



**Mission Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020**

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

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

Penn Almoney and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

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

Guest: Terri Baugh - Sustainability Committee.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

REVIEW

Approve Minutes

Corrections:

Karin apologized for making a statement regarding the comments she made on the renaming of Mohawk Park in the November meeting;

Clear the margin on page 2 - Claus - calls with Santa.

Jacque Gameson moved and **Mary Funk** seconded to approve with changes.

Motion passed 8-0.

Broadmoor Park Stakeholder Steering Committee

Play features with updated pictures - Concept A:

New Element included - A pump track - kids on bikes or any wheeled items, scooters, skateboards, etc. to be able to play. Feature in the northeast corner;

New full house shelter - can accommodate 75-100 people. Old pavilion would stay and build a new one in the parking lot;

Play features;

Dog Park;

Courts - lined for pickleball and basketball.

Concept B

Parking would be more convenient if closer to the pavilion;

Include more of a nature scape;

Building a natural play feature;
Splash pad - a little larger than concept A;
Dog park takes up more of the corner;
Ballpark will still be there;
Anne wanted to make sure that the ballfield stays since it is the only ballfield we have in the City;
New features are great, but keep some of the old features as well;
Adding a second parking lot takes a lot of parkland;
Mark agrees with Anne;
Mark would like to see the rain garden and the pump track added;
Ben would like to encourage parking on 57th street as park parking with pedestrian access closer to the shelter;
Ben suggested that all we would need are some signs - Park parking.;
Anne asked about the Splash Pad Feature - staffing?
Penn reported that it can be maintained with one staff member;
Anne was also concerned about the staffing of the dog park;
Anne and Mary Funk like the idea of the pump track;
Mary asked about the bridge and ditch - would they remain?
Discussion about the ball field;
Anne asked about what will be featured in the park for adults;
Penn stated that there might be an option of some exercise portals;
Anne does not see that in the design. Penn stated that the idea was mentioned after the concept was put together;
Ben asked about picnic areas for people to lunch towards the westside with some shade;
Could program with food trucks;
Karin suggested more benches around the walking area;
Only one end would have a hoop for basketball and then the area would be lined for basketball and pickleball;
Penn asked about the baseball field moving to the southeast corner;
Anne stated that the drainage ditch is in that area for a reason;
Anne worries that the basketball and pickleball courts will have the same problem as the tennis courts at Andersen Park with the cracking, etc.;
Discussion regarding the dog park. Anne stated that it should be where it is in Concept A so it is closer to the parking.

Ben suggested that Concept A looks good with just a couple of tweaks;
The splash pad is an expensive feature and if needed to save money that it could be removed;
Also could be used if there is a sand area - such as at Lake Olathe;
If the decision is between the Pump Track and the Splash Pad - the Pump Track would be better since there is nothing like that in this area;

Jacque suggested putting in a zipline. It could be a small zipline that does not need to be staffed;
Picture of a nature play zipline which could be fun but Anne suggested that it should be put in Waterworks Park for the older kids;
Mark likes the rain garden being incorporated into Concept A;
Mellissa feels like Concept B is more appealing;
This information was just to receive feedback to finalize the Concepts more;
Two half courts would enable us to attract more people to the park;
Discussion on how big of a demand there is for Basketball play;
Neighbors will be asked to weigh in as there are two families on the Steering Committee.

Penn reminded commission members to shoot him an email if they think of anything else.

Park Technician Interviews

Penn provided information that from 88 applicants it was brought down to 8 and now it is down to 3 and Penn feels like out of the remaining three, there is a good candidate for the position. Jeff from Public Works assisted with the interviews.

Penn gave the applicants projects for them to prioritize and explain their answers to him;
This was a practical exam and Penn found this beneficial;
Penn was impressed with the 3 candidates. If we extend an offer to the top candidate and they reject, he does not have a problem offering to one of the other candidates;
Penn will make an offer this week;
Park Technician could be in place the first week of January.

January PRT Meeting pushed back due to MLK Day

The meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, January 25th.

Bench

Penn shared pictures of the bench to be dedicated to Mark Raduziner in Andersen Park for his ten years as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission;
Mark will stay on the Commission and thanked everyone for the bench.

Anne O'Leary moved that we pay for the remaining balance due on the bench from PRT funds;

Karin Capron seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-0 with Mark Raduziner not voting.

Global Youth Service Day Tree Donation

Five local high schools are teaming up to plant up to 200 trees in the region. We have agreed to accept 12 trees and our team will maintain them the rest of the year. We have to provide some equipment and the mulch.

The projected planting date with the National Honor Society is on April 24th.

- 4 Ginkgo
- 4 Norway Spruce
- 2 Tulip Poplar
- 2 Bald Cypress
- **TOTAL- 12**

Mohawk Park Plantings (6649 Lamar Ave, Mission, KS)

- 2 Ginkgo, 2 Norway Spruce, 2 Bald Cypress, 1 Tulip Poplar

Broadmoor Park Plantings (5701 Broadmoor Ave, Mission, KS)

- 2 Ginkgo, 2 Norway Spruce, 1 Tulip Poplar

Seven trees will be planted at Mohawk with the other five to be planted at Broadmoor Park; The goal is to have the trees planted in the spring.

We will be a part of the decision as to where they will be planted and that we can be present at the planting. Also this will be great information to put into the Tree City Application for next year.

Thanks For Seniors Drive Thru

Mark and Mary assisted with this event. Mark was impressed with Jenny and Nick. Great event. We made a small margin on this event. Had five sponsors and we only charged a small fee for the participants.

Polar Express Activity

This event went well. A Mothers blog group hosted this activity and we were able to participate with our new branding, giving out a color changing cup, and several other items from the City of Mission, marketing to a larger region than just the City of Mission.

DISCUSSION

Mohawk Park - new name?

Mark asked how Milhaven got its name. Jacque provided some of the history regarding the Miller Family Farm;

Anne commented that this is timely as the Shawnee Mission School District is having discussions on renaming their mascots;

Mary feels like Milhaven Park is appropriate due to the location;

Anne suggested using tree names instead of people names;

Penn wanted members to generate plenty of ideas;

When we break ground this is a good time to make a change;

Mary suggested Pioneer Park;

Penn provided some local history;
This is just an idea to rename Mohawk exclusively.

Mark suggested everyone download Ottocast as an App to your phone about the history of the City of Mission. This may provide you some ideas.

Penn has a proposal - he requested each member send him a name for the Park so that he can start fine tuning.

Monument Signs and Wayfinding Review

Penn shared proposed changes on the feedback from the last meeting.

Finalizing a Wayfinding Sign to present to Council. Penn is looking for a vision he can share.

Discussion on the options.

Penn will work on the 3 options remaining and continue to make changes.

Championship Tree Nominations

Three nominations were included in the email.

Discussion on all three nominations took place.

Mark asked for a vote on the Championship Tree for 2020,

1. Pin Oak won with 4 votes, owner Ronnie Vaughn, nominated by friends and neighbors of Dick and Marilyn King;
2. Red Bud got second with 3 votes;
3. Cherry received one vote.

Members are encouraged to look for trees and hand out the application form to those they find worthy.

The City of Mission thanked everyone for their participation on the Commission so a tree has been planted in their name in one of the Parks around the world.

Happy Holidays to all.

Next meeting will be on January 25th.

Anne O'Leary will be the chair and **Jacque Gameson** will be the vice-chair.

Mary Funk moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mellissa Currie seconded.

Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor, Parks + Recreation