



**Mission Parks, Recreation & Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020**

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday October 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Anne O'Leary, Jaque Gameson, Karin Capron, Mary Funk, Ben Chociej and Mellissa Currie. Hillary Parker-Thomas - Council Liaison.

Penn Almoney and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent: Mary Ryherd, David Schwenk, Lea Loudon and Nick Schlossmacher, Council Liaison.

Terri Baugh, Mission Sustainability Commission - Guest
Banks Floodman, Sunflower Development Group - Guest

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Welcome Jenny Smith - Jenny opted out of the meeting - will be at the November meeting.
- Penn shared with the members two upcoming events with the Parks and Recreation Department:
 - Howl-O-Ween - Saturday, October 24th - Andersen Park - Bring your dogs and have a great time with contests, prizes, games, etc. Fee is \$5 per dog.
 - Thanks for Seniors - Thursday, November 19th. This year will be a different event. It will be a drive through. Partnering with a few businesses for this event. Any member who is interested in stuffing bags can contact Jenny. Stuffing will be on November 16th or 17th. Please contact Jenny if you are able to assist.
- Welcome Banks Floodman - Sunflower Development Group
Mark welcomed Banks who shared information on the Mission Bowl Site. He shared the importance of dog parks in our multi-family community.
They feel they have a great opportunity to drive constituents to this site.
The dog park will be on the west side of the project - The Peanut has some parking in that area as well..
They want to create a surf dog park for residents of the facility and also the community.
The park will allow anyone using the Rock Creek Trail to take their dogs to go play while out walking their pets on the trail.
Engage the entire community.

Pocket fitness parks - areas to use as fitness while out on a walk.
Creating additional amenities on the Rock Creek Trail.
Tie in nicely with the overall objective of the City of Mission.
161-168 Class A apartment units.
On-site management and security.
Five stories - no basement.
Parking garage and parking under the structure.
Storage will be built in.
There will be a few parking stalls for residents to use to visit the dog park.
Hope to break ground in April or May of 2021.
Mark asked for a schematic design.
Banks will send this to Penn who will share it with the members, but requested that we not focus too much on the building as he will be changing some items.
Banks would love to have committee members feedback on the amenities perspective.
He would like to be invited back to future meetings.

REVIEW

- **Approve Minutes**

Change the spelling for the sentence - Anee discussed the bench at Streamway -
change to Anne.

Section on Land Water Conservation Grant - Jacque felt this was mainly for Mohawk -
did this need to be clarified? Changed her mind after re-reading.

Mary Funk requested adding numbers on the pages of the minutes for easier review.

Mary Funk moved and **Karin Capron** seconded to approve the minutes with changes.
Motion carried - 7-0.

- **Poster Contest Winner Council presentation - October 21st**

This event is still a go!!
Presentation will be at 7:00 pm.
All members invited to attend via zoom.

- **Playground Equip Update**

Cycle through each of the playgrounds.
Mohawk - replaced coating on slides,
Finishing up at Waterworks. Nuts and bolts replaced.
Thanks to Public Works for their hard work.
Penn will reach out to Crux to get a special brand for the parks for the sales tax
marketing.

- **Trees for Prairie Village**

Dennis Patton JoCo K-State Research & Extension -

Karin Capron and Mary Ryherd attended this presentation virtually.

Penn shared the handout with the list of preferred trees which was part of the presentation.

Karin thought Dennis was favorable about the Catalpa Tree in his presentation, but the Catalpa was not on the list, which she found interesting.

Penn shared with the group that we will have a Catalpa tree which will be planted at Andersen Park next week.

Dennis is very accessible if we need his assistance.

Jacque stated Dennis is very good about putting people on the right path and it was great that Prairie Village opened this presentation to the public.

We will plan to use the document information from Dennis as we continue to plant trees in our City.

Karin believes the talk was taped and we could inquire if anyone else wants to listen to the information.

- **Recommended Trees for Metro KC**

This item was not discussed as the information was in the shared documentation from Dennis Paton.

- **September community drive thru event**

Penn shared that staff and Mary Funk gave out 450 bags.

Mark picked up some of the bags from the Powell Center and has been passing them out to kids on his street. They are thrilled.

Mary stated that the public greatly appreciated the event.

The Streamway - Spooky Walk event went great.

Terri Baugh participated with her grandson and they had a great time.

- **Trees planted: No American Linden at Beverly**

The American Linden scheduled to be planted at Beverly Park will be postponed as the nurseries are out of this tree for the season. .

The Catalpa will be planted in Andersen this week.

River Birch planted recently at Mohawk.

- **Tree City USA Application**

Penn and Jacque will work on the application the first of November.. The application is due December 31st.

Discussion:

- Mission Parks Tour
Andersen Park

Information was included in the packet on feedback from members.:

Mark stated that he walks by the park almost every day and people are using the tennis courts.
Anne requested taking down the sign - No hard balls.

Splash pad closed on October 1st. Working with a contractor to activate the system to come on when patrons are using it.

May try to look at having it coming on once every two hours for people to see to encourage usage.

Repairs - items need to be completed.

Improvements - bigger ticket items.

Anne stated that this park has several items that have been donated.

Do we want to set up a system for donations?

Penn wants to make sure that we have a system in place to show what is needed Citywide.

Mary stated that Fairway has a list of items listed before they are donated.

We could make up a list of items to be donated and then we could keep a list on the website - suggested by Ben.

Ben asked about the status of all the "electrical junk" hanging off poles in Andersen.

Penn will request the assistance of Public Works to get this cleaned up.

Big item at Andersen is the drainage.

Discussion for a future date.

The cork board was changed in the bulletin board and items are in place, specifically, The Championship Tree Program information.

Confluence has also been working on using park information on the City survey.

Penn reported that the Eagle project at Mohawk was completed this week. Trail counters were installed and they have a laser counter which will track the number of people using the trail.

Mary is glad to see us using scouts for these projects.

There is still a tree to be removed close to City Hall, but it will not be removed until we will have a tree to be replanted. Need to get this taken care of.

- Bioswale at Broadmoor Park. et al.

Received direction from Bridging the Gap. They will assist with mulching and trimming of trees.
Mary Funk will watch the mulching to see it is done correctly.

Still talking to landscape firms to see if they can see what should be in the Bioswales.
Mary Funk thanked Karin and Jacque for helping her clean up the Bioswale.

End of November is the deadline for the Championship Tree Contest. Penn will put a reminder on social media on Friday.

Upcoming notes meeting

Wed, October 21st - Council Meeting - Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner - Zoom;
Wed, November 4th - Community Development Meeting
Mon, Nov 16th - PRT Meeting - Zoom

Assignments for next meeting:

Review PRT calendar of discussion
Penn showed the calendar
Tree City Application
Deadline for Championship Tree
Holiday Lights and Festive Sights - Jenny will share at the November meeting.
Schedule teacher meeting for poster contest - probably zoom meeting.

Discuss which park for the November meeting.

Waterworks Park - Penn will share the suggestions from PRT members.
Jacque has been watching the maple tree in Waterworks for the tree to turn to determine what kind of maple it is. If anyone sees the leaf colors change, please grab a leaf and put it in Jacques mailbox. She is watching to see if it changes to a red or purple to get the proper species to put that information on the sign.

Ben asked about the items on the meeting for the Community Development Agenda.
Penn reported that touchless fixtures are going in all the facilities and will get paid through the CARES funding.
Also purchasing two Clorox 360 machines.
Propose a rider scrubber to use on the walking track to get better cleaning.
Wayfinding signs - discussion item on the agenda. Penn has been asked to come back to the November meeting with specifics. Penn will be working with the City of Overland Park on ideas they are implementing.
Looking at scaling the plan up or down.
Park related signs would come out of the PRT budget. City signs may come out of the general fund.

Jacque asked about the meeting with Public Works and Laura and Penn.
Penn reported that they had discussed the standard operating procedures for the parks.

Certain parks that need mowing once a week as opposed to twice a week.

Need to have someone keeping an eye on it.

The City posted hiring a Park Attendant to work in all the parks under the umbrella of Parks & Recreation. Penn has received four applicants to date.

Mark plugged the Mission Magazine - especially the cover story on Jay Fler.

Penn shared the plaque for the Celebration Tree planted in Mohawk Park, which is posted on the City website. Penn stated that another patron wants to plant two trees and so he feels like this program is doing well.

Mary Funk moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jacque Gameson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor