between two options either renewing the lease as it is or not renewing the lease at all, then I would lean towards not renewing the lease at all, but my hope is that there can be some in between options. That would either encourage the gym to relocate to another storefront that's vacant nearby that we've benefit the whole county and pay into the property tax system for our young people. Or I would like to see something written into a new lease that has the gym give back to the community to some kind of fund. That would stay in the community forever, whether that's something that would benefit seniors or benefit youth that are younger than 14 and not currently included or go towards the swimming pool. I think we have the capacity to be creative, and I also have concerns in the current lease it says that metro 24 Hour Fitness will offer kind of a special rate to residents of Wyandotte County, and when I look at their locations and other areas, they're charging the same rate here that they're charging anywhere else. So, it doesn't really seem like that part of the lease is being fulfilled, I would like to see if they stay in that space an income-based option be offered to people to have a gym membership. There are other gyms and fitness centers here in KCK that offer that model. Like, I think that Family Fitness on Southwest Boulevard and Rainbow,

they have an income-based model, and I do not think it's crazy that a business would need assistance to get started. I think it's okay to do that sometimes. But this business is clearly on its feet. It's paid back over \$150,000 as we just heard, and I think it's time to move to an in-between option or a totally different option, rather than just recreate the same thing that we've had for the last three years. Thank you.”

3. “Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla – “My name is Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla and I live in Argentine 66106 is my zip code, and I've been a lifelong resident of Wyandotte County in Argentine and it's just I, excuse me, I'm here to express the deep concern for the health of our community and the extreme lack for that issue of concern, I discovered recently that Wyandotte County is ranked around 99 out of 103 counties for the State of Kansas and for health outcomes. Over the last decade or so I've watched as several residents of Argentine work tirelessly to ensure that our community was no longer a food desert. They also helped to establish classes, educate families about healthy lifestyles. They helped to establish the gym in our community added air conditioning to the basketball court at the community center and lots of other facility upgrades. Yeah, that that facility. Never had air conditioning in the basketball courts, so they could never actually use it during the summertime. Up until recently. We now have access to affordable healthy groceries and other mentioned amenities in our neighborhood and we didn't previously have those things. Thanks to people that actually cared about Argentine. My whole life I've watched Argentine get ignored as businesses and housing moved west to avoid crime or send their kids to better schools. And of course, as the money moved west. So did all of the UG's money and attention. We had to make things happen for ourselves. And now I'm watching as individuals, try to take something away from us that we've worked hard to get. And that, Wyandotte County so desperately needs in an affordable clean gym. Matt put a lot on the line to take a chance and opening this gym in a lower income community like Argentine and invested a lot of money into Metro, to make it such an amazing facility for us without this gym I would be spending my hard earned money at a gym in Johnson County and giving my sales tax money to Johnson County. Our county continues to miss opportunities to keep constituents spending their money in our own county when we don't offer services that our community so desperately needs. There's only one other decent gym accessible to me in a semi decent driving distance. Not decent enough for me in Wyandotte County and that is the YMCA, which would cost me over \$70 a month and that is insane. I worked for the YMCA for 15 years and watch Wyandotte County and the UG paid thousands a month to keep their doors open for several years in downtown KCK and potentially build a new facility downtown eventually and Wyandotte paying the YMCA all that money did not result in cheaper rates for residents, by the way. Residents still had to pay asinine rates to be a member, and in the end, YMCA opted not to build another facility in the east side of one county in addition to the major YMCA mistake that no one batted an eye at Wyandotte County continues to provide corporate welfare to rich companies to entice them to come to our community. It's an insult to Wyandotte County residents to continue to allow businesses to get off scot free as one small business owners continually under the microscope and being harassed daily...”

4. Elnora Tellis-Jefferson – “My name is Elnora Tellis-Jefferson and I am a Kansas City, Kansas resident. Good evening Parks Board Commissioners, I come to you tonight to ask you to draft a letter of support. As submitted to be read at the public hearing on the amended 2020 and 2021 budget. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 and the letter her should be addressed to me or David Alvey and to each of the District and At-Large UG Commissioners. The request is for line item budget in the UG amended 2020 and UG 2021 budgets to fund the much needed and past due renovations and upgrades at the Beatrice L. Lee Community Center. The funding would provide brick and mortar, digital infrastructure and personnel for the community and human development services and programs much needed. This funding also provides a baseline foundation for economic development, specifically, job training entrepreneurial business incubators and entrepreneurial training. Closed for seven years prior to its reopening in 2010 with an all-volunteer staff and resources. In 2014 the UG provided it minimal funding, but not enough to jumpstart and sustain programs and services disability access inside and outside recreational and educational facilities for seniors, youth and families. Classrooms, heritage trail workspace, a commercial kitchen, additional bandwidth for TV broadcast and other IT communications. New air digital devices, computers, laptops, tablets, and other electronic devices and community center staff and program specialist would definitely raise the bar for health outcomes in Wyandotte County. Correct, many inequities would greatly advanced the case, that good overall development includes the big three. The big three are, community, economic and human development, respectfully submitted Elnora Tellis-Jefferson thank you.”
5. Desiray Coleman – “I’m Desiray Coleman and my zip code is 66106. I am one of the personal trainers at Metro KC Fitness and I have been since we opened our doors. I grew up in Argentine and graduated from JC Harmon in 2012 at that time I searched for a gym to go to. So the closest one to my house was a community center, and it made it easy to walk or jog to I remember buying a year membership to the gym, which is now known as a multi-purpose room that the community center and Metro share. The old gym was run down it provided minimal equipment and it was not maintained. I remember only ever seeing two people that consistently went to that gym. So fast forward several years Metro KC Fitness was born, I became a personal trainer and I began working at Metro. Metro provided me a place to grow as an entrepreneur and mentor, and an opportunity to give back to my community and a place to belong. Over the last three years, I've made some incredible leaps with my friends, also known as my clients. Many of my clients have come to me with goals to simply look better, but more of my clients have come to me, seeking help. Help because they can't even get up the stairs without being winded their doctors said that their risk for many chronic diseases, they want to improve their mental health and sometimes just because they needed somebody in their corner. I've worked closely and tirelessly with many of my clients physicians, physical therapists, dietitians, chiropractors and other health care professionals to enhance the health of the residents and Wyandotte County, in addition to our trainers and staff working one on one with these clients at their

personal health goals Metro has also provided events to support families of fallen deputies, in our Wyandotte County Police Department. Free summer events for the community. Donations to the families at JC Harmon. Free sessions for the USD 500 employees and way more. So, we do work for our community. We care about our community and we no longer want to be considered one of the most unhealthy counties in Kansas. It's embarrassing. Taking away something that is being utilized by members in the community who need an affordable safe community-oriented gym, is and will be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the residents and Wyandotte County specifically an Argentine. Not only has this become a community resource is also works to provide employment for those in the community where there are limited employment options. In closing, Wyandotte County isn't perfect. Okay. We know that. But it's ours, and in order to see it grow we have a responsibility to participate in that growth and not to tear down businesses that create a healthy and a thriving community for our families, so please guys keep Argentine's only gym Metro KC Fitness open. Thank you."

6. Sandra Baska – "I'm Sandra Baska and I live in Kansas City, Kansas, in the area code 66102. I recently started going to the gym Argentine. My husband started going right when they open the doors in 2017. In 2014 I lost my leg. I'm a BKA and pretty much for physical therapy they just throw you in there. There's nothing uniform about it, there's nothing they just say do this and you do it and then that's it. So, I started to see my husband lose weight. His, not only did his physical appearance change, but his mental appearance changed, you know, not appearance but he was happier. We were laughing more we were working together more. And so, I was very athletic I played softball at WYCO for 20 years and one of the hardest parts about losing your leg is that, that competition that adrenalin, you get from sports was gone. So, I started thinking well, maybe I should go to the gym and I can get that adrenaline rush and feed that adrenaline and at the same time, start getting my body toned up because I lost the weight. I was 400 pounds at one time, and I got down to 185 and since going to Argentine the fitness center an Argentine I've actually got down to 165. On top of that they have the machines that I need to work with my prosthetic right now I use a knee scooter sometimes, and a year ago I was using it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Now I'm able to wear my prosthetic and an hour interval at a time. But it's very painful. But having those machines so close to home and having a gym so close to home has made such a dramatic improvement in my health. I was on six medication and I'm down to two. That I will be on for forever, but I'm off my diabetic medication, I'm off my placebo. I'm off all of them except for my anxiety medicine and my blood thinner, which I'll always have to take those. It just upsets me so much that you guys would want to take this out of a community that desperately needs a gym for people like me who are in a health crisis. Every time I go in there, I feel safe. The other gym goers they're encouraging when I go around do my laps, they high five me, they gave me confidence back that I didn't think I'd ever have, and that to me is worth everything. I see kids in there, coming down from Harmon to work out. Both my kids did graduate from and went to Argentine Middle School and JC Harmon High School and we were involved parents. Yet I know more about my community by

going to the gym than I did by participating in school activities. And that's really all I have to say, I think it would be detrimental to Wyandotte County and on top of that, I know more businesses down there that we patronize now. You take that away. You take that gym away you're taking businesses over Missouri you're taking it back over to Johnson County..."

7. Cesar Sanchez – “My name is Cesar Sanchez. I grew up here at 1224 right by Gorditas Durango (66106). My mom has been living there now for about five plus years now and you know we've been part of the community for quite a while now. I run Metro and Argentine, I'm the manager here. So, I've seen this gym grow since day one. You know, I have big expectations for it, but I mean the community here like is incredible. I mean, I watched it grow. I watched a people's success stories. And you know, that's what I live for, you know, people getting off medications people losing weight, getting ready for a wedding, getting ready for vacation. I mean, I like everybody's positive impact has just helped me grow as a person. You know, I was rock bottom. I'm not gonna lie I was living in the closet at one point. Nowhere to go. And then, you know, Metro open its doors for me, and they took a shot on a kid you know that had just got in back up, you know, they gave me an opportunity to actually start a career like everybody was turning me down but with metro opening the door for me. Like, I grew as an entrepreneur, know how to run a business know how to interact with people. I mean, like this, community is just beyond incredible and you know, to take away metro and like what it represents like family wise and everybody who walks through the door just automatically becomes family like that will like just devastate you know, not just myself, but I can speak for a lot of people, you know, like a lot of our members will be devastated. I mean, I go around and you know I'm always smiling everybody's always smiling. It's like when you walk through these doors is like pure happiness. You know, like, and I do hear that, you know, like I did hear that for some reason the community center is shut down because of us, and I just wanted to remind everybody that it's not shut down because of its shut down because of COVID, And then, yeah, I mean, I love this community. I mean, you guys welcomed us with open arms. And, you know, we're, we're here to stay. Thank you.”
8. Sahira Tapia – “My name is Sahira Tapia my address is in 66102. I live off like Bishop word fields. So, I'm going to talk to you guys today actually about the impact that Desi and Metro has had on me. I am a current chiropractic student a very proud Argentine grew up, in this. So, I went to New Stanley then I went to Argentine Middle and I'm a Sumner graduate and I left college and came back to my community. Boy, when I came back from college, I was a wreck. I had a found alcohol and it was very cheap. And I was fat, and I wasn't happy with who I was. Then I met Desi, and if there's one thing I could say about Desi I everybody should work out with Desi. She took me from being like this person I was unsure of myself and over the past like year, she's helped me blossom, into this amazing person. Like, I wish you guys could see me right now. Like, I wish that the video was on so you could see me. But that's allowed me to expand my chiropractic career and like my confidence has gone through the roof. So now what I'm going to do is I want to be the best chiropractor ever and I'm coming straight back to Argentine.

Like I'm coming straight back to the community. And that's because of the support that I found in Metro and the confidence that I have in myself now that I know I'm going to do this. Like, there's no question about what I'm going to do with my life. Like I'm certain. I'm strong. I'm proud. When I was depressed, I was lost, I was uncertain, I did not like the way that I looked, I did not like who I was. And like I said, Desi, Desi, Desi and the people at Metro are the most amazing people you guys will ever meet. I 1,000% recommend working out with Desi, and that's pretty much all I have to say Metro is awesome. You guys should keep it.”

9. Joshua Messick-Vega (66106) – “Thank you guys for your time. Board members everyone on here. I did submit a letter earlier, but I'd like to read it for the record, and had a few things. Just from my observations and what I've heard tonight. My name is Joshua Messick-Vega. I've been a member of the Argentine community for almost my entire life. I do currently live here now I live in the 66106, area code in Argentine. I grew up playing at the Joe Amayo Argentine Community Center back when it was a highly utilized. It had a summer camp for the youth that was run back in the late 90s, early 2000s, that I attended and growing up I played basketball several times a week after school up through middle school and high school at the community center. As the years have passed. I've watched this community center that I grew up and become unused and the gym in it. It was nearly a relic. Its best years are far behind it. The only portion of the center knowingly utilize was a basketball gym. In the gymnasium area to this day that portion is still utilized, and it's not being occupied by Metro KC Fitness as false information would have people believe. The old multipurpose rooms that stood in the north portion of the building were extremely underutilized outdated and their existence was hardly known to the public, here in the community. The only thing that they were used for was the morning breakfast for group of elders that breakfast still occurs at the center to this day, now in a different location within the center. The rundown multipurpose rooms. Now, what a beautiful state of the art, community-oriented gym, we know as Metro KC Fitness. Matt has provided the community with this quality fitness center, unlike any other an Argentine or any of the surrounding Wyandotte County neighborhoods. Not only is it high quality. It is low cost. Prior to the arrival Metro KC Fitness members of this community in the surrounding area would travel to Johnson County to get their fitness in or they would not try to work on their health and fitness at all. Having this gym and Argentine keeps our citizens here in KCK It's given people a place to network with one another. It has also given so many people of all walks of life, young, old, wealthy, non-wealthy, in shape, or out of shape a chance to come and work on their health. Metro KC Fitness is a direct variable in improving health and decreasing obesity in our community and I state this because, as a member I've seen it firsthand. Having a highly utilized community gym keeps adolescence off the streets. In the summers, members and students of the USD 500 are able to utilize this facility, it allows them to gain confidence, it improves on their health and fitness. More importantly, it gives the youth something to do, and it keeps them off the streets. We have seen far too much violent crime done by youth and juvenile gangs in our community. Keeping our youth occupied and improving themselves

is something that this facility contributes to. That itself is invaluable. Metro KC Fitness holds community workouts free classes for teachers does community cleanup sponsor several sports teams and as community fitness competitions. These things have shown to bring members of the community together. Keep the gym, please...”

10. Gio Mendoza – “Okay my name is Geo Mendoza my address is in 66106. I graduated from Turner High School. Right now, I work at a front desk in a ufology office. So, I started as a receptionist probably since 2016 gained a ton of weight that affected my mental state and obviously my body. I started training with Desi after the pandemic so far, it's been what five weeks, maybe four or five weeks and my body has changed tremendously. I have had a tremendous impact in my body. I've lost weight gain muscle loss body fat. I am really, really grateful with Desi for her training, although sometimes I feel like I'm dying. But I absolutely am amazed, and I love the results and I love her. And I love that fact that she doesn't give up on us. Also, I do. The gym is like 10 minutes away from where I live. So, I hope you guys can keep it because it's like the closest to my house. I'm able to run back and forth and work out and then come home to my kids. Caesars great the atmosphere is great as well, I mean it's pretty much like a family reunion. So, I hope you guys can keep the gym.”
11. Christo'f – “My name is Christopher Richard currently I live in Kansas City, Kansas area code 66104 have already sent a letter, but I just want to say my piece and hopefully convince you guys to keep the gym open. I'm a frequent gym goer at Metro KC Fitness in Argentine in Kansas City. I am talking to you guys today because Cesar an employee at the gym asked me to support them and I don't want to let them down. I first signed up with Metro Fitness because another gym shut down and it was the closest to my home. During my time at Metro I've tried multiple other gym locations. Some including other Metro Branded Gyms. I've had memberships at Lifetime Fitness in Overland Park, Genesis in Overland Park, Benefitness in Shawnee, and I've also lifted at the Briar Cliff Metro location. While each Gym had its own appeal, I consistently found myself going to the Argentine Metro because of convenience and overall quality. Not only does the gym, have the necessary equipment to make any fitness goal possible. It also has a courageous staff who are see constantly involved with the community. Caesar is the mainstay hype and I consistently see full workout sessions with the trainer Desi or Ishmael on any given day. Growing up in KC, or in the Argentine area. It was always awesome to encounter an old school buddy, or someone I know from the neighborhood during the lifting session. There simply isn't anything close to a metro provides in the Argentine area. I reached out to you today because I know that I have the ability to articulate my thoughts and present them to you in an honest manner. I also know that, whether it be from education, ethnic background or sheer confidence that many of the same members at Metro who feel as I do. Can share their feelings. Please keep the gym open it has created a huge impact on the community since arriving. Like I said earlier, you know, all the gyms that I mentioned were in Overland Park like Amanda mentioned earlier. You guys close down this gym. You're just pushing money out, you're pushing it back into Johnson

County, you're pushing back into Missouri. Keep my gym open. I'm trying to make some games. Thank you.”

2. Correspondence

Jeff Sachen responded - Sorry for the premature ending of that earlier. We do thank everybody for coming to speak, it means a lot that there's people out there in the community who care enough to attend and give their opinion on matters such as this.

III – OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business was presented

IV NEW BUSINESS

1. Metro 24 Management Agreement Renewal Proposal –

- Angel Obert stated “Thank you for your time tonight. I'm here with Assistant County Administrator, Emerick Cross and we will be presenting the Joe E Amayo Community Center and Metro 24 Hour Fitness Partnership. Before I get started here, I do just want to say real quick that we did provide an opportunity for the community to email in their input regarding this matter and I do want to just say that we received 64 emails in favor of Metro 24. We received 14 emails, not in favor. We received three videos that were positive leaning towards in favor. And I would like to say that all of these comments, copies were made of them, and they were sent to the park board members. So, they have them for review and they will also be sent all Commissioners as this item moves forward. So first off, I'd like to start with a brief history of how the project began according to the 2019 County Health Rankings. Wyandotte County is ranked 99 out of 102 reporting Kansas counties. As you all know, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all of us residents. We do this by trying to meet their needs of health, living and recreational needs. 00:34:56As you know, the Commission voted in July of 2016 to move forward with funding necessary upgrades to house a fitness facility. Administration then instructed Parks and Recreation to request and notice of need for a proposed fitness center at the Joe E. Amayo Community Center. A notice of need was posted on August 15, 2016. It was then awarded to Metro 24 on September 16, 2016 and the contract start date began on April 22, 2017 and I would just like to say that Metro 24 Fitness was the only business to respond to the notice of need. Now, on the right, you'll see a map that is a depiction of the fitness like centers in the Wyandotte County area and the chart below shows their monthly memberships for individuals. Bonner Springs YMCA is roughly \$51.00 to \$57.00 a month depending on if you're a resident or non-resident, Providence YMCA is \$59.50 a month. Bonner Springs Anytime Fitness along with the Legends Anytime Fitness locations both \$39.99 a month Turner Recreation Commission anywhere from \$15 to \$20 depending on your residency and Turner and then you have Metro 24

Hour Fitness at \$19.99 a month. I'd like to give a quick overview of the project and the community center, the total square foot of the Community Center is 13,132 square foot. The gym encompasses about 7,050 square foot of that and our common areas such as the office, restrooms and multi-purpose room is 6,500 square foot. Like Matt said Metro 24 Fitness occupies 3,300 square foot of that. Now Parks and Recreation controls the remainder 13,550 square foot. As you know, in 2016 to 2017 major improvements were made to the facility totaling \$812,000 below, you'll see a chart of the funding sources and their contribution. You'll see that the Unified Government funds contributed were about \$332,000 outside funds like ANDA and Walmart were about \$280,000 Metro 24 contribution was \$200,000. Now, it's important to know that the upgrades done to the center were to the whole center, not just the fitness area. Some of these improvements include a new HVAC system in the gym to provide air conditioning. ADA access through the west entrance, lobby and multi-purpose room renovations, restroom renovations which upgraded them to meet the ADA standards parking lot lighting and more. Now the pictures to the right top are of the old fitness center when it was managed by Parks and Recreation and then the bottom two, you'll see that was post renovations from metro 24 fitness and their members utilizing the space. This next slide. I'd like to go over just some quick performance metrics for Metro 24. As you know, the old fitness center. Like I said, saw roughly 48 to 55 members a year from about 2014 to 2016. As of July 1st, Metro 24 Fitness reported to have 1436 numbers 447 of those numbers are from the 66106 Argentine zip code, which is about 31%. The studio room is reserved through Parks and Recreation by Metro 24 fitness for programming, but it is a shared space. So, we are able to use that and that partnership has worked very well, between the two of us. And part of Metro 24 Hours contract agreement is that they are to provide programming to the community, which they have done. And some of that programming consists of personal and group training, nutrition guidance, yoga classes, community boot camps, weight loss challenges, some power lifting needs, and even the occasional fundraising 5K. Now this chart on the right is a depiction of the memberships in the blue, you'll see here that this was pre renovations under Parks and Recreation management, and then in the yellow you'll see those post renovations starting here in 2017 with Metro 24 Hour Fitness Management and memberships increasing upward. Next, I'd like to go over the initial management agreement, some of the big things from the contract. Metro 24 began operations on September 1, 2017. Some of those responsibilities of Metro 24 Fitness included that they were to manage and operate the fitness center as a full service, first class fitness center. They were to provide memberships at \$19.99 a month for KCK residents. They were to actively market, advertise and promote the fitness center. They are to provide information, membership and or usage reports to the Unified Government and they were expected to operate and manage the fitness center for at least 18 continuous months after the date it first opened. The current contract is valid until, December 31, 2020. That is why we're here today, and now I'd like to turn it over to Assistant County Administrator Emerick Cross, who will walk you through the major items

from Metro 24 Fitness New Management Agreement Proposal.”

- Emerick Cross stated – “Okay, Angel. Thank you very much. Good evening, Chairman and Park Board Commissioners. So, what I want to go over tonight are the major changes. Which are about four or five changes to the new management agreement proposal, and this is just that, a proposal. So, the first item, I would like to go over is the Metro 24 is agreeing to pay \$1,898.13 per month, or total management fee or annual management fee of \$22,777.56 cents per year. The second part of this is we've negotiated, or are negotiating, I should say, a three-year agreement with the additional option of two, one-year renewal terms for this management agreement proposal. Now another part of that is the bullet number three. KCK resident, new members will continue to pay the same \$19.99 per month, for one more year and that'll run from when this current management agreement proposal expires in December of 2020 until December of 2021 so for the first three years, Kansas City, Kansas residents were paying \$19.99 per month. To use the Metro 24 facility, we've negotiated an agreement with Metro 24, that will extend that one more year so that will be four years for KCK residents to join this facility and have no fee increase. That's a substantial deal since we have put over \$812,000 collectively into the facility. We wanted to make sure we kept that same rate for one more year. Now after that December 2021 period, Metro 24 may raise the new KCK resident member fee up 3% annually, if they choose to do that. Now I'd like to point out 3% on \$19.99 is going to be about \$0.60 a year, and that's if Metro 24 chooses to raise the rate 3%. Also, we've negotiated with Metro 24 that they may install at their expense, meaning they will pay for it, an electric lock system that allows members in to utilize the shower facilities at Amayo Center from 5am to 10pm. As you all know, some people like to get up really early, go down to the gym and get a good workout in, and this electric lock system that's installed at their expense will allow patrons to do that, as you know, our parks and rec staff usually show up about 6:30am so it'll be an hour and a half period there where Metro 24 will police, they will maintain and they will clean the shower facilities as necessary during that time period. Another tenant that we've negotiated with metro 24 to this point for this proposal is that they will have continued access to that multi-purpose room also knows that studio room. On a scheduled reservation basis, just like any other group that wants to reserve that room, as you know, programming as part of the original management agreement with metro 24 and this will continue to be a major tenant of the new management agreement proposal as well. Finally, Metro 24 will continue to update and modernize workout equipment as originally agreed to in the first management agreement proposal. This means if equipment gets torn or broken, they will replace it or maintain it as necessary, and as new state of the art equipment comes available, they will bring that new equipment into the facility as needed. This is a continuation a proposed continuation of the same public private partnership that we've had with Metro 24 Fitness since 2017. I would also like to add that metro 24 is responsible still for things like security, maintenance, janitorial services, staffing and programming within their facility. So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I would like for us to take a vote tonight for or against this proposal, and what we

would like to do with this information and not only a vote for or against the proposal. We're looking for any comments or feedback from the Board. That we can continue, that will become part of the record that we will take to Standing Committee on this issue, on July 27th, and then there will be also one more additional step to the full commission on Thursday, August the 13th. So, we're trying to be very transparent with this issue. We want to make sure that our citizens in this community have at least three shots or bites at the apple to provide public comment on this very important issue for us. So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to turn it back over to you for any questions you may have. I understand, Mr. Warner is still on the line and if you have any for me, staff or Mr. Warner, we would like to cover that now. Thank you.”

- Jeff Sachen stated – “Thank you, Emerick and Angel, I appreciate that, and I think that everyone appreciates that. It is definitely a lot of information that we have to go over. Just from what I read, I read quite a few emails as they came across today. And, you know I think that one of the biggest obstacles and hurdles that they had was that the space is being utilized. I think this new agreement kind of, you know, puts a lot of those fears at ease. So, I just like to open it up to any comments or questions on any of the board members at this time.”
- Faith Rivera spoke – “I guess I'll speak, so I'm Faith Rivera. I'm a second generation Rosedaleian, I currently live at 47th and Leavenworth road. I'm a board member. So, I want to speak about some information that I heard tonight, first I want to say. Matt Warner, I know that you are with Anytime Fitness. I know too that you previously had James Zager as an owner for Anytime Fitness and also too Sarah Hardiman as an Anytime Fitness owner. Both of them are retired Kansas City, Kansas. Police Department. So, I want you to know that I do see that, and that might be how you got this great deal previously. Because Sarah is my cousin, so I do know this information and going on forward about the information at hand. How old do you have to be to, uh, to work out at your facility. What is the youngest age that that can work out at your facility? I can't hear you, bro. You're muted.”
- Matt Warner responded – “Yeah 14 is our minimum age for liability purposes, but you have to be 18 to possess your own key fob 24-hour access.”
- Faith Rivera asked - “Okay with 14 years old are they able to be there by themselves.”
- Matt Warner responded – “During staffed hours. We would have, you know, trainers on staff as well as you know...”
- Faith Rivera asked – “And what are your staff hours.”
- Matt Warner replied – “10am to 7pm Monday through Thursday, 10am to 4pm on Friday 9am to 1pm on Saturday.”
- Faith Rivera asked – “Okay. And then what happens when there's nobody there to monitor? like who monitors after 7pm?”
- Matt Warner replied – “after 7pm. We have, how many cameras, 11 cameras that surveillance the facility, and then we also have, a basically, pictures. So, if two people come off one key fob, they get a picture taken of them so then we can identify who let who come in off of one key. So, in the agreement we have the

ability to impose a fine, if someone chose to sneak someone in. The whole purpose of this is to keep them as safe as possible. We don't want to fine people. We want to make sure to stay safe and stay liable for everybody in there and we have everybody's information on file.”

- Faith Rivera asked – “So for those 11 cameras that you have, do you have anybody always watching that just like a security person or anything like that, during those times.”
- Matt Warner responded – “Yeah, I'm doing right now.”
- Faith Rivera asked – “So you do this on your time, from seven to whatever time. Okay. So that's what you do?”
- Matt Warner responded – “Yes. We have four people sitting in the office right now, ‘Hey wave to me’, there they are waving.”
- Faith Rivera asked – “Okay, so all the time. There's somebody looking at those cameras from when you're gone?”
- Matt Warner replied – “It may not be all the time. But again, we know when someone comes in, or when two people come in off of one key fob. So we have the information for the people that have key fobs.”
- Faith Rivera asked – “Okay, I just want to know about monitoring and monitoring that information. Okay, so like with social distancing who's taking care of that like for the gym.”
- Matt Warner responded – “Social distancing is up to the members, they are all adults, but we have put those measures in place as far as not using any piece of equipment that is adjacent to another piece of equipment. But again, I don't plan on COVID happening for the next three years. I believe what today's topic is about is a starting in January 1, of 2021.”
- Faith Rivera replied – “Now I'm just asking these questions because they're important.”
- Matt Warner responded – “I just want to make sure we stay on topic.”
- Faith Rivera replied – “Yeah, this is a topic. So, with the social distancing that's also to monitoring the information. And can I ask what damages have been done to the community center after hours?”
- Matt Warner responded “Zero damage so far in three years up. I mean, again this is a...”
- Faith Rivera responded – “I've talked to somebody else and I would have to agree to disagree on that one, but that's okay. So, on the other.”
- Matt Warner responded – “Go ahead and enlighten me on what's gone wrong.”
- Faith Rivera responded – “I hear there are broken doorknob handles people trying to break into the gym when it's closed. Those are some of the informations that I'm getting.”
- Matt Warner responded - “Again, it's like, misinformed information again that you have received.”
- Faith Rivera replied – “Okay.”
- Matt Warner responded – “And James Zager. I've never had him as an employee. I've never, I've never done anything like with James Zager. So there is a lot of information that is incorrect. So, you might need to fact check yourself.”

- Faith Rivera responded – “Okay well I’ll fact check that right now because I was there last night and I actually saw that you guys I actually pictures of it as well. Of the parking lot, your, you guys have over, I really want to say that you guys have really done a really good job. You guys have overgrown I would say Wyandotte County or the Amayo Community Center. I would say that you guys have been working outside when I went in. When I saw there was a lot of people in there and which is great. You're doing a good job. And with some other information as well that was misinformation. There was a gentleman who talked earlier, I believe, his name was Messick his last name was Messick I'm a long time Rosedaleian also, I have two children that have gone here. That have lived here as well. So I'm raising children and I've been here for quite some time. I was here when we had a community center in Rosedale called the Rainbow Center. And when that happened when the, Rosedale Center was closed. We all moved over to Argentine and we used it and we utilized it my children utilized it, they danced there we went to meetings there. We had a basketball groups there. We had sports there. And currently, when somebody stated that we weren't using it at that time, when you took over. That's incorrect. We were actually dancing there my children were a part of a dance group called DMB. We actually met a lot of our community members there back in the day. And we had meetings we had, we had a gatherings. We rented the part, the part that you are actually in right now. The space that the Community Center that you're that Multi Center room that you're, you guys are talking about is tiny only like 40 people at max without tables would fit in that area. I just want to...”
- Matt Warner responded – “the stats Show that there's actually more multipurpose space now than there was before, so I don't know I can't lie about square feet. So,”
- Faith Rivera responded – “I was just there so...”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “I don’t mean to interrupt but we do need to keep this cordial”
- Faith Rivera responded - “I'm continuing on with my questions. I'm continuing on. Um also to you the reports were previously that the Commissioner previous was privy to the agenda or what was going on to this agreement proposal and I believe that Commissioner Ramirez was not currently. Is that correct, as well.”
- Matt Warner responded – “Can you restate the question in a different manner?”
- Faith Rivera responded – “Were you and Commissioner Ramirez, in agreement with this new agreement proposal.”
- Matt Warner replied “Commissioner Ramirez has never once answered any of my phone calls will not respond to my Facebook friend request. He will not email me back to any of the emails I sent him so no I have not talked to Christian.”
- Faith Rivera replied – “Okay, thank you. And those are just my questions. Thank you so much.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “Thank you Faith we appreciate the insight, you have more knowledge of course that I do on this, so we appreciate the insight and Matt, we also appreciate you answering those questions. Do we have any other questions or comments from the board related to this?”
- Bridget Holton-Deere responded – “This is Bridget. Hope you can hear me. Um, I think, you know, listening to the fitness center and all the, I mean, it sounds like

it's a great center. It sounds like you do great work there and I have no qualms with that. My only concern is I'm like Faith, I enrolled my granddaughter there at the DMB dance studio years ago and I thought, Wow, what a wonderful facility. The community is here, all these dancers are here but not only the dancers, there were kids from the neighborhood there. And I thought, Wow, this is great, and then of course we were pushed out and had to go elsewhere to a, an establishment that really needs to be worked on. And it was it was mentioned earlier, but I won't go into any of that and I won't name names. My only concern is if the youth that was there before is still using the community center, you know, I'm ready to sign up for the fitness because COVID 19 has put on like 30 pounds on me. So I think it's, that's great. I'm calling Desi, I'm sure. But I just want to know if the community that surrounds this facility is on board with this partnership. I don't live there. So, I don't know..."

- Jeff Sachen responded - "I'm sorry to interrupt, do you have anything else to add to that? I could just bring some information from the last meeting we had on this when, there was a lot of a lot of stuff going on with the gym, but I don't mean to interrupt you. So yeah, anything else."
- Bridget Holton-Deere responded – "No that was basically it. I just wanted to say, and I wanted to say really that I came in just determined to vote against this partnership and I think it's... it sounds like it's a very good thing going on there. But again, my only concern is the community. Are they on board with it if they're on board with it. I am too."
- Matt Warner responded – "Bridget, we actually still have the dance classes going on in the multipurpose room so I have to check with Cesar, but I believe it's still Thursday night, obviously COVID, has changed it, but they still come in and we are able to work around so soon as our class ends they come in."
- Faith Rivera replied – "They actually are at another at another facility. Sorry about that."
- Bridget Holton-Deere replied – "I think they're at um... I think they have two or three, maybe even four places that they dance at."
- Matt Warner responded – "But I guess part of that is, it worked, and it can continue to work, we just gotta 1. get out of this COVID and then 2. make sure everybody wants to come back in."
- Jeff Sachen stated – "I would just like to remind everybody that a public comment are closed to this. They did take place at the beginning. So, if there's anybody viewing or listening now and would like to make a public comment that will have to wait until our next month's meeting. And Bridget, I know, I know you're you're fairly newer to the board and not to call you out. But so we went over this as a board and Emerick was there, and Matt was there and there were quite a few others there. So, everybody who is using the facility. To our knowledge was invited back to use the facility. I think now with the COVID going on and everything else. I think that is kind of thrown a wrench into it, but we did have quite a few members of the community come speak, which was great, for the last time this was up, I think it was probably about a year ago, and there were multiple people who had come up and rightfully, you know, were wondering why they no

longer could use the facility, why it was no longer open, um, you know, a lot of those requests, you know, because, can I, I love the community centers I think they are great for everybody, especially the neighborhoods. But after, after you know going through that and doing research, with a lot of the park staff. We came to find out that you know a lot of the people who were wanting community center to be used had gone through the proper protocol to use the community center. So, I think just getting the information out there is one of the most important things that there's still is, you know, a lot of part of us that it is open. Other than the gym, and I think that is one of the biggest issues with what we're dealing with now that you know it's not that they kick everybody out for the actual gym but from our last discussion on this. It's that the property channels are not be used in order to rent the facility and anybody can correct me if I'm wrong but thank you for that. I appreciate those. Do we have any other questions or board member comments on the subject?"

- Billy Brame replied – “Yeah clarification on what the difference... I didn't raise my hand. I'm sorry. I was looking at the management fees, is that different this time than last time. Was there no management fee and now there is a management fee. Is that why people are saying it was rent free and now there's this, what is that terminology or am I just using that wrong? Rent and management fee. Could somebody speak to that?"
- Emerick Cross responded – “Yes, Commissioner, Brame. This is Emerick Cross Assistant County Administrator, you're exactly right. It's management fees very similar were a lot of people would call rent. For the first three years there was no management fee for that. And now we negotiated a market value fee of that \$1898.13 a month or \$22,777.56 per year.”
- Faith Rivera responded – “Hey. Can I say something to the board real quick? This is Faith again. This is the first time it's come to the Parks and Rec board. Previously, it went straight, Ann our previous Commissioner, took it straight to the Commission board. So, this is the first time it's been actually to the Parks and Rec. Board. So, I'd like to tell you that information as well.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah let's talk about that Faith, I probably misspoke there um. I just don't know. There was communication. There was no vote, or anything taken place but there was a lot of communication activity as far Metro 24 goes about a year ago...”
- Faith Rivera replied – “Exactly. So what had happened was previously they had this deal set up and it never hit the Parks and Rec board Miss. Wyatt can tell you this information and Bea Lee if she's here can tell you too what happened, I was privy to it because I was obviously against this because of the fact that you know how it was set up. That we didn't have any say in it. It just happened. It was a Commissioner to Commissioner situation, Commissioner said, hey, this is what we're going to do my committee, my community want it and the Commissioners, you know, agree, you know, and listened, so they voted on it. So that's how that happened. That's how this situation happened. So, like, like for Rosedale, we didn't get to have that as, as I was a Rosedaleian and a community member. It just went, it did not get to get voted on, like, it is now. Thank you.”

- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, thank you. Ty did you have something to add in there, I thought I saw you come up a little bit?”
- Ty Collins responded – “I did. I did. I was just kind of waiting for everybody to work their way through. I just wanted to make a comment and say I wanted to thank the Parks and Rec staff and the UG staff. I wanted to thank them for taking the time to work with Matt. He who can say that the agreement that has put forth you know now. Is maybe better in the sense of it doesn't provide a rent-free space or, you know, anything like that. But I don't want to miss out on you know to also say, you know, I mean, Matt, you know, we appreciate you taking a big risk to come into, you know, Wyandotte County to, you know, open up the gym. I've spoken in public before, at these meetings before and it's no secret. I mean, Matt bailed me out as the Sumner Athletic Director, a couple of summers ago when they closed my facilities down last minute and he hosted my workouts. You know, all summer long and was very willing to, you know, to work with our schedule and things like that so I've been pleased what their relationship. I've been pleased with anytime I've had to deal with any of his employees. I know I have several coworkers and family members that are members. You know, at the gym. So, you know, I appreciate both, both sides, working together to work something out. Also, just everybody who spoke tonight. Whether you spoke for or against it. You know, this is the what politics is supposed to be like in our country, people are supposed to come out and you know and very simply voice their opinion for and against things and you know, I just continue to be excited to see every time we have, you know, an issue that everybody gets passionate about people to show up and speak their piece really well. So, thank you for everybody involved.”
- Carolyn Wyatt – “Okay. I'm disagreeing with the process, because it took away from the community. I know when I took my niece and nephews down there and they had basketball games with different teams. It was like, welcome. It was open. It was always a lot of us down there. Um my nieces went down to the DMB, It was so packed. They didn't have enough room. It was so packed. And I think that our government shouldn't have to have outside people to come in to open their gym, our fund their gyms or take care of their centers. I think that Wyandotte County is so small. It's the way they spend their money, they don't spend the money for the youth or the senior citizens, it's all about out west. It's all about Wyandotte Lake, but it's not about the community. I think if they would take some of that money. They put some money into the police departments, to the sheriff department, fire department, we don't even have no fires. We don't have no fires but it's always a firetruck and ambulance. All you need is to have an ambulance ready and medics and ready to go, some of that money should generate to the centers where we have youth. So they don't have to go to a detention center, you know, you have to kind of take care of the youth before they get in trouble. You know, so I think that, when they spend that money, they think about the community. Usually people they hire, for to run our centers or higher in the Unified Government don't have interest in the inner city and they bringing people from somewhere else to our community. Don't look like us. To run our programs run our city so they don't take care of our kids, they don't take care of the facility.

And to me, that means you got people in place that need to be moved out of place and put people in place that care about people black and brown people. So, the problem is...”

- Jeff Sachen stated – “Yeah, Carolyn you know we need to keep this above board here um, we appreciate the comments. However, this is not related to the Metro 24 gym.”
- Carolyn Wyatt replied – “That is what I said you shouldn’t have to bring outside people in when the city should take care of their own centers. You don't have to like, come from outside the try to take care of the centers that are in the community and you can take care of them. There's a problem with how the money has been handled. That's all I'm saying. And that's the truth.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Thank you.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you, thank you, um, you know, I would like to address a couple of things. I think all of us board members who've been here for quite a while. But not to discourage those who have not been members, but we all went through the you know the parks overview and we all saw you know how much our park system does with considerably less than surrounding peers. So, you know, I think that we did a great job doing of doing what we can, and you know just my opinion. Faith I realized that, you know, maybe, maybe the last time this was done. You know, I don't know the details you know more about that than I do, however, you know, I think what we're, what we're focusing on is, you know, not, not the last agreement where we're focusing on this, agreement. I've read quite a few of the emails and the one thing that every email that was a dissenting opinion was the lack of rent being paid and be given a free facility.”
- Faith Rivera – “Well I would like to say, I've talked to my community members in Rosedale and in my family and my community where I grew up, and their concern is, is that they're not able to use the facility and they must be the 14 people that made the note, though, I would like to say that, so I have heard you and I, and those are my my people. I know that have reached out because I did tell them to go ahead and send emails. So, thank you, and I did go to the center. Last night, I was there, and I took pictures. They are overextending in the parking lot and stuff like that. So, I really do think that they were overgrown Argentine Amayo Community Center. I really do. And I think you're doing a great job. I think you've outgrown it. I think you're doing wonderful obviously you're outgrowing it you're moving elsewhere to new places. I think you're doing a good job. Keep it up. I just don't think that you belong in our community center. I don't want to shut you down and I don't think anybody here wants to shut you down. We want you to move to a different, we want you to move to a storefront. We want you out of our community center in into a storefront in our, in Argentine. So, we don't want to shut you down. And that's, I don't know why people keep saying shutting down shutting down no we want you here. We want our community centers back for our kids for our community for our elders for the DMB's for the basketball players for anybody that wants to use that community center. That's what I have to say.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you Faith and we can all agree on that, you know, I just I just think that you know there's so spaced out they could be figured out.

And other than that, if there's no comments. I think we could go ahead and get to a vote, um, any other questions or comments? Pat do you have anything that you would like to add?"

- Matt Warner responded – “Yeah, I totally understand that concern.”
- Jeff Sachen apologized and stated – “Sorry Matt, I said Pat. Sorry about that. Pat Gates do you have anything you might want to add to that.”
- Pat Gates responded – “I want to thank everyone on both sides of this issue for a wonderful presentation of the facts, the personal testimony from the people from the gym and the people from the community who shared their concerns very healthy discussion.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yes, ok so without going any further I think we are ready to take a vote on this to approve or vote down the new agreement that was reached. As far as there are no new questions, as far as anything goes?”
- Billy Brame inquired – “Yeah, so we're voting to allow the Commissioners to vote on it. Right. That's what that means?”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “We would be voting for the Commissioners, to let them know whether we approve or disapprove of this moving forward. So kind of giving them our idea of how we would like to move forward. Prior to them voting on this. So as Emerick stated this will go through three phases. Emerick if you want to go through this I apologize.”
- Emerick Cross responded – “Mr. Chairman, I will. This is once again, this is just a proposal at this point of three phases. Tonight was phase, number one. The second phase, this will go to Standing Committee in on July 27th, and then it will also go Before the full Commission on August 13th, so these three phases. That's what scheduled right now.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you Emerick I appreciate the clarification. Okay, so as long as there are no other questions or comments. We will just go down the list. Pat are you for or against this proposal”
- Ty Collins replied – “Do we need a motion first?”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “I'm sorry, yes.”
- Ty Collins responded – “I would be willing to give that motion that we approve the proposed agreement between the Unified Government Parks and Recreation and Metro 24 Fitness.”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “Okay. All in favor.”
- Jack Webb stated – “Excuse me Jeff have Nickee call roll call again, please.”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “I'm sorry Nickee, you can go ahead and do this. I apologize everybody, I'm not as familiar with the rules of order.”
- Jack Webb stated – “It will either be Aye or Nay.”
- Jeff Sachen stated - “Nickee do you want to start that?”
- Nickee Marlowe replied – “Yes, here I am. I'm so it will be a Aye or Nay. Okay, I'm going to call your names.”
- Angel Obert stated – “I think you needed, I think we missed a second to that motion. Correct?”
- Faith Rivera responded – “I second that motion.”
- Nickee Marlowe stated – “Okay, so Yes, either it will be aye for a yes vote and

- nay for a no vote.”
- At this time names were read, and votes listed below
 - Carolyn Wyatt – Nay
 - Bridget Holton-Deer - Nay
 - Faith Rivera – “For my community Nay”
 - Ty Collins - Aye
 - Patricia Gates - Aye
 - Billy Brame - Aye
 - Jeff Sachen – Aye
 - Nickee Marlowe stated – “So motion passes four (4) to three (3).”
 - Carolyn Wyatt responded - “You didn't call Beatrice Lee.”
 - Nickee Marlowe responded - “Is Ms. Lee here now?”
 - Carolyn Wyatt responded – “She's on the line.”
 - Kristen Love responded – “No, she was never able to call in. We tried multiple phone numbers for her and couldn't seem to get it through.”
 - Carolyn Wyatt stated – “Well, I know she was on a because I talked to her.”
 - Jack Webb responded - “She has to be present.”

V – Other Business

1. Staff Agenda

- Jeff Sachen stated – “OK, so now that the new business is over, we will move to other business staff agenda Jack.”
- Jack Webb responded – “Okay. The inclusive playground. They're starting to final grading this week they should start to pour and play process next week, so hopefully 30 days or so we can have a little opening depends on how the COVID 19 goes. Update on the CBDG, that's at the city park. The restrooms are being built. We're waiting on that ship those so we can set them in place before they finish the road. City Park 3, that grant money for field three, that is out to bid right now. We so we hope to get that going and get finished up the same time this here project finishes up. They opened the bids I believe the 25th. The 2020 as you know, for Clifton Park, that's still in the design stage which is a sidewalk around the park, a new playground and parking improvements. And the Christmas in July event at Wyandotte County Lake on July has been canceled due to COVID, and that is all I have. “
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you for that information Jack. Angel on to you please.”
- Angel Obert responded - “Sure. Thank you. I just have two quick updates as you all know, we launched our online software CivicRec about two, three weeks ago and we are having a lot of great feedback with that. It's been really good we've taken a lot of reservations online. So, the community is really enjoying that service. I think it's a great service to have right now, especially considering the circumstances regarding COVID makes it easier for us to interact with customers will also ensuring safety of our staff and then real quick. I just want to update on the status of the community centers, since Wyandotte County is still in Phase 3 of

the Ad Astra which is limited to 45 participants from mass gatherings and our community centers are still closed to the public for now for safety, but some user groups are being able to move forward with programming, if they are able to comply with the restrictions and regulations as it relates to COVID and throughout this time we've had staff cleaning the center's it's been a good opportunity for them to really deep clean the centers and do some of those projects that we haven't had time in the past to do. So that's all I have. Thank you, Joe.”

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

- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you. So on to board members questions and comments I'll just go down. Pat, you have anything you wanted to add to the meeting today.”
- Pat Gates replied – “Yes, I drove around, Wyandotte County Lake yesterday the lilies are all in bloom. So, it's something should take in and I've checked out the Eisenhower Rec. Center, a couple of times, families, they're having a picnic supper and enjoying the playground the splash park is closed, but they're there anyway, enjoying the playground.”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “Thank you. Okay Ty, did you have anything, any other comments or questions you would like to address.”
- Ty Collins responded – “Yeah, just two things real quick one. I was on civic Rec. The other day looking at some facilities, the software is super user friendly. So, I wanted to thank Parks and Rec staff for going through everything they've had to do with that. I did have one quick question for Angel. I went to click on some of the parks and I noticed that on some of the and I apologize for not having the exact park in front of me that I clicked on but Some of the details on like the amenities that are at the park. So, like if it was a park that had a baseball field or a softball field or something like that weren't listed on some of those things. So that was maybe just to bring it to your, you know, to your attention and then ask if you thought in the future, we would be adding those details back in?”
- Angel Obert responded “Yeah, thank you for that comment. I'm glad you're using the software that that information for fields is probably listed under fields. However, if you can find the park name and maybe shoot me an email with that I can just double check to make sure I do also just want to mention that this is a phased rollout. So, you know, right now, users only really have access to shelter reservations and halls and even that is limited right now just due to the restrictions surrounding COVID we're really having to monitor the reservations more phase two will be our youth programs, special events and sports. So that is coming soon. But the software has so many options available, we will be able to add photos to the shelters. So, that stuff is coming, but as far as your questions concerned that should be listed Ty. So, if you have a chance to maybe see what park that is I can look into it, or you might find it listed under fields specifically.”
- Ty Collins replied – “Okay, I'll go back and retrace my steps and figure out what was going on. So, thank you.”
- Angel Obert replied – “Thank you so much for that feedback.”

- Jeff Sachen stated – “Thank you for that Ty. Faith do you have anything you would like to add?”
- Faith Rivera responded “No, I just want to thank the community for reaching out, talking, having a conversation, being vocal. This is again the start of it, of this process. This goes on to two more meetings. So, keep being active and get your voice heard, also to sign up. Do your Census and register to vote?”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you Faith, I think we can all agree with that. Bridget do you have any questions or comments you would like to share?”
- Bridget Holton-Deere stated – “Um, I just wanted to say that was a tough vote I hated to vote no. But I did. Anyway, I did go through city parks and that is in my neighborhood and saw the little shelter. The smaller shelter down towards the bottom and it looks great. That made me so happy Sunday. If I ever get to retire. I want to have a big party at the City Park Pavilion up at the top. So, I think it looks great, by the time it's all finished, maybe I might retire. But everybody's doing a great job and I appreciate everybody's cooperation.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you for that Bridget. Ok Billy did you have any questions or comments?”
- Billy Brame responded – “Yeah, I'm also looking forward to seeing where this goes in the rest of the phases. If there is a real community opposition more than we have this time, I think that will come to light. Later on, the main people we heard from tonight. We're all positive. And that's why they got my vote. So, there's community members who are out there who are truly against what seems to be a popular option. Let that be known at the next level. And I really liked the proposal that was in the community comments that was about the Beatrice Lee Center. And I think that would be something to consider and bring forward into, let's do stuff there. If we could get a Metro 24 to do something at that place, seems to make the community happy and I don't know. So, or some other person doing something awesome for kids in the community.”
- Jeff Sachen stated - “Carolyn do you have any other questions or comments that you would like to add.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Oh, Angel. This is for you. Did you get the call Beatrice Lee, she was waiting for your call? So, she would be on.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yes, ma'am. I did call her, I called her twice and then I even had Kristin call her to help troubleshoot so we did work very efficiently trying to get her on and there was just no luck.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Okay. Also, for the metro 24 for Beatrice Lee. We're not interested. But thank you very much.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you. Thank you for your comments Carolyn. I'm sorry, I do have a couple of things I'd like to bring up Jack, if you could please let me know if that inclusive playground may have a ribbon cutting or something coming up, I would greatly appreciate that. I think that is just great that something, you know, going out there like that, and I'd love to be there, you know, to see that open up.
- Jack Webb responded – “I'm sure it will be well publicized when we do.”
- Jeff Sachen replied – “And I hope so because that is just great, that is something

that it just beyond great for our community. Um, so I did have another question I did hear that potentially there could be a restaurant opening up out at Wyandotte County Lake Park. Is there any anything going on with that?"

- Jack Webb responded – “Yeah, we're in the process of opening up the cafe again. Leasing that out. We're getting ready to sign some paperwork. It'd be a good deal, people will get hamburgers hot dogs just like they used to years ago. It will be good positive for community.”
- Jeff Sachen asked – “Would there be a liquor license?”
- Jack Webb responded – “That is to be determined.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “That is just a lot of questions I have received on that. Um, and then the last thing I'd like to thank everybody that joined today and everybody that had comments and I know this isn't easy for everybody to do. You know, this is definitely kind of the new normal to us, as we are here right now in the middle of the COVID. I'D really like thank Nickee for scanning all those emails in and finding time to get those out to us before the meeting so we could read them and Kristen, thank you so much, for running the meeting and Angel and jack and everybody at the parks department that is going through furloughs right now and sometimes even, you know, maybe working on, you know, harder and in three days. Then they wouldn't know five-day workweek. We all appreciate it and hopefully we can get through this quickly and there will be no more issues but thank you everybody for all the work you put into it. With that, we have a move to adjourn the meeting?”

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Faith Rivera moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ty Collins, Meeting adjourned at 7:46PM

Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

Jeff Sachen, Acting Chairman

Jeff Sachen responded – “Okay. Guys, thank you so much for the participation today. Everybody have a good one and hopefully, maybe meet in person next month, I doubt it but it's possible. It would be good to see everybody. Have a good month.”