

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024
4600 East 63rd Trafficway**

**1:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
Workshop**

**2:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
BOARD MEETING**

Members of the Board may attend this meeting via video conference.

Workshop

1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – 2025 – 2026 Budget Discussion
Open Discussion

Board Meeting

Call to Order – President Beth Haden

Roll Call

Agenda

1. Considering Board approval of the October 8, 2024 Board Minutes. **Attachment A**
2. Retirement – Richard Allen 25 years and 4 months of Service with the City of Kansas City, Parks and Recreation Department. **Attachment B**
3. **Resolution #32664** – Considering Board approval of the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Submittal. **Attachment C**
4. **Resolution #32665** – Considering Board approval of Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. **Attachment D**
5. **Resolution #32666** – Considering Board approval of Facility Use without Concession Agreement – Hogan Preparatory Academy for the use of Southeast and Mary Williams-Neal Community Centers. **Attachment E**
6. **Resolution #32667** – Considering Board approval of a Cooperative Agreement with DeLaSalle Education Center to provide up to five students work/study positions at Southeast Community Center. **Attachment F**
7. **Resolution #32668** – Considering Board approval of an Agreement with Jackson County Parks and Recreation for the use of Gregg Klice Community Center. **Attachment G**
8. **Resolution #32669** – Considering Board approval of a Facility Use without Concessions Agreement with Sporting Kansas City Academy for the use of Southeast Community Center. **Attachment H**
9. **Resolution #32670** – Considering Board approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association for Maple Park Improvements. **Attachment I**
10. **Resolution #32671** – Considering Board of a Bid Award to Leath and Sons for Hodge Park and Platte Purchase Park Improvements in the amount of \$3,145,580.29. **Attachment J**

11. **Resolution #32672** – Considering Board approval to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas City Public Schools for Repurposing Six Former School Sites. **Attachment K**
12. **Resolution #32673** – Considering Board approval of an Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for Conservation Management of Jerry Smith Park. **Attachment L**
13. **Resolution #32674** – Considering Board approval to name the trail in Buckeye Greenway Park the Teresa Lynn Rynard Trail. **Attachment M**
14. Directors Update
15. **Public Hearing – Public Testimony is Limited to 2 Minutes.**
16. Adjourn

The Board may return to the conference room following the regular meeting for additional discussion of items on the agenda of the Board's Workshop that were not completed prior to the regular meeting.

Any closed session may be held via teleconference.

Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 1 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss legal matters, litigation, or privileged communications with attorneys.

- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 2 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss real estate;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsections 3 and 13 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss personnel matters.
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 12 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss sealed bids or proposals.

**BOARD MEETING
October 8, 2024**

**4:00 O’CLOCK P.M.
Workshop**

**5:00 O’CLOCK P.M.
Board Meeting**

**4600 East 63rd Trafficway
Kansas City, Missouri 64130**

Workshop

**4 p.m. – Ward Parkway between 55th Street & Brush Creek Roadway -Safety Improvements
4:30 p.m. – Paseo Stairs Project Update**

Board Meeting

Call to Order – President Beth Haden

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: President Haden, Commissioner Contreras, Commissioner Gorenc and Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Taylor

Director Cotten Absent, Deputy Director Clay Acting Director

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Board Minutes on September 10, 2024.

Resolution #32650 – Name Update from the Kansas City Museum to the “The Museum of Kansas City”

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the name update from the Kansas City Museum to the “The Museum of Kansas City”.

Background: In April 2024, the Kansas City Museum Foundation (KCMF) hired Highline Partners to work with the Kansas City Museum to rebrand the institution. Over the past several months, Highline Partners has created both a comparative audit of other local, national, and international institutions and a strategic and creative brief. The comparative audit provides a deep dive into the visual ID and messaging of city museums and organizations locally, nationally, and globally to inform the branding work. The strategic and creative brief includes results from surveys and data and a recommendation for revising the existing name to “The Museum of Kansas City.” This updated name better aligns with the mission, vision, and identity of the organization as a city museum. Part of the rebranding process is to consider updating the institution’s name before moving into the extensive rebranding design process including the design of a new logo. The goal is to complete the rebranding by Spring 2025.

On September 30, 2024, the KCMF unanimously approved updating the name to “The Museum of Kansas City.” In addition, the audit and brief were reviewed by the City’s Creative Director who agrees with the overall rebranding approach, insights, and the name update. The Creative Director will be attending future museum rebranding meetings to ensure alignment with the City’s brand identity.

Resolution #32651 – Facility Lease with Concession Agreement with USTA MO Valley

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with USTA MO Valley for the Plaza Tennis Center and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: On August 21, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Department issued an RFQ for the Lease of the Plaza Tennis Center. One group responded, the current lessee (USTA MO Valley). The United States Tennis Association MO Valley has been determined qualified to lease the facility. The term for this lease will begin on January 1, 2025, and end on December 31, 2025, with the option of four one-year extensions. The USTA MO Valley will operate the facility as a public tennis center and has agreed to share 40% of the net profits from the revenue generated by the Plaza Tennis Center.

The KCMO Parks and Recreation Department will provide trash and recycling collection along with approved maintenance and improvements of the building and structures and landscaping of the exterior grounds of the facility.

Resolution #32652 – 2025 Swope Memorial Golf Course Renovation Financing Plan

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Director or designee to move forward with pursuing a financing plan for the Swope Memorial Golf Course Renovation in the amount of \$8,500,000.00.

Background: In January 2024 the City of Kansas City, MO Parks Department entered into an agreement with CE Golf Design the design of a renovation plan for the Swope Memorial Golf Course. The design was completed and a construction bid was advertised with a due date of September 25, 2024. The lowest bid was \$8,336,968.23, which was under the architect’s estimate of \$9,071,133.00.

We intend on financing this project through debt service, a 20-year loan with payments of \$646,000.00 annually. This dollar amount will be covered by revenues generated by our parks department golf courses and is included in the annual budget.

The Scope of Services will include: new greens, tee boxes, bunkers, cart paths and a complete irrigation replacement including a new retention pond and pump station. Work is planned to begin on January 1, 2025 with a re-open planned for the Spring of 2026.

This project is important to the department due to the historical significance of this golf course. A.W. Tillinghast, the architect hired by the Parks Board in 1933 to re-design the original course built on this site in 1915, is one of history’s most celebrated golf course architects. Swope Memorial, in a very real sense, represents his last true effort in golf course design. This project will help us greatly improve this park asset and bring it to the national stage, which it rightly deserves.

Resolution #32653 – Proposed 2025 Golf Rates (Rates Attached to the Official Board Minutes)

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the 2025 Golf Rates effective, January 1, 2025.

Background: Attached you will find proposed CY25 rate increases for our five golf courses. Rates have been evaluated and our fee recommendations are attached. Rates are compared to golf courses in the region to ensure competitiveness and affordability. These rate increases will be used to offset increased costs associated with maintaining and operating the golf courses. Additional revenues generated by fee increases are estimated at \$200,000.00. New rates will be effective beginning January 1, 2025.

Attachments:

KCMO Parks Golf Course Daily Rates 2025
KCMO Parks Golf Annual Pass Rates 2025

Resolution #32654 – Marlborough Park Master Plan – Board Approval

On a motion by Commissioner Contreras, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Marlborough Park Master Plan.

Background: Marlborough Park has approximately 18 acres of parkland and was acquired in 1981. The scope of the master plan included neighborhood association supported community engagement of the greater Marlborough community as well as comprehensive public input surveying around the perimeter of the park. The master plan is a high-level plan and report listing recommended improvements for the park with priorities and cost estimates. The conservation plan includes the best management practices for the management of wooded areas, waterways, and open space in the park. The operation and maintenance plan includes a list of assets and recommended tasks, frequencies, equipment, materials, staff, and potential costs to maintain the park.

The Marlborough Park planning process employed a multi-layered community engagement approach that included establishing a diverse Advisory Committee representative of the community and organizations connected to Marlborough Park; a Community Liaison initiative (training neighborhood residents to assist with Door-to-Door surveys); a Design Workshop; Online Surveys; monthly volunteer days to cut back invasive plants in the park, a public iNaturalist training event at the park, an Open House with participatory budgeting, a Community Celebration at the Park, and a Project Website.

The Community Priorities that emerged from the Marlborough Park improvements planning process were: 1. Focus on Safety first; 2. Conservation and Restoration of existing natural resources; and 3. Trails with lighting, signage, and site furnishings.

The primary desired park amenities that came from the public involvement process were, in order of priority: 1. Improvements at the park entrance from Olive St. (titled “Olive Node”): a trailhead, parking, ecological conservation, and a pickleball court; 2. 9-hole disc golf course (plus a practice hole); 3. Improvements at the park entrance from Brooklyn Ave. (titled “Brooklyn Entry Node”): a trailhead, ecological conservation, hilltop playground, a loop trail, signage, site furnishings, and trail

lighting; 4. Dog park; 5. Brooklyn Node amphitheater/outdoor classroom and streamside nature playground; 6. Brooklyn Node basketball court/sports court and a second park shelter (titled "Pavilion"); 7. Brooklyn Node splashpad.

The Marlborough Park master plan was presented at the September 10, 2024, pre-board workshop.

Resolution #32655 - Board approval of the Steering Committee Recommendations to Amend the Development Code

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Steering Committee Recommendations to Amendment the Development Code.

In April of 2023, the Parks Department contracted with Shockey Consulting to develop an updated formulation for Parkland Dedication fees that are subject to all new residential units constructed within city limits per section 88-408-C of the Zoning and Development Code.

Below is the existing language in the Development Code:

- 1. Notwithstanding anything contained in 88-408-B, the developer may elect, at any time before approval of the preliminary plat by the development review committee or the city plan commission, to pay money in lieu of dedicating land.*
- 2. When the developer elects to pay money in lieu of dedicating land, the developer must, before recording the subdivision plat or minor subdivision, or (if platting or minor subdivision is not required) receiving a certificate of occupancy for a new residential unit, deposit with the city treasurer a monetary payment to the parks and recreation acquisition or development trust fund equal to the required parkland dedication (calculated pursuant to 88-408-A) multiplied by the current year's price for the calendar year in which the approval is granted (date of preliminary plat approval by the development review committee or the city plan commission, administrative approval of minor subdivision, or — in the absence of platting or minor subdivision — issuance of a building permit for a newly created unit) less a credit based on the ratio that any land actually dedicated for park purposes bears to the required parkland dedication. The monetary payment must be without recourse or the right of recovery. For purposes of administering this provision, "current year's price" means the average cost per acre actually paid by the city for all purchases of tracts of parkland of 49 acres or less, whether through negotiation or condemnation, but excluding all acquisitions wholly or partially obtained through gift, during the 5 calendar years immediately preceding the subject calendar year.*
- 3. Money-in-lieu funds paid to the city before May 1, 2003, must be used for the acquisition, development, or improvement of a public park, generally within one mile of the periphery of the subdivision for which they were paid.*
- 4. Money-in-lieu funds and the accrued interest on the funds, paid to the city on or after May 1, 2003, must be used for the acquisition, development, or improvement of a public park, generally within 3 miles of the periphery of the subdivision for which they were paid. Funds must be used for such purposes within 15 years of the date the payment is received by the city, provided that any such funds that are used for parks located more than one mile from the periphery of the subdivision for which they were paid will not be used for a neighborhood park, as defined by parks and recreation department standards.*

As part of this endeavor, a steering committee was created from a range of stakeholders who have met over the last year to discuss and provide input to a new Parkland Dedication formulation. Here are the recommendations from the steering committee:

- Increase the time allotment from the previously purchased property from 5 years to 10 years.
- Add a maximum of 5% annual increases in fees due per year.
- Add a clause stating that the developer has the ability to provide a property assessment of their own from a 3rd party source from which the fee will then be assessed based on the provided assessment, at the cost of the developer. This would develop a process for developers to appeal the current cost of the Parkland Dedication fee on a case-by-case basis and.
- Removal of the 1-mile requirement for funds to be spent on neighborhood parks.

Below is a redlined version of the proposed amendment with the language added from the Steering Committee:

1. *Notwithstanding anything contained in 88-408-B, the developer may elect, at any time before approval of the preliminary plat by the development review committee or the city plan commission, to pay money in lieu of dedicating land.*
2. *When the developer elects to pay money in lieu of dedicating land, the developer must, before recording the subdivision plat or minor subdivision, or (if platting or minor subdivision is not required) receiving a certificate of occupancy for a new residential unit, deposit with the city treasurer a monetary payment to the parks and recreation acquisition or development trust fund equal to the required parkland dedication (calculated pursuant to 88-408-A) multiplied by the current year's price for the calendar year in which the approval is granted (date of preliminary plat approval by the development review committee or the city plan commission, administrative approval of minor subdivision, or — in the absence of platting or minor subdivision — issuance of a building permit for a newly created unit) less a credit based on the ratio that any land actually dedicated for park purposes bears to the required parkland dedication. The monetary payment must be without recourse or the right of recovery. For purposes of administering this provision, "current year's price" means the average cost per acre actually paid by the city for all purchases of tracts of parkland of 49 acres or less, whether through negotiation or condemnation, but excluding all acquisitions wholly or partially obtained through gift, during the ~~ten~~⁵ calendar years immediately preceding the subject calendar year. Increases to the current year's price shall not occur more than once per year and are to be limited to a maximum increase of 5%. Alternatively, an applicant may establish the "current year's price" for a particular development, or portion thereof in lieu of using the city's calculated "current year's price", as described above, by providing the City with an independent appraisal conducted by a licensed and certified third-party appraiser, which shall be at the applicant's expense. A "current year's price" established by an applicant shall not impact the manner of calculating the city's "current year's price".*
3. *Money-in-lieu funds paid to the city before May 1, 2003, must be used for the acquisition, development, or improvement of a public park, generally within one mile of the periphery of the subdivision for which they were paid.*
4. *Money-in-lieu funds and the accrued interest on the funds, paid to the city on or after May 1, 2003, must be used for the acquisition, development, or improvement of a public park, generally within 3 miles of the periphery of the subdivision for which they were paid. Funds must be used for such purposes within 15 years of the date the payment is received by the city, ~~provided that any such funds that are used for parks located more than one mile from the periphery of the subdivision for which they were paid will not be used for a neighborhood park, as defined by parks and recreation department standards.~~*

Resolution #32656 – North Terrace Lake Improvements (in Kessler Park) Outdoor Recreation Missouri Department of Conservation Grant Award

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Outdoor Recreation Grant with the Missouri Department of Conservation for North Terrace Lake Improvements (in Kessler Park) and authorized the Director or designee to execute the necessary documents from the Missouri Department of Conservation on behalf of the Board by signing the Award letter.

Background: The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Grant (ORIG) program has awarded funding to the North Terrace Lake Improvements Project in the amount of \$300,000. This project will assist with construction costs to renovate the North Terrace Lake. Those renovations will include installing an access boat ramp, a fish dock, a boardwalk, on-site parking, landscaping and lighting. This project requires a local match of \$300,000 that was identified as 3rd District PIAC funding in account number 3090-708309-B-70235001. The grant will also be required to be taken to the City Council to estimate the revenues.

The project will not include community engagement with the neighborhood groups because that was performed under the MDC Land Conservation Partnership Grant which included the lake analysis report, conservation plan, maintenance plan, and conceptual and construction drawings for lake infrastructure improvements. The neighborhood groups selected from three options of lake improvement and parking designs. This project is entirely a construction project.

Resolution #32657 – Swope Park Blue River Trail – 63rd Street to Swope Pool Area Federal Transportation Alternative Grant Award

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Federal Transportation Alternative Grant for the Swope Park Blue River Trail – 63rd Street to Swope Pool Area and authorized the Director or designee to execute the necessary documents from the Federal Transportation Alternative Grant on behalf of the Board by signing the award letter.

Background: The Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has awarded funding to the Swope Park-Blue River Trail – 63rd Street to Swope Pool Area project in the amount of \$750,000. This project will construct a paved trail on the existing gravel segment of Blue River Trail from 63rd Street to the Swope Park Pool area. This project requires a local match of \$250,000 that has been funded through Park Board Resolution 32563 approved June 25, 2024 and Council Ordinance 240797 which passed on September 19, 2024. Matching funds are available in account number 25-2030-707765-611060-70250010.

The project will provide recreational and transportation opportunities along the Blue River and connect to amenities along the Blue River and Swope Park. This section of the trail is part of the Metro Green Plan and the Trails KC Plan. This section will extend a major trail system in Kansas City, MO. This agreement will require City Council approval because it requires the estimation of revenue for the \$750,000 TAP grant.

Resolution #32658 – Swope Park Trail – 63rd Street to KC Pet Project Federal Transportation Grant

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for the Swope Park Trail – 63rd Street to KC Pet Project and authorized the Director or designee to execute necessary documents on behalf of the Board by signing the award letter.

Background: The Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has awarded funding to the Swope Park Trail – 63rd Street to KC Pet Project in the amount of \$750,000. This project will provide a paved trail from 63rd Street to connect to the existing trail on Elmwood by the KC Pet Project. This project requires a local match of \$250,000 that has been funded through Park Board Resolution 32563 approved June 25, 2024 and Council Ordinance 240797 which passed on September 19, 2024. Matching funds are available in fund 25-2030-707765-611060-70250011.

The project will provide recreational and bicycle/pedestrian transportation opportunities by providing a north-south trail connection through Swope Park. This agreement will require City Council approval because the estimation of revenue for the \$750,000 TAP grant.

Resolution #32659 – SLBE Design Professional Services Agreement with Draw Architect – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Master Plan

On a motion by Commissioner Talor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the SLBE Design Professional Agreement with DRAW Architecture in the amount of \$140,000.00 with a completion date 165 calendar days after notice to proceed and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: On January 24, 2024, the Parks Department received five submittals to our RFQ for the Martin Luther King Jr Park Master Plan project. DRAW Architecture was selected for the project.

This agreement will cover site analysis, community engagement, concept-level architectural design, conceptual site plan, conceptual grading plan, and topographic survey. Per the contract agreement, the design work will be completed for a maximum of \$140,000.00 and completed within 165 calendar days.

This agreement will be funded with CD 3 PIAC funds from account number 3090 708309 611060 70234907. DRAW Architecture is on the CREO list of approved SLBE firms.

Resolution #32660 – Cooperative Agreement with the City of Fountains Foundation for Sculpture and Fountain Preservation for Various Fountains

On a motion by Commissioner Contreras, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Cooperative Agreement with City of Fountains Foundation for Sculpture and Fountain Preservation for Various Foundations and authorized the Director or his designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: The Board of Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Commissioners, is being requested to enter into an Agreement for the City of Fountains Foundation (CFF) to hire conservators to clean, conserve, preserve, restore and protect various named monuments, sculptures and fountains on parklands and boulevards belonging to the City. Locations of these assets are within Penn Valley Park, Mill Creek Park and West Terrace Park.

This Agreement will allow CFF The four main goals of the project are to maintain the appearance and condition of the following sculptures and monuments entrusted to the City as follows: Mill Creek Park Fountain (\$9,075), and Le Grand Noeud (\$3,363) this one funded by Greater Kansas City Community Foundation), located at Mill Creek Parkway & Emanuel Cleaver Blvd.; The Corps of Discovery, and Lewis and Clark Memorial Plaque (\$14,960) at Jefferson St. and 8th St.; The Scout (\$8,350), on Pennsylvania Ave. in Penn Valley Park. CFF will utilize solely private capital funds for this Work and CFF shall cause its contractor or subcontractors to comply with all applicable contract requirements of the City Charter in Chapter 3. CFF agrees to require its Contractor(s) to pay for the work and labor of all laborers employed on the job and all materials used therein. CFF and its contractors will have in effect throughout the duration of this contract insurance as required by City. CFF agrees to require its Contractors to make good all faulty workmanship within a period of one (1) year from the date of final acceptance. The city will provide no funding for this work, which has an estimated total cost of \$35,648.00.

Resolution #32661 – Construction Inspection Contract with Olsson, Inc. – 9th & Van Brunt Soccer Renovation Design Build

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Contract with Olsson, Inc. in the amount of \$14,005 for the 9th & Van Brunt Soccer Renovation Design Build project and authorized the Director or designees to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: 9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields is a 12-acre park that was acquired in 2007. The park is bordered by E. 9th Street on the North, KCT railroad on the South, Brighton Avenue on the East and Van Brunt Boulevard on the West. This park has served several age groups and recreational interests over the years. The amenities in this park are an existing playground, an outdoor Amphitheatre, concession stand, 3 soccer fields and parking lot on E. 9th St.

The 9th and Van Brunt Soccer Renovation Design Build project has received \$3,000,000 from the Parks Sales Tax Reserves for installation of a new soccer field playing surface, sports field lighting, bleachers, 2 locker rooms each with shower and restroom, sports lockers, benches, 6 soccer goals, 2 scoreboards, and a sports press box. This project was awarded to Hartline Construction LLC in the amount of \$2,991,825.00 on January 23, 2024. Hartline Construction LLC will provide all of the amenities noted above complete with Public Engagement, ADA and City Standards compliance, Stormwater BMPs, Utility Connections, Surveying, Geotechnical Services, Testing and Product Warranties. Hartline Construction LLC will provide an approved design and completed construction within 245 calendar days from Notice to Proceed.

A third-party Special Inspections Service is required by the building permit for this project. This Special Inspections service will provide inspections and reporting for weight bearing soils, concrete, steel reinforcing, aluminum bleacher framing, bolts, anchors, masonry and the press box steel frame.

Olsson, Inc., a City of Kansas City, MO approved Special Inspections vendor, has provided a proposal in the amount of \$14,005 to provide these services. Funding for this contract will come from the Developer Allotment Funds account number 6490-702800-611060-7C090A.

Resolution #32644 – Considering Board approval of a Bid Award to Donlinger Construction for Tony Aguirre Outdoor Pool

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Bid Award to Donlinger Construction in the amount of \$4,385,328 for the Tony Aguirre Outdoor Pool Design Build Project and authorized the Director or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

Background: Tony Aguirre Community Center, located in Observation Park at 2050 West Pennway, was constructed in 1997. This Community Center provides basketball courts, weight room, indoor swimming pool, locker rooms and community meeting rooms for the public's use. Future planned improvements for the Community Center consist of constructing an outdoor deep-water pool complete with 1 meter diving board and climbing wall, a zero-entry pool, an aquatic play structure, an open body water slide, a new mechanical room, a rest room and a pool entrance vestibule.

On August 28, 2024, the Parks Department received three bids for the Tony Aguirre Outdoor Pool Design Build Project. Donlinger Construction submitted the lowest, responsive and responsible base bid in the amount of \$4,385,328. This Design Build Contract will provide 70% design completion, Codes approval and 100% construction of the deep-water pool complete with 1 meter diving board and climbing wall, a zero entry pool, an aquatic play structure, an open body water slide, a new mechanical room, a rest room and a pool entrance vestibule. The construction deadline is May 23, 2025.

The Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity (CREO) Department set goals of 14% MBE and 14% WBE for this project. The Donlinger Construction participation plan has been submitted to and approved by the CREO Department. This Design Build contract will be funded from account 3824 707567 611060 70240150.

Resolution #32647 – Change Order #2 with Primetime Contracting for Columbus Square Playground

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved Change Order #2 with Primetime Contracting Corporation for the SLBE Columbus Square Playground Project in the amount of \$161,444,04, extend the contract time to March 15, 2025 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the change order on behalf of the Board.

Background: Columbus Square Park is a 4-acre park that was acquired in 1909. The park is bordered by Charlotte Street on the East, Independence Avenue on the South, Holmes Street on the West and East Missouri Avenue on the North. This neighborhood park has served several age groups over the years and has recently seen an increase in young families using the park. There is an existing playground, four swings, benches, pedestrian lighting, 2 bocce courts, walkways, 1 drinking fountain and security cameras in the park.

One base bid was received and opened on October 26, 2022, for this SLBE Columbus Square Playground Project. Primetime Contracting Corporation was awarded the bid in the amount of \$143,855. The base

bid provided installation of 5,035 SF engineered wood fiber play area, 7 swings, 5 bench middle arm rests, 60 LF of 12” wide concrete curb, replacement of the drinking fountain, fine grading and seeding.

Change Order #1 provided two (2) Tire Swings for an additional cost of \$27,533.49 and added eighteen (18) weeks to the construction schedule for a revised project deadline of March 27, 2024. Funding for this Change Order #1 came from account number 3090 708409 611060 70134908.

Change Order #2 will complete the new play structure for an additional cost of \$161,444.04 extending the contract time to March 15, 2025. The new play structure will have a minimum of 14 play features serving children ages 5 – 12, with a capacity of 70 children. Project scope also includes removing the old equipment, existing concrete curbing and mulch and installation of 12” of new engineered wood fiber in the new play area.

Funding for this Change Order #2 will come from account numbers 3090 708409 611060 70134908. CREO has assigned goals of 6.6% MBE and 6.6% WBE to this project. Primetime Contracting Corporation’s Contractor Utilization Plan of 6.6% MBE and 1.11% WBE has been approved by CREO.

Resolution #32662 – Contract with Bridging the GAP-Heartland Tree Alliance KC Wildland

On a motion by Commissioner Contreras, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Contract with Bridging The Gap with Heartland Tree Alliance and Kansas City Wildland in the amount of \$585,225.00, contract term October 1, 2025 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

Background: Bridging the Gap (BTG), with Heartland Tree Alliance (HTA) and KC Wildlands (KCWL), a Missouri non-profit organization, wishes to enter into an agreement with Parks and Recreation for tree planting by HTA and invasive species removal in forested and/or prairie areas, surveying, collecting and processing of local genotype native seed on Park’s remnant properties, and native planting/seeding in forested and/or prairie areas by KCWL. This agreement is for \$855,225.00.

The Heartland Tree Alliance's program includes homeowners and other members of the community in the process of tree planting and maintenance which increases the survivability of the trees. This is a vital part of our urban forest management plan. The Human Relations Department has reviewed and waived the MBE/WBE goals for this contract.

Funding for these services is found in the Tree Maintenance account #3090-707771, 3090-707772, 3090-898404, 3090-708409, 3090-708309, 3090-898207, 3090-898307, 3090-898507, 3090-898607.

Resolution #32663 – Cooperative Agreement with Jackson County Missouri and City

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Cooperative Agreement with Jackson County, Missouri to perform the green infrastructure enhancements and riparian restoration work on County and City parkland and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: The City is restoring acres from grant funds of riparian habitat and green infrastructure along the Blue River, in three nodes along the Blue River corridor, and planting 2,000-5,000 trees in neighborhoods and business districts adjacent to the corridor, undertaking such work on County and City land. The City, acting through its Office of Environmental Quality, agrees to submit plans and

specifications to County, through County's Parks and Recreation Department, for approval before making any alteration on the premises. The funds for this work are from the ARPA Grant Restoration programs. The City's Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) has taken over the administration of a grant initially applied for by Parks.

The scope, purpose, and intent of this agreement is to provide for green infrastructure enhancements and riparian restoration on certain lands owned by County and held by County for public use, said scope to be confined to that property more fully described in Exhibit A of the Agreement. The County shall allow parking and access to the public at its existing Blue River Parkway. County and City shall not conduct organized events at the project areas without prior notification and agreement of the other party to eliminate conflicts in scheduling.

Public Testimony – Teresa Rynard Naming Recommendation

Teresa Rynard came before the Board and thanked the Board for following the 30-day process. Ms. Rynard further commented that something was brought to her attention today and would just ask for due process. Not everything you hear or rumors you hear is true. She commented that if she had known that she would have asked for individual meetings. Ms. Rynard further commented that she would like Buckeye Greenway named for all of the reasons given. Others who attended the Board Meeting in supports of Ms. Rynard: Ginzy Schaefer, Teola Powell, Pat Clarke and Linda Brown. The Board thanked all who attended the meeting.

Public Hearing:

Mr. Rizo came before the Board to complain about staff person Regional Francios, regarding the 9th & Van Brunt programming processes. Mr. Rizo commented that he feels that Reginald is unethical & unprofessional and asked that he be suspended. Mr. Rizo handed the Board Sunshine Request documentation he received on other soccer organizations' payment history. The Board thanked Mr. Rizo for attending the meeting.

Jorge Alcoser came before the Board and commented that he is a parent that kids use the 9th & Van Brunt Soccer Field. He commented that the complex is a great asset to the community. Mr. Alcoser mentioned that the fields are a public park and feels that they have been kicked off the fields to make room for some other people. The Board thanked Mr. Alcoser for attending Board Meeting, there is only one field and in the process of getting a second field.

German Adams came before the Board and commented that he has been working with Mr. Rizo for about 7 years, refereeing and coaching. Mr. Adams commented that it's really hard for the kids not to get enough playing time on the 9th & Van Brunt Field and that they have to got to Lee Summit for their kids to play and its more money on us. The Board thanked Mr. Adams for attending the meeting.

Board Meeting adjourned.

Beth Haden, President
Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Karmen Houston, Board Secretary

**KCMO Parks and Recreation - Golf Services
Daily Rates 2025**

	Shoal Creek		Swope Memorial		Hodge Park		Minor Park		Heart of America	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Weekend/Holiday (Fri-Sun)	\$80	\$82	\$42	\$44	\$36	\$37	\$34	\$36	\$24	\$25
Weekday Mon-Thu)	\$69	\$69	\$34	\$36	\$32	\$33	\$27	\$29	\$20	\$22
Senior Rate (Mon-Fri)	\$54	\$56	\$24	\$26	\$25	\$26	\$24	\$26	\$19	\$21
Junior Rate/Discount	\$40	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$18	\$18	\$17	\$17	\$18	\$19
Twilight	\$50	\$50	\$29	\$31	\$26	\$27	\$25	\$26	\$20	\$22
Weekend Twilight	\$50	\$57	\$29	\$31	\$26	\$27	\$29	\$31	\$20	\$22
9-Hole (Fri-Sun after 2:00 pm)	\$45	\$49	\$25	\$25	\$22	\$22	\$19	\$19	\$16	\$17
9-Hole (Mon-Thu)	\$39	\$39	\$25	\$25	\$17	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$16	\$17
Golf Cart 9 holes	n/a		\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Golf Cart 18 holes	n/a		\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$16
Range Balls Small	\$7	\$7	n/a		\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7
Medium	\$11	\$11	n/a		\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$12
Large	\$15	\$16	n/a		\$15	\$16	\$15	\$16	\$15	\$16
Range Card	\$130	\$149	n/a		\$130	\$149	\$130	\$149	\$130	\$149
FootGolf									\$13	\$13
FootGolf - Junior									\$9	\$9

Items in **red** are proposed increases for 2025.

KC/MO Parks and Recreation - Golf Services
Annual Pass Rates 2025

Course	Pass Type	Description	Cart Included	2024	2025
All Courses	KC30 and Under	Unlimited Play Mon - Fri and after 1:00 pm Sat, Sun and Holidays. 7 month membership (March thru September	No	\$550	\$550
All Courses	KC Patron Pass	\$5.00 off any green fee. \$5.00 of any golf cart fee. Advance Tee Times. Not for league play. No time restrictions.	No	\$149	\$150
All Courses	KC Junior Pass	\$10.00 greens fees. Unlimited play Mon-Thur and after 1:00 pm on Fri, Sat and Sun.	No	\$49	\$50
Heart of America	Annual Pass	Unlimited Play Mon - Fri and after 1:00 pm on weekday holidays. \$10.00 discount Sat-Sun and before 1:00pm on weekday holidays.	No	\$89/Mo	\$95/Mo
Hodge Park	Annual Pass	Unlimited Play Mon - Fri and after 1:00 pm on weekday holidays. \$10.00 discount Sat-Sun and before 1:00pm on weekday holidays.	No	\$1,495	\$1,650
Minor Park	Annual Pass	Unlimited Play Mon - Fri and after 1:00 pm on weekday holidays. \$10.00 discount Sat-Sun and before 1:00pm on weekday holidays.	No	\$1,495	\$1,650
Shoal Creek	Annual Pass	Unlimited Play Mon - Fri and after 1:00 pm on weekday holidays. \$10.00 discount Sat-Sun and before 1:00pm on weekday holidays.	Yes	\$3,195	\$3,495
Swope	Annual Pass	Unlimited Play Mon - Fri and after 1:00 pm on weekday holidays. \$10.00 discount Sat-Sun and before 1:00pm on weekday holidays.	No	\$1,495	\$1,650
Golf Cart	Annual Pass	Annual golf cart pass only available as add-on to purchased annual pass.	Yes	\$600	\$700

Items in red indicate changes from 2024.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22, 2024
To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
From: Christopher Cotten, Director
Subject: Retirement – Deputy Director Richard Allen, PLA, CPRP

BACKGROUND:

Richard Allen joined the Kansas City, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department in 1999 as a Landscape Architect I. Richard kept his career moving forward promoting from Landscape Architect I, to Landscape Architect II in 2003, in 2004 Senior Landscape Architect, in 2014 Senior Planner.

In 2018 Richard was promoted to the leadership position as Manager of Park Planning & Design Services and finally in 2022 to his current position as Deputy Director. As Deputy Director his team is responsible for the department's finance, capital improvements and SHAPE divisions. He led the development of the department's \$80 million Parks GO Bond five-year plan.

For many years Richard was the departments PIAC Liaison working with City Councilmembers prioritizing park projects and securing funding for those project. During his tenure with the Parks and Recreation Department Richard has worked on many recent high-profile projects, such as the Martin Luther King Mahomes Playground, Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Trail Project.

Other projects include North Troost Trail, Heart of America Golf two nine-hole courses, Indian Creek and Blue River Trails from Locust to Minor Park, San Rafael Park Improvements, Loose Park and Rose Garden renovation projects, James A Reed Park improvements, Tiffany Hill Park all inclusive playground, Spring Valley Park Improvements and the Brush Creek Confluence Trail.

October 31, 2024, will mark the last day of Richard's career with the Parks and Recreation Department. Please join us in thanking Richard for his 25 years and 4 months of dedicated service and wishing him well in his future endeavors.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22, 2024
To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
From: Terrence Williams, Financial Manager
Subject: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Request

The budget request presented to you for the operation of the Parks and Recreation Department for the fiscal year 2025-2026 totals \$86,523,869. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to submit the following expenditures by fund:

Parks Sales Tax: \$54,153,866
Golf: \$10,703,565
Capital Improvements: \$14,633,659
Street Maintenance: \$2,270,765
Museum Tax Levy: \$1,809,364
General Fund: \$1,857,568
Internal Stores Fund: \$1,200,000

The fiscal year 2025-26 budget request will be presented to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners on October 22, 2024, for consideration of approval. Given current conditions so far in FY2025-26, there is reason to believe that the City and KC Parks has begun a steady recovery from the negative economic conditions, specifically revenue. The goal should be to end FY26 with a healthy fund balance in an amount to exceed \$12 million.

Therefore, with the added foundational stability in the Parks Sales Tax fund balance and the financial diligence of the Parks and Recreation Department under the leadership of its Board, there is room for cautious optimism and restoration of services in the FY2025-26 budget. However, given the continued volatility in revenue collections and potential operational changes such as personnel cost increases as well as the cost of goods and services the City has requested that city departments, including Parks and Recreation, be conservative in preparing the FY25-26 budget.

In addition, this budget will reflect four main themes that seek to address the department's mission: Resident Engagement, Visual Appeal and Sustainability of Parks, Youth and Senior Programming, Youth and Adult Athletics and Focus on Employees. These themes are born from the mission and supported with data from resident and employee surveys. Resident Survey results are clear that residents want tree care, access to more senior and youth programming and enhanced maintenance of parks, boulevards and parkways.

In addition, our employee survey results show that our Parks and Recreation employees are looking for more training and professional development opportunities, increased pay, and to feel that their ideas are valued.

Highlights, proposed changes, and decision packages that respond to these resident and employee needs

are:

- Funding from the General Fund to increase the appropriation to Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center in the amount of \$200,000 for staffing and programming.
- Other notable increases were to the Golf Fund with increases to both revenues and expenses to keep up with substantial increases to golfers in Kansas City.

Type	FY2022-23 Actuals	FY 2023-24 Adopted	FY 2024-25 Adopted	FY 2025-26 Submitted
Capital Improvements	\$11,240,077	\$13,491,937	\$13,685,064	\$14,633,659
General Fund	\$451,932	\$538,965	\$723,167	\$1,857,568
Golf Operations	\$7,094,193	\$7,419,589	\$8,087,489	\$10,703,565
Liberty Memorial Trust Fund	\$49,582	\$48,164	\$48,164	\$48,164
Museum	\$1,833,037	\$1,777,744	\$1,652,922	\$1,658,118
Parks and Recreation	\$45,544,856	\$51,196,195	\$53,005,563	\$54,153,866
Street Maintenance	\$1,925,378	\$2,101,024	\$2,307,912	\$2,270,765
TOTAL	\$68,874,542	\$77,299,055	\$81,334,044	\$86,523,869

This budget prioritizes the visual appeal and safety of our parks. It also seeks to begin providing necessary funding for the care and replacement of street right of way trees which we continue to lose at an alarming rate. In this budget, we are also concentrating in right sizing and operating youth and adult programming, and we plan to expand our adaptive programming to maximize our commitment to an inclusive park system for all.

The FY2025-26 budget represents the next step in our recovery from some unique economic times; therefore, this budget slowly and strategically enhances and expands services that will maintain, develop and create open spaces. We strongly believe that this budget will guide the Parks Department in the right direction to have a solid economic foundation to strengthen parks and community centers, which are the foundation of great communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests Board approval of the fiscal year 2025-26 Parks and Recreation Budget request.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22, 2024

To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

From: Brad Clay, Deputy Director

Subject: Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center

BACKGROUND:

Since 1989, the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners have had a long-standing Agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the operation and maintenance of cultural and educational public improvements at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and Museum at 3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Museum is owned by the State and is maintained by the Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation Department. During the past several months staff have been working with state representatives to continue this partnership. The City and State desire to extend the agreement for an additional year. Other than changing the term period for an additional year, there are no substantial changes in the terms and conditions.

This Amendment # 1 will extend the contract time to December 31, 2025.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of extending the Agreement with DNR for an additional year for the operation and maintenance of the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. To December 31, 2025 and request Board authorization for the Director or his designee to execute the amendment on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

DATE: October 22, 2024
TO: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Jennifer Jutte, Superintendent, Community Services
SUBJECT: Facility Use without Concession Agreement – Hogan Preparatory Academy/Southeast Community Center and Mary Williams-Neal Community Center

BACKGROUND:

Hogan Preparatory Academy is requesting the use of the gymnasium at Southeast Community Center for boys' basketball practice from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Mary Williams-Neal Community Center for girls' basketball practice from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at a rate of \$75.00/hour for both locations during the term of this agreement.

Total compensation, to be paid in full prior to the start of this agreement, is projected to be \$8,737.50.

The term of this license shall begin on November 13, 2024, and end on February 27, 2025.

Hogan Preparatory Academy will provide commercial general liability, automobile liability, and sexual abuse/molestation insurance coverage per city requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval of the Agreement with Hogan Preparatory and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Intra-Departmental Communication

DATE: October 22, 2024
TO: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Jennifer Jutte, Superintendent, Community Services
SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement – DeLaSalle Education Center

BACKGROUND:

DeLaSalle Education Center's Block37 program offers students a safe space, positive adult role models, and access to activities that promote positive social, emotional and educational outcomes for students. Through internships provided on-site at DeLaSalle High School and partner organizations, Block37 provides teens with real work experience and the opportunity to learn new skills while earning a stipend. Students gain a stronger sense of belonging, positive interactions, strong sense of purpose and increased school attachment which leads to improved academic performance and preparedness for higher education or employment.

DeLaSalle has requested access to Southeast Community Center to provide up to five (5) students work/study positions. Each work/study position Tuesdays – Thursdays from 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. during the terms of this agreement. DeLaSalle shall be the employer of the students, will provide transportation and lunch, assign student grades, and work with the City in supervising, monitoring and assessing performance of job duties.

City will direct students in their day-to-day performance of the work/study positions and train them in specific skills. They will also partner with DeLaSalle in enforcing all applicable labor laws, company rules and in mentoring students in gaining knowledge about workplace and business operations.

This agreement will begin on January 21, 2025, and end on March 13, 2025. Commercial general liability and sexual abuse/molestation insurance will be provided per City's requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval of this Cooperative Agreement with DeLaSalle Education Center and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute and administer the agreement on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

DATE: October 22, 2024

TO: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Jennifer Jutte, Superintendent, Community Services

RE: Facility Use without Concessions Agreement – Jackson County Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND:

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation Special Population Services is focused on allowing the developmentally disabled to participate in team and individual sports and activities that enhances their lives. Athletes have participated in a variety of activities on every level of Special Olympics, including the World Games, bringing home several gold medals.

They are requesting the use of the gymnasium at Gregg Klice Community Center for basketball practice, compensating City \$75.00 hour for each 2-hour session that will take place from 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. during the terms of this agreement.

Total compensation of \$2,250.00 will be paid in full prior to the start of this agreement. The terms of this agreement will begin December 5, 2024, and end March 29, 2025.

Jackson County Parks and Recreation has provided a self-insured letter to meet the commercial general liability insurance per City's requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval of the Agreement with Jackson County Parks and Recreation and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

DATE: October 22, 2024
TO: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Jennifer Jutte, Superintendent, Community Services
SUBJECT: Facility Use without Concessions Agreement – Sporting Kansas City Academy

BACKGROUND:

Sporting Kansas City Academy is requesting the use of the gymnasium at Southeast Community Center for youth soccer practice from 5:30 p.m. – 7: 00p.m. at a rate of \$75.00/hour during the term of this agreement.

Total compensation, to be paid in full prior to the start of this agreement, is projected to be \$2,475.00.

The term of this license shall begin on November 12, 2024, and end on February 6, 2025.

Sporting Kansas City Academy will provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse/molestation insurance coverage per city requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval of this facility use agreement with Sporting Kansas City Academy and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22nd, 2024

To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

From: James Wang, PE, Chief Engineer – Engineering, Planning, and Design

Subject: Cooperative Agreement with Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association for Maple Park improvements

Background

The Park Board has under its control, various park lands and boulevards including Maple Park, located at 1832 E. Missouri Avenue and 301 Cliff Drive. This almost 16-acre park has been in the parks system since 1946 and provides a soccer field and sand volleyball courts. This park also has pedestrian access from Lexington Avenue leading to the soccer field area on the south, and many trees to provide shade on the south side of park.

Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association received a Rebuild KC Grant in the amount \$47,844.00 and a Neighborhood Empowerment Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to make improvements in Maple Park by constructing a walking trail and grading volleyball courts. The goal of the project is to implement the recommendations from the Kessler Park Master Plan specifically called out for Maple Park. Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association will be responsible for an independent contract agreement with the contractor and management of the project and will also provide 3 years of maintenance on the improvements. The design will be reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association will provide all funding to any new improvements at Maple Park. They will be responsible for all the maintenance on any new improvements which will include installation of the walking trail, grading of the sport courts, installation of any park benches and trash receptacles. This cooperative agreement will allow Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association to complete the project at no cost to the city.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Board approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association to make improvements to Maple Park as recommended by the Kessler Park Master Plan and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

DATE: October 22, 2024
TO: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: James Wang, P.E, Chief Engineer-Engineering, Inspection, & Permitting Division
SUBJECT: Bid Award to Leath and Sons for Hodge Park and Platte Purchase Park Improvements

BACKGROUND

With more than 1,000 acres, Hodge Park is the second largest park in Kansas City and the largest park in the northland. Platte Purchase Park is another large park in the northland with over 130 acres.

The Hodge Park and Platte Purchase Park Improvements project will add eight pickleball courts at Platte Purchase Park and install a new waterline and eight pickleball courts at Hodge Park.

On September 25, 2024, three bids were received for the Hodge Park and Platte Purchase Park Improvements project. Leath and Sons, Inc. submitted the lowest and best base bid with a bid amount of \$2,753,946.19. Alternate 1 is being accepted in the amount of \$391,634.10 for two restrooms at Hodge Park. The construction for this project will be completed within 150 calendar days.

The Hodge Park and Platte Purchase Park Improvements project is funded with CD 1 PIAC, CD1 Parks GO Bond, and Shoal Creek TIF. Funds for the construction contract are available from accounts: 3090-708109-B-70174902.

The MWBE goals set by CREO Department for this contract are: 15% MBE and 15%WBE. Leath and Son, Inc.'s participations are: 15% MBE and 15% WBE.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the Bid Award to Leath and Sons, Inc. for the Hodge Park and Platte Purchase Park Improvements Project in the amount of \$3,145,580.29, and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22, 2024

To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

From: Richard Allen, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Subject: Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with Kansas City Public Schools Repurposing Six Former School Sites

Background:

Kansas City Missouri Public School Board has closed schools in the recent decade with decline in student enrollments in certain areas of the district and they have actively pursued partners to repurpose these former school sites. The MOU between the City, through the Parks and Housing Departments, and the Kansas City School District contemplated that six former school sites would be transferred to the City for a variety of public purposes. The City acquired title to four sites, being the former school sites of Chick, McCoy, Rock Creek and Willard, and allowed KCPS to pursue a transfer of Blenheim for redevelopment.

The remaining site is the former Ashland School site, generally located at 4610 E. 24th St. The MOU, upon the transfer of the former Ashland School site stated the City was to be responsible for maintaining and owning the entire 1.93-acre grounds and improvements for multi-purpose fields, but only if KCPS was able to acquire two parcels under private ownership to transfer the entire block to the City and to update the Phase 1 environmental study.

KCPS did not acquire the two parcels or update the environmental study. The school district's timeline for securing the surrounding houses and demolition would have taken some time. Parks decided not to pursue the acquisition of the Ashland school site as the need for a private recreation site for Boys and Girls club is not a high priority for Parks and the School District has not fulfilled its MOU obligations as to the Ashland site.

The current Ashland Park had a master plan completed in early 2000 and many of the planned improvements were not funded at the time of this discussion. The Parks department's priority has been to improve the Parks and its existing parks and not take on new park properties. Therefore, neither Parks nor Housing have a desire to acquire this former Ashland school site, therefore, this MOU shall be terminated as no purpose exists for it to remain active.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board terminate the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas City Missouri School District to release the City and Parks and Recreation Department of any obligation at the former Ashland school site to demolish the single-family home and maintain and own the entire 1.993-acre grounds for improvements for multi-purpose fields and requests Board authorization for the Director or designee to execute the needed document on behalf of the Board to terminate the MOU.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22, 2024

To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

From: Stephen Van Rhein, Environmental Manager

Subject: Missouri Department of Conservation Jerry Smith Conservation Management Agreement

Background:

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) recognizes the remnant and restored prairies at Jerry Smith Park as unique and valuable conservation resources. Understanding the limitations of the Department, MDC has offered to assist the Conservation Corps in management of Jerry Smith's natural resources. MDC will assist with all conservation practices including but not limited to invasive species management, prescribed burns, planting of new seed, establishment of new acres of prairie, etc. This agreement allows access to Jerry Smith Park property for MDC staff or contractors to perform conservation related practices. It outlines areas of responsibility for both parties.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board approval of the Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation to perform conservation management at Jerry Smith Park and request Board authorization for the Director or his designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.



Intra-Departmental Communication

Date: October 22, 2024

To: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

From: Richard Allen, Deputy Director

Subject: Recommendation to name the Trail in Buckeye Greenway Park the Teresa Lynn Rynard Trail

BACKGROUND:

A request was received from Daniel Rynard to rename the Buckeye Greenway Park to Teresa Lynn Rynard Park. Ms Rynard was the first female Director of Parks and Recreation, serving from 2019 to 2021. Staff have reviewed the request and are recommending that the current and future trail in Buckeye Greenway Park be named the Teresa Lynn Rynard Trail. Ms. Rynard lived next to the park as a child.

Buckeye Greenway, acquired in 1957, spans 72 acres from MO 210 Highway and N. Brighton to NE 37th Street. The park currently has a trail system that includes hiking trails and pedestrian bridges, and an additional trail is planned for the park.

Improvements are under contract for the construction of a pedestrian bridge and concrete trail in the valley from N. Lister Drive to N. Milan Road. Future trail work includes a loop trail throughout the park and access to NE 33rd and Jackson. Long-term priorities include and trailhead and trail over to N. Brighton.

Signage would be placed near the existing pedestrian bridge. A second sign will be added at NE 33rd and Jackson when that section of trail is constructed. The sign would be a park standard sign type, and the recommended size is 50" x 36".

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the trail in Buckeye Greenway Park be named the Teresa Lynn Rynard Trail.