

MINUTES OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY CO/KCK  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
September 9th, 2020

The September 9th, 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 6:04 p.m. by Patricia Gates, Secretary. 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  
John McTaggart, Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Beatrice Lee, Member  
Jeff Sachen, Second Vice Chair  
Tammy Romstad, KCKPS  
Craig Howell, Member

**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**

### **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by John McTaggart to adopt the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda, was seconded by Ty Collins Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting are presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Ty Collins, seconded by John McTaggart to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **2. Correspondence**

- No correspondence was given

## **III – OLD BUSINESS**

- Election of First Vice Chairman –
  - John McTaggart nominated Ty Collins for First Vice Chairman. Patricia Gates seconded the nomination.
  - Carolyn Wyatt nominated Faith Rivera for First Vice Chairman. Faith Rivera seconded the nomination.

A vote was taken per roll call, 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, John McTaggart. In order for the vote to pass there must be 6 votes for a nominee, therefor the vote did not pass and will be placed on the October agenda.

## IV NEW BUSINESS

- There was no New Business to report

### 1. Staff Agenda

- Jack Webb:
  - a) Inclusive Playground at the WYCO Park/Bonner – Jack stated – “We had the grand opening. If you haven't been out there, to take a look at it, please do. It’s a very nice system. The opening went well, we had to kind of downplay it a little bit to stay under 45 people so it was kind of grand opening that was strung out all day. Currently we're getting ready to break ground on a septic tank for a new rest room for the inclusive playground. It will go beside it so the new septic will be for shelter D and a new restroom. So, we'll kill two birds with one stone there because shelter D septic is not very operable right now. So, we figured, to get that going any day and hopefully we'll have the new restroom installed before the end of the year.”
  - b) City Park Field #3 – Jack stated – “That project has been put on hold, due to our engineering consultants. They mis figured the infield so we got to regroup and figure out the funding for that. So, right now that's been put on hold.
    - Billy Brame asked “So, mis figured the field in size? Mis figured the infield in size, like they had it placed as a different size.”
    - Jack Webb replied “Yes, Major League Baseball, with the grant, on their specs that they demand a special aggregate, it's very expensive. So, when they miss calculated the size of the infield it kind of threw a wrench in the whole deal for right now.”
    - Billy Brame asked - “So when they, when they put in for the grant. They said that the field was smaller than what it actually is? So, the people who are fulfilling the grant can only support a smaller infield is that how much?”
    - Jack Webb responded –“Well, for the Major League Baseball specs, the size of the infield is way more than twice the grant.”
    - Angel Obert stated – “Basically Billy, our engineers that we work with underestimated the square footage, so that was not found out until we moved forward with the project and like Jack said they miscalculated how much surfacing was needed. So we're having to go back and get the right calculation.”
    - Ty Collins asked – “With Jack indicating that it was maybe twice. Way more than twice the grant, do we anticipate potentially moving this to another field that might be more acceptable in size, or just putting it on hold and locating the funds from another source?”
    - Angel Obert responded – “I think we're going to work with MLB on this to see what they can do to work with us. I don't really know that we can relocate the field just because the grant has been written for City Park #3 and for a

youth field. But we'll have more information on that. So we're working with them and Benesch right now on the project.”

- c) Follow up on the CBDG Grant – “Jack Webb stated – “You know, that we are redoing City Park. They installed both the restrooms. They were going to pour the road today, but due to the weather, they did not. So that progress is coming along and it should be finished up within the next 30 days hopefully. We will be ready to start on out 2020 Clifton Park CBDGT money.”

- Angel Obert:

- a) Trail Project Presentation – Angel Obert stated “So, real quick, let me pull up this presentation here. I'm going to go over a trail project presentation that we've kind of been working on here in our department. One second everybody able to see that screen. Thank you. My apologies. Alright, so I'm going to walk you through this presentation of the trail networking development program that we've been working on this year, give you a little bit of background information about this project. Um, so the trail network and development program was implemented to facilitate the development and implementation of a more robust trails network throughout the, Wyandotte County Parks system that will allow for connection points to neighboring communities through the use of sidewalk improvements on street trails, bike paths, off road trails and other mixed use forms of trails. So, the new trail fund will be funded by the Tourism and Convention fund a special revenue fund used to improve, promote or generate additional tourism into Kansas City, Kansas and is distributed between the Convention of Visitors Bureau and the Unified Government. Funding has been allocated annually for this project. So, a little bit more history behind this, this bond used to be in the budget of Public Works and in 2019 Public Works decided that it would be a better fit in Parks and Recreation. So, the last year better part of 2019, 2020 we've been working together to figure out the best way to use these funds and we'll be working with the Commission to determine which park, we would like to start with to start putting in some trails and some good infrastructure for walkability. As you guys know, we have 54 parks and we'd love to see some sidewalks and trails in all of our parks, as we do have good topography and we could use more sidewalks and walking trails, but the following four parks that we will walk you through were chosen through information that was gathered by the two that the 2017 Parks Master Plan as you guys probably remember that process. Those of you that were here for that. As well as other items such as parking. This next slide is just a little bit how these parks will be or the trails will be created and so they will all be 10 foot wide ADA compliant. So, this is just a basic graphic here of your four inches of pavement on top of the four inches of gravel. So, the first park we will go through his Klamm Park. So the proposed trail for Klamm Park would be approximately .8 miles long and like I said all the trails would be 10 foot wide and would be ADA compliant and they would all be created the same with the four inches of pavement on top with the four inches of gravel below. and if you see here to the right. This map is a depiction of Klamm Park itself, and this purple lining is the depiction of what the trail would look like through the park. Like I said, that would be a .8 mile long loop around the park and this project would be estimated to be completed in five phases. The next park would be Rosedale Park. So, you

see here in the picture again the purple is the proposed trail throughout the park. So, this proposed trail in purple. It would be approximately a little bit over half a mile .65 miles long. Again, the 10 feet wide, ADA compliant components of the trail and it is projected that this trail would be completed in three phases. The third Park, we have is Pierson Park. So, the map here is an outline of a part of Pierson. So, in the purple. You have this one split into two proposed trails one up here at the top and then you've got the bottom starting here at shelter two and kind of coming down around. Again, it would be 10 feet wide, ADA compliant and this park is projected to be completed in seven phases. And then lastly we have Wyandotte County Park. So, you've got the picture here of the entire park this in purple would be the proposed trail down in this area, it would be approximately one mile long again 10 feet wide, ADA compliant and it would take approximately seven phases to complete the trail here at Wyandotte County Park and I will go back and say a lot of amenities are in these parks. I'll go back to Klamm Park and speak about that. I kind of skipped over that. But Klamm Park, you know, there the amenities, there would be playground. There's a medium sized shelter here at Klamm park you have basketball courts, baseball fields, tennis courts restrooms for some pretty good open green space. So, it does get used. As you know Rosedale Park, it's used often and there's a lot of pedestrians walking on the streets within this park. They've got a nice playground their large shelter your baseball and softball fields. There's a skatepark located here in Rosedale and our most popular is the disc frisbee golf and if you're out there that Park is packed pretty much every day and on the weekends. Pierson Park, one of our larger parks also has, you know, the playgrounds tennis courts large shelters also includes the skate park with a splash pad and fishing lake. So, we do see a lot of pedestrians, walk, walk in inside of this park as well on the street so it's a good testimony of where we could use some more safe infrastructure for pedestrians to utilize the park better and then lastly Wyandotte County Park, as you know, Jack mentioned the inclusive playground was just installed here and a lot of good amenities of Wyandotte County Park large shelters, restrooms, small fishing ponds in this area. Another popular disc golf course here. You got your tennis courts, skatepark. This park has a lot of amenities and especially after adding the inclusive playground is really more of your destination park. This park has a high level of pedestrians, walkers out in the street, getting their exercise and we have identified this as a big need to install some infrastructure for safer walkability and exercise. And so, people can walk through out our parks, a little more safely. Those are the four parks that have been reviewed and we are proposing and so we'd kind of like to get some feedback from The Park Board and hear your opinions and see what parks you guys like best for this project.”

- Ty Collins asked – “Were the trails that were designed, was that designed in house or outside? Just curious how they decided to locate each of the trails and why some of them were very linked.”
- Angel Obert responded – “So we worked with Benesch on designing those trails. So they were able to, and Jack can probably talk a little bit more on this, but scout the land and see where we could more easily put a walking trail within that park and make our dollar go farther and because some of these parks, as you know, that we do have good typography. But when it comes to installing trails and sidewalks like that, and when you start getting into grading. It can get pretty pricey. So we

work together with Benesch and, you know, had the professionals help guide us on that.”

- Jack Webb responded “Yeah, we gave them kind of area we think this should go and they put it on paper.”
- Faith Rivera stated - “I got a question. So, with this um, this information. With this projects and stuff like that. Is there, like, a certain like or is there like a 1, 2, 3? Or like how you guys are rating the parks on who do you want to get the money first? Or who goes first, or anything like that. And then also too with the like I go to Rosedale park a lot because of skate park, as well as tennis courts and it's just a great park. I really do. It's right down the street from my house and with that being said, with the parks and stuff like that with the trails is it just going to be the sidewalk or is there going to be like are you guys going to add are we going to add trees to it. Or we're going to make it a little bit more like, or is it just going to be sidewalk.”
- Jack Webb responded – “This is just the sidewalk.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Okay that funding is just allocated for the infrastructure.”
- Faith Rivera replied – “All right. Thank you. And, anything about the rating of how they're gonna, like is it 123 like how it's going to like how it's going to be done, like who's gets like are we going to just be able to do all four or five parks or is it, or if we're going to get allocated a little bit of money like how's this, how's this going to work in entail like, is it all or none. Or is it 123? We're hoping everything?”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yep, so like we said, of course, we'd like to, you know, as long as the funding is there, we'd like to continue with this project for years to come. But right now where we're starting with this and Parks and Recreation taking over. You know, we've landed on these four parks, based on the information and the research through the master plans. So, now what we're doing is taking it to you guys as The Park Board, getting your information on which Park. You think we should start with and then from there we'll take it to commission and really look to them to help give us guidance on where to begin. And so as long as funding permits, we'd like to be able to say, okay, we've completed this project. Let's come back here and now we've got, you know, these three parks and go through that process again.
- Faith Rivera responded – “Awesome. Awesome. Awesome looks like, like I said like you've addressed Rosedale Park is very busy I go there. I know it's always busy. It actually is one of the National Frisbee Golf. I didn't know that. I didn't know that was in my community, and like until a couple years ago. So I do think like this would be really important for Rosedale. So I'm down for Rosedale and I also to do, I do Wyandotte County Park a lot lived close. I used to live close to there as well, and I know that that's an important park as well. I drive it often I take my dog and I think that's an important Park as well.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Faith, thank you for that.”
- Carolyn Wyatt stated – “Ok, I would say Wyandotte County Park. There is a lot of walking out there, but there's a lot of room to walk and there's trails already out

there at Wyandotte County Park. The one on 126<sup>th</sup> St. That's what I'm talking about. Yeah 126<sup>th</sup> & State. Okay. Yes. A lot of walking like a big park. So, there's plenty of space to walk out there so they don't really need a walking trail. I've been out there a lot. So, I think that they can eliminate that one as walking trail. I was gonna say that Klamm Park. They use it a lot, baseball, they have a lot of baseball on the weekends out there. And there's nowhere to walk because it's just a drive around is the drive around 26<sup>th</sup> all around 22<sup>nd</sup>. So, it's nowhere, there's nowhere to walk out there unless you walk in the street.”

- Faith Rivera responded – “And I will say there, and Klamm Park is a huge beautiful park. I'd like to say that, as well. It's under, I think it's under used. And I think that as Miss Carolyn is saying is that it does need a walking park as well.
- Carolyn Wyatt stated – “They play a lot of baseball out there you go out there on the weekends. It's just cars parked, and there is nowhere to walk, cause all the cars are parked along the side. So, I'm just letting you know that.”
- Angel Obert responded - “Thank you. Carolyn. We appreciate that feedback.”
- Faith Rivera replied – “And you guys in in Parks and Recs whatever you guys do I mean I every time I drive by it. It is. It is. The most beautiful park and I was like I've drove around it and stuff like that. But like as Miss Carolyn says that there's no way to enjoy the beautiful you guys keep it well kept. It's really nice. And so, I will advise say the same thing is that there's not, you can't just walk in there and enjoy the huge, beautiful park that you guys upkeep so well. It reminds me a lot of Loose Park, to be honest with you. But with no walking trail.”
- Pat Gates stated – “I would like to comment that I too have visited Rosedale Park several times back when the Wyandotte County Park foundation was assisting in part in the creation of that gorgeous big playground and there are people all over that park using that park. So, I think at Rosedale would be a great place to begin with a walking trail and I also agree that Klamm would be an excellent spot because they don't have a walking trail. I do have a little bit of concern about the Wyandotte County Lake because I'm there pretty regularly and there are a lot of people walking in the road and it's quite a curvy road. So, that would be a secondary priority, I think, you know, Rosedale and Klamm would be two good places to focus it if you can't do all four of them. But if you can do some at all four of them. Then Wyandotte County Lake would benefit from getting people off of the road.”
- Angel Obert responded – “And it would be there and I'm sure you know this this Pat, but it would be the Park, not the Lake Park.”
- Pat Gates responded – “Oh, thank you for correcting me. Thank you for clarifying that.”
- Angel Obert stated - “I was following you, but I just didn't want anyone else to get confused. It does get confusing. Since we have, Wyandotte County Park and then Wyandotte County Lake Park. So, this would be the Park with inclusive playground.”
- Pat Gates responded – “I'm going to change this in my notes. So, it's the one, the one, off State that is was before I'll change my notes.”

- Bridget Holton-Deere stated – “I would like to see us start with Klamm. Because they seem to be the one that needs it the most, and then I'm not sure which one you'd go after that. I'm not familiar with Pierson as far as walking around there.”
- Billy Brame stated – “I would also like to recommend Klamm, then Rosedale that seems to be where we're getting towards a consensus.”
- Ty Collins stated – “Yeah, I don't think there's a bad choice on the list. I think these are four great options. One thing I will say is if the funding is going to be allocated for these and that, that money is not going to be accessible for any other project, I'd be really interested in seeing if there's any way we can put in partial trails. Like, I noticed one of those had, had sort of like a dead end. It didn't make a full loop. So, it'd be interesting to see if there's any way we can spread, the spread the wealth, a little bit. Yeah, I think that's the one I was thinking of Rosedale at one point in time, dead, dead ends it probably comes off a parking lot and so that's that I'm probably kind of going crazy there.”
- Faith Rivera stated – “I think that's the baseball, I think. Isn't that where it is ends at the baseball field?”
- Ty Collins responded – “There you go. Yeah, okay. Yeah. Um, another thing. I think that is great about Rosedale, I mean we played baseball, we played baseball at Klamm at Sumner and the time that I've been there. But another thing that's great about Rosedale, is it with it being in three phases. It's going to be completed relatively quickly. And we can move on to addressing another park quicker as opposed to maybe whichever one of those was a seven-phase trail. I think it you know on it, it would be better. I would be for going with one of the shorter-term trails just so we could see some benefit quicker.”
- Bridget Holton-Deere asked – “The Pierson Park. Is that the one that has two trails that are like disconnected.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yes.”
- Bridget Holton-Deere asked – “Is there any way to connect? What's the green in between, I guess?”
- Angel Obert responded – “Lots of trees and hills”
- Bridget Holton-Deere responded “Oh, maybe we will just work our way through there.”
- Faith Rivera stated – “Bridget I like where you're going, though, maybe we can do some rock climbing.”
- Bridget replied – “There you go.”
- Pat Gates replied – “Off trail...”
- Faith Rivera replied – “That will be a different project!”
- Angel Obert responded – “Any other questions or comments. What I would like to do is we'll go around and just get your guys's preference individually. If there's no more questions, comments?”
- Ty Collins asked – “Can we do a roll call. Just to make that simpler. So we don't all try to talk at the same time.”
- Angel Obert replied - “Yes sir.”
- Pat Gates replied – “Yes, I like that.”

There was a vote taken for the Park Boards suggestion on which park the trails project should begin with. The vote went as follows:

- Carolyn Wyatt – Klamm Park
- Bridget Holton-Deere – Klamm Park
- Faith Rivera – Klamm Park and Rosedale Park
- Ty Collins – Rosedale Park
- John McTaggart – Did not vote
- Pat Gates – Klamm Park and Rosedale Park
- Billy Brame – Klamm Park and then Rosedale Park
- Angel Obert responded – “Thank you, and then that is all I have for my portion.”
- Pat Gates stated “Angel, I want to thank you for this presentation it was very clear and well done. Thank you.”

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

- Faith Rivera commented – Wished Ms. Beatrice Lee a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! And stated that the presentation given by Angel Obert was wonderful.
- Carolyn Wyatt asked – “Angel. Did you hear any more about the ADA money?”
- Angel Obert responded – “The ADA money, Jack did you? Were you able to get with Michael Peterson about that. I think we did reach out to our budget analysts and it is not in our capital schedule.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Okay, well I’m gonna double check. Cause I heard different. Okay well thanks.”
- Faith Rivera stated – “I got a question too. The last meeting we had with Miss Rose Mulvaney. Did anybody contact her and find out what the output was? Did everybody contact, Miss. Miss Mulvaney and Henry Mulvaney and advise her, you know about her golf, her husband, being able to I guess it's chip. I don't know about golfing or did anybody contact her and follow up with her as well.”
- Jack Webb responded – “We followed up, but we are having a hard time finding out who she talked to.”
- Faith Rivera replied - “But she's okay but her husband's okay to do what he the chipping of the whatever he's doing or whatever he's okay to do that?”
- Jack Webb responded – “Yes.”
- Faith Rivera responded – “Okay. Just want to make sure that she's okay, with that. All right, thank you. That's it.”
- Ty Collins stated – “Just out of curiosity. I know we've had a couple of board members who I don't know if it's, if it's a technology issue or what it is that haven't been with us in a while. Um, is there anything we can do from a department perspective. Like, I'm sure. We can't allow extraneous people into any of the park’s offices or anywhere like that where they might have access to technology. But I figure it's just worth an ask, just in case they're having trouble accessing so.”
- Carolyn Wyatt stated – “They send us the information in the packet.”

- Faith Rivera responded – “Yes, so like Miss Bea Lee and Carolyn. Like I was talking to them before to make sure that they got on you know because of technical issues and stuff like that. And so we looked into the packets and stuff like that. And I was like, well, let's see if it's in the packets and you know like the call information or something like that because you know, some people have technical difficulties of using of email and stuff like that so as you asked Ty, could somebody like send it to people in the packets that we get, like, what the information is because I did get them the telephone number and stuff like that but the situation is, it's kind of confusing, because we use my phone when I did the three way. There's a web. There's a webinar number that you have to put in and then there's a password you put in. If we could like maybe have that in written form and send it to them, to send it to everybody, not them, but everybody and maybe that would help a lot, because I would love to. I can help them if we can get that in like paper form and I could say hey grab that piece of paper and maybe highlight just for some people, or everybody you know the web number and then the password. Because it is kind of confusing, especially for certain people. But that's all I gotta say. It's confusing to me I it took me a minute. But I figured I figured three way. I said, Hey, let's do three way we can figure it out that way.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “Angel? Yeah, when you send the packet, if you could send the packet. The password wasn't right, so if you could send the information in the packet then I would have it, and once I got on the web or not I could call it in if I got the right numbers but sometime I don't have the right numbers. So, wouldn't be that hard just to put those numbers in there. So, then I could have the numbers.”
- Angel Obert replied – “Yep, and we'll make sure to have that the information is in the packets moving forward.”
- Faith Rivera asked – “And could you highlight the webinar number and the password, please. Just because I think that's the confusion.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yes, we'll get it.”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “It wasn't in there. I just, I just need to know what it is.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yes, we got you Carolyn.”
- Pat Gates stated – “My comment is, I was so thrilled to be invited and included at the accessible playground out at Wyandotte Park. What an amazing example of different government entities working together to create something very special here. Good job, everybody involved, and thank you for an inviting us to be there.”
- Commissioner Philbrook stated – “This is Commissioner Philbrook. I just want to say that without Hal Walker stirring it up for quite a few years and demanding that we have this inclusive playground and then Jeremy kind of going along with it and helping get that move forward we would not have that inclusive playground. That and the Turf Fund donating a good chunk of the change to it, put it over the top. So, I'm extremely happy with it. And thanks Jack and Angel for following through on that.”

- Jack Webb responded – “Your welcome.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Thank you, Commissioner.”
- Patricia Gates asked – “Are there any other concerns to come before the group? Then I'm happy to hear a motion for adjournment.”

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Ty Collins moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John McTaggart,  
Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM

Motion Carried (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

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Patricia Gates, Secretary