

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY
CO/KCK BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS**

Wednesday, November 10th, 2021

The November 10th, 2021 meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held via ZOOM Online

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Ty Collins, Chairman. Angel Obert, Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Ty Collins, Chairman

Carolyn Wyatt, Member

Bridget Holton-Deere, Secretary

Micah King, Member

John McTaggart, Member

Patricia Gates, Member

Billy Brame, First Vice Chair

Jeff Sachen, Second Vice Chair

Board Members Absent:

Faith Rivera, Member

Tammy Romstad, KCKPS

Administration Present:

Angel Obert, Parks and Recreation, Director

Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director

James Bain, Unified Government, Counselor

Nichole Marlowe, Parks and Recreation, Administrative Support Supervisor

(Carolyn Wyatt entered the meeting at 6:02pm)

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Patricia Gates to adopt the November 10th, 2021 Agenda, was seconded by John McTaggart Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

There was no quorum for the September 8th or October 13th, 2021 meeting.

Minutes of the August 11th, 2021, regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting are presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Sachen, seconded by Micah King to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, August 11th, 2021, regular meeting. Motion Carried (Ayes 8, 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.

- No Visitors

2. Correspondence

- No Correspondence

III – OLD BUSINESS

(Billy Brame entered the meeting at 6:11pm)

- No Old Business to Report

IV - NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation on Kaw Point Park by Laura Calwell – A slideshow was presented by Laura Calwell showing the different projects that the Friends of Kaw Point have completed and she requested help from the WYCO Park Board with future projects.
- Discuss December Officer Elections and Current Positions – Ty Collins stated he would be reaching out to members regarding the upcoming elections and requesting all members attend the meeting. Current officers are Billy Brame 1st Vice Chairman, Jeff Sachen 2nd Vice Chairman and Bridget Holton-Deere Secretary.

V - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Staff Agenda

- Jack Webb –
 - a. Mowing Update – All contractors are done
 - b. CDBG Project at Clifton Park – Currently out to bid and phase one is the sidewalk around the perimeter of the park phase two is still in design. Expect to get that buttoned up and get it out before the end of the year.
 - c. Klamm Park Walking Trail – “Is up in procurement, going through those steps and then it should go out to bid within the next week, and that is a walking trail around the park. It was five phase project, and we have two years’ worth of funds, but Angel correct me if I’m wrong but didn’t we receive the full funding for that in COVID money. So that should be completed late spring the whole hopefully the whole park”
 - d. Holiday Light Show – This will start on Thursday November 18th, being put on by Jolt Lighting, and a portion of the proceeds will be given to the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation. There are also two other light shows in the area, one at the AG Hall of

Fame and a walk-through display at the Renaissance Festival. Nickee will be forwarding a link to view the light show website.

Angel Obert – stated “I also do want to mention on the holiday light show we've been meeting very closely and working closely with the AG Hall and also the Renaissance Festival and also the KCK PD and the Sheriff's Department, as well as Kansas Highway Patrol just because we do expect there to be probably some traffic logistics and we need to be made aware of. We are also looping in Ashley Hand, Director of Communications, is putting together some publications for us to be able to put out just so we can make our Community aware and anyone traveling to any of those three light shows to kind of try to be proactive and do what we can do to get ahead of any traffic issues.”

- a. APRA Immediate Needs Funds – “Like Chairman Collins just said, we have been trying to take advantage of every opportunity so. We did get some funding from the Immediate Needs Round, we received believe 65,000 for cleaning machines for our facilities which. You know, is really important, and some good resources that we haven't been able to update in a while it'll allow our staff to clean the facilities better especially you know with COVID 19 and everything that that's challenging our staff with these machines are built to help them do their responsibilities, better and make it safer for our Community also we received funding for building code footprints for six of our facilities. Those six facilities are Armourdale Community Center, Bethany, Kensington, Joe E. Amayo, Pierson and George Meyn, I know you guys have heard me talk about building code footprints so again, I just want to explain what that is. That's the engineer drawing of the facility that says it does meet Code as far as policies regarding fire safety and also building capacity so without these documents we are not able and the Community is not able to program any of our facilities and receive state license. That is really important, in this day and age it's almost it is pretty much impossible to have a school age program such as a before and after school program or summer camp in any of our facilities. So we're really excited to have this funding, these are the last six facilities as you remember, we did Patricia Diane Kane, Eisenhower and Bea Lee, on the first rounds, and again, we ran our first ever state license program earlier this summer super successful, we were able to partner with other community groups such as the YMCA. To be able to have summer program at the Bea Lee Community Center so this doesn't just open up opportunities for Parks and Rec and this allows anyone in the Community to be able to come in and run these certified safe and quality programs for our community and give our youth more options. That being said, KDHE also has been putting out grant funding for state license sites, so we have been actively trying to go after some of that funding for programming again we wouldn't have been able to go after that funding, had we not had these building code footprints and the State license status for our programs so that's super exciting.”
- b. Technology Projects – “The Parks and Rec department implemented CivicRec last year as our online software, the second part of that project we are now working on ensuring that all of our Rec Centers have proper technology as far as computers, network phones, and also internet and intranet infrastructure, so that we can increase our customer service and also our communication. Eisenhower and Bea Lee have been completed, so we are looking to complete Kensington, Armourdale and Joe E. Amayo by the end of December,

so this will be the first time that our department can communicate you know, via email with our staff at our Community Centers where they will have working computers that allow them to get on the Internet, and also the Intranet and have access to the UG network ever so communication has been something we've been trying to improve and that's been a big area where we've been lacking and it's been a big undertaking of a project of course we've had to pull fiber and work very closely with dots and it, but we are almost there so that'll open up a lot more opportunities as well.”

- c. Open Positions - We do have a lot of open positions on our job board so send people our way. We are still struggling to get applicants, but we are beginning to try other avenues to try to draw on some candidates.

● BOARD MEMBER’S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Micah King asked – “In the past as an NBR we have been able to reserve parks, with no fees, whether that's like an ongoing event that we do, or just a single event, and recently we've been made aware that we're going to have to start paying for every event that we do next summer we're looking at doing weekly events, maybe once or twice a week kind of like C.A.B.A and a few other organizations, so I wanted to see if, that is all across the board. Are all NBR’s paying for their weekly events or is that something they pay yearly fee for? or I'm just getting mixed information so that's what I was asking.”
 - Angel Obert responded – “I think you we should probably touch base if it's going to be more of a regular event we do work with NBR’S, but I would ask typically when we do work with NBR’s, it is the you know Director, Exec Director of that organization. I can talk offline about that.”
- Bridget Holton-Deere asked that her information be passed on to Laura Calwell with the Friends of Kaw Point and asked if there was a package deal set up to view all three holiday lighting events, Jack Webb stated that they are all three sperate.
- Billy Brame asked if the Fisher Park won the Dog Park contest, Angel Obert replied that unfortunately it did not, but they would keep looking for opportunities for the project.
- Ty Collins stated – “I'll just close this out by saying again, thank you for all your hard work and continuing to get out there and bird dog for funds in places where Parks and Rec may not normally find funding, so that we can continue to move these different projects forward. I know that since Angel has come on board our grant, I guess we came on more about same time so I can't really say that much about before, but I've consistently heard about grant funding coming through since Angel. So that's something that I want to continue to encourage you to do, but then also you know, congratulate you and thank you for work you continue to do for that.”
 - Angel Obert stated – “I just want to add to that, too, we want to thank you guys as Board Members for continuing to be engaged and you know come to these meetings and also advocate to our elected body, and because we certainly couldn't have done anything that we've done in the past, at least five

years, without your support so it's just really important that we have that, and you know it goes a long way. I know I was talking with Miss Wyatt at a couple weeks ago about her support, and you know we were kind of reflecting back on all the great things we've accomplished with the Bea Lee Center and you know, sometimes I don't think we give ourselves enough credit for working together and to stop, and you know, take a look at all the great things that we have accomplished so thank you guys, for your support to.”

VI – ADJOURNMENT

Ty Collins requested a motion to adjourn, Jeff Sachen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John McTaggart, Meeting adjourned at 6:48PM

Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Ty Collins, Chairman