



**Mission Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2021**

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Anne O’Leary, Jacque Gameson, Karin Capron, Ben Chocie, David Schwenk, Mary Ryherd, Amy Warren + Emily Rollheiser.

Penn Almoney + Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent: Mellissa Currie, Hillary Parker-Thomas and Nick Schlossmacher, Council Liaison.

Guest: Terri Baugh – Sustainability Commission

**Anne O’Leary** called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

**REVIEW**

**Approve Minutes:**

**Jacque Gameson moved and Karin Capron seconded to approve the minutes with no changes.**

**Motion passed – 9-0.**

**Bunny Eggstravaganza + You’ve Been Egged Review:**

Penn gave an overview and stated patron’s loved the events and we will continue the events next year. The You’ve Been Egged event was on Friday with eighteen participants registered. The Eggstravaganza was on Saturday at Broadmoor Park. The first egg time was filled with seventy-five registered and the second was about half full, but not everyone who registered showed up so the kids got lots of eggs. Great entertainment from Janie Next Door, accordion player and a mime and stilt walker. Mission Police Department staff also participated. Special thanks to the Bunnies – Nilo Fanska and Talon Almoney.

**Benches + Wayfinding UPDATE:**

Mark’s bench is complete and we are waiting another week for the other bench which is to go in Broadmoor. Park. As soon as they arrive, Mark and Penn will look for a spot in Andersen Park for Mark’s bench.

Wayfinding – Penn provided a copy of a document that showed suggested areas for signage. Quite a few locations have been determined already. CRUX has the information and is now designing the signage which Penn will send to Sign-Pro to complete, probably about ten days – two weeks out.

**Beverly Monument + Waterworks UPDATE:**

Jacque had proposed some updates to the monuments at Beverly Park and Sign Pro will install them within the next week.

Waterworks Park – There is a puddle of water on the south end and Penn has called in Water ONE and hopes to find out where the water is coming from. He thinks there may be a leaking pipe underground. Anne stated that there has always been a puddle in that location, but hopefully Water ONE can help.

**Park Improvements:**

Taylor Shaffer laid down mulch in the parks. Excess mulch is at Streamway and Taylor will spread it around the paths from the apartments to the park.

Moved a tree from the parking lot in Andersen to the park in Andersen. Taylor and Penn moved the tree themselves. It was a large tree!!

Thanks to Amy Warren's recommendation Pearl Harbor Park has been adopted by The Redwood Group which is the business at the corner of Martway and Nall. They are very excited to have their name on the park adoption signage and will work with Penn on the expectations.

**Mohawk Park UPDATE:**

Penn shared that we have received some movement on the Land and Water Conservation Funding. They are currently reviewing the grant applications and should determine the grant within the next 2-3 weeks. This gives Penn time to set up the next meeting for area residents. If we do receive the funding, Penn is confident on a ground breaking to start working on Phase I of the park improvement.

A patron called about an ADA compliance on the east side of Mohawk Park and it has been fixed.

Karin shared that she had gone by the park last week and stated that it was very busy with lots of children playing.

Sustainability Commission – Anne attended the last meeting and reported that they are a wonderful group of people They had a guest speaker – Charles Marx and she reported on his efforts to the committee.

She stated that he is interested in being involved with the Sylvester Powell facility as well.

They have a strategic planning retreat every couple of years to plan ahead.

Anne thought this concept may be helpful for the PRT Commission to work on.

Sustainability Commission members are concerned about changes to Johnson Drive.

Sustainability Commission presented an award to the LoCal for their sustainability efforts on their building.

Talked about budget items now being in the process for City Council and maybe PRT should be looking at this as well.

Terri stated that Anne gave a great report on what the Sustainability Commission is doing and she did not have any further comments.

Next Sustainability Commission meeting is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Emily Rollheiser volunteered to attend the next meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will still be virtual and the link should be on the City Calendar.

Penn reported that City Council is planning on an in person meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Penn asked about PRT Commission meeting in person for the June meeting. Everyone seems eager to meet in person on June 21. Penn stated that we can plan to meet in person, but still run the meeting virtually as well in case anyone is not comfortable.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Virtual Arbor Day Invite: April 30<sup>th</sup> - picture op – Kansas Forest Service.

Jacque reported on the invite from the Kansas Forest Service from Kim Bomberger. She wanted to provide the opportunity to all the cities, and Jacque will get with Kim to find out the details. Jacque will proceed and see what needs to be done.

Jacque will rely on Penn to assist with Facebook live.

Mark stated that we need to show the residents what we have been doing the last ten years so we can renew the 3/8 cent sales tax coming up next year.

Global Youth Service Day

Penn reported on The Global Youth Service Day event is coming up this Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Seven trees will be planted in Mohawk park, on the eastern and western edge. Five trees will be planted at Broadmoor Park. Penn will oversee the planting at Mohawk and Taylor will oversee the planting at Broadmoor Park. High school students will be digging the holes.

Jacque and Karin both volunteered to attend to be part of the event. Penn suggested they both come to Mohawk. Mary Ryherd is going to take pictures at both parks.

PARK Code Analysis: Youth Members, chair election, only pedestrian use on trails.

Use of the trails – Section 230.090

Anne stated that we no longer have the fitness courses at Waterworks Parks. Do we want to leave that in? Penn stated that it should be more generic than specific.

Do we feel like 230.090 needs to stay?

**Ben Chocie**j moved and **Jacque Gameson** seconded to recommend to Council that this section 230.090 be removed as this information is covered in the 230.260 section.

**Motion passed. - 8-0. Karin Capron opposed.**

Karin feels like when she is walking, she does not like to have bikes moving past her. Karin can not say that this is appropriate for all trails. Karin suggested that some be specifically designated for bicycles and others not be designated. Ben suggested park by park signage that states, “bicyclists dismount or bicycles go slowly, or ring bell when passing.”

Ben has seen signage in larger cities, but stated that we need to have some study completed. Penn stated that this typically happens in a viewing area such as waterfalls, or playgrounds etc. Signage for bicyclists dismount in this area, is normally seen where lots of people are in an area.

The park that is questionable is Streamway Park as it may not be a favorable bike trail.

Ben likes the bike trail in Waterworks Park to get between the two streets.

Ben suggested asking Bike Walk KC about how to get this started.

Discussion continued.

Anne asked if we need this particular section since there is another section that talks about parks.

230.260 is the other section – Use of Parks/Restrictions

Anne does not feel like we have designated any of the trails and we may need to rewrite this paragraph.

Stating that in this park and this park and this park – bicycles are permitted.

Ben suggested looking into the square signage for the trails, visibility and the continuity in all the parks.

Anne feels like it is important to have all or most of the parks available to bikes.

Penn will reach out to Bike Walk KC to see what the process should look like.

How do we want to denote where it is safe to have bikes on our trails?

Define motorized vehicles – how do we define motorized wheelchairs?

Section 220 prohibits motorized vehicles – so we don't need to have it twice.

Add an exception to wheelchairs for 220.

Anne feels like we need to rewrite this section.

Tilt to more positive language, but Penn will check with legal council on how to rewrite this section.

Add #3 – skateboards are prohibited in the parks.

Our parks welcome bicycles, roller blades, roller skates, except as where designated.

Motorized vehicles or other wheeled vehicles, with the exception of wheelchairs, are prohibited on trails designated as walking trails.

Include some language as to all ages and abilities.

This will be on the agenda for May after Penn does some research.

Jacque requested that when we look at Section 240 we look at aging trees.

Anne encouraged all members to continue looking at the documents to bring discussion to the next meeting.

Penn showed members how to use the city website to review ordinances.

Jacque mentioned Kids to Parks on May 15<sup>th</sup> and Jacque and Karin will be working the event. She and Karin will reach out to Jenny to let her know what materials they have so she may save on expenses.

### **Upcoming notes + Meetings**

Next meeting – May17, 2021 – 6:00 pm via Zoom.

**Ben Chociej** moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Mark Raduziner** seconded the motion.

**Motion carried - 9-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7.21 pm

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