

**BOARD MEETING  
May 14, 2024**

**1:00 O’CLOCK P.M.  
Workshop**

**2:00 O’CLOCK P.M.  
Board Meeting**

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

**Workshop**

4 p.m. – Open Discussion

4:30 p.m. – Jarboe Pool (Tony Aguirre Community Center) Improvements Conceptual Plan

**Board Meeting**

Call to Order – President Beth Haden

Roll Call:

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

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras the Board approved the Board Minutes of April 23, 2024.

**Resolution #32548 – Concession Agreement with Heartland HEMA LLC**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with Heartland HEMA, LLC and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

***Background:*** Heartland HEMA is one of the top HEMA (Historical European Martial Arts) schools in the country. Heartland HEMA specializes in instructing students of all levels and physical ability in the use of a variety of renaissance and medieval weaponry. Heartland HEMA is a living lineage school, meaning Heartland HEMA follows a tradition of technic and style passed down from master to student, reaching back hundreds of years. Heartland HEMA teaches the art of the sword as it would have been taught and practiced historically in Europe.

Heartland HEMA has requested the use of facilities at Kansas City North Community Center for the purpose of offering instruction in this ancient form of Martial Arts. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the term of this agreement. They will compensate City a 40% revenue share of approximately \$220.00/month for a total estimated revenue payment of \$2,640.00. Payments will be made monthly. This agreement runs from June 10, 2024, to April 30, 2025. Heartland HEMA LLC will provide commercial general liability insurance per City’s requirements.

### **Resolution #32549 – Agreement with Patel Family Volleyball**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with the Patel Family Volleyball and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** For over the last ten years the extended Patel family, numbering 30 members, has played volleyball every Wednesday night at the Tony Aguirre Community Center. This is the second Patel family volleyball agreement this year. This agreement is for every Wednesday during the terms of this agreement from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The City will be compensated \$40.00/hour for a total payment of \$6,2400.00, to be paid in two lump sum payments; \$3,120.00 on May 22, 2024, and \$3,120.00 on November 22, 2024.

The terms of this Agreement will begin on May 22, 2024, and will end no later than May 21, 2025. Commercial general liability insurance will be provided per City requirements.

### **Resolution #32550 – Agreement with Futbol Kansas City**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with Futbol Kansas City and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Futbol Kansas City is requesting the use of facilities at 9<sup>th</sup> and Van Brunt Athletic Fields Park for the purpose of conducting youth and adult soccer games. Games will take place during the terms of this agreement as follows:

- Youth - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Adults - Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Futbol Kansas City will compensate the City \$50.00 per hour for a total compensation of \$13,300.00.

The terms of this agreement will begin June 2, 2024, and end August 25, 2024.

Futbol Kansas City will provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse/molestation insurance per City's requirements.

### **Resolution #32551 – Agreement with the Upper Room KC, Inc.**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with Upper Room KC, Inc. and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Upper Room KC is a neighborhood-based organization primarily designed to provide high quality after school and summer education programs to low-income students. Upper Room KC would like to offer their Summer Academic program at Garrison, Gregg-Klice and Marlborough Community Centers. Upper Room KC will hire and train all staff and ensure they have all passed a background check.

The Upper Room Summer Academic Program is focused on helping children to prevent the summer learning slide and serving the working parent as well. This program is for students entering Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade and will run from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

Students focus on English Language Arts (ELA), math, fine arts, and physical activity with the help of certified teachers, youth counselors, and volunteer tutors. Instructional time is from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. each day, with a break for lunch. Parks staff will provide recreation and physical activities for participants from 3:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.

This program runs from May 30, 2024, to July 24, 2024. Upper Room KC will compensate the City in the amount of \$6,000 per community center site for a total compensation of \$18,000.00, to be paid in two monthly installments. Upper Room KC will provide insurance per City's requirements.

### **Resolution #32552 – Welcome Mat Judo Club**

On a motion by Commissioner Contreras, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Agreement with Welcome Mat Judo Club and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Welcome Mat Judo Club is the oldest active judo club in the Kansas City area, founded in 1969. Their programs offer instruction for all levels of interest and their technical expertise is respected and recognized nationally. They have developed many champions with over 350 individual athletes winning national championships.

Welcome Mat Judo Club has requested the use of facilities at Kansas City North Community Center for the purpose of offering judo instruction for youth and adults. Class schedule during the terms of this agreement is as follows:

- Adult classes will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Beginning youth classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Advanced youth classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The City will be compensated with a 40% revenue share of approximately \$480.00/month for a total estimated revenue payment of \$5,7600.00. Payments will be made monthly.

This agreement runs from June 10, 2024, to April 30, 2025. Welcome Mat Judo Club will provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse/molestation insurance per City's requirements.

### **Resolution #32553 – Agreement with Total Man CDC**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with Total Man CDC and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Total Man CDC has requested the use of facilities Southeast Community Center for the purpose of a Celebration of Men and Fathers. This is an annual community event that includes family-oriented information, resources, recreational activities, and entertainment. Activities will take place in the multipurpose room, community room, gym, classroom, mirror room and parking lot.

This will be a one-day event with time for set-up allowed the day before. Space will be provided at no charge. The terms of this agreement will begin on June 7, 2024, with setup from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. June 8 setup will continue at 8:00 a.m. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with cleanup continuing until 3:00 p.m.

**Resolution #32554 – Agreement with Freedom Hoops**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with Freedom Hoops and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

***Background:*** Freedom Hoops is requesting the use of the facilities at Mary Williams-Neal Community Center for youth basketball practice.

City will be compensated \$75.00/hour for a total estimated payment of \$10,950.00. The terms of this agreement will begin June 11, 2024, and end no later than May 29, 2025.

Freedom Hoops will provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse molestation insurance per City's requirements.

**Resolution #32555 – Agreement with Black Archives of Mid-America**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with Black Archives of Mid-America and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

***Background:*** For Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Adopted Budget appropriates \$450,000 from the Park Sales Tax Fund for the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. (BAMA) a Missouri nonprofit corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State.

A Cooperative Agreement has been created to provide \$450,000 to BAMA through April 30, 2025 to pay for salaries and wages, expenses related to operations, programs and educational activities, and collection's care.

BAMA will continue to manage and operate the Black Archives Building and grounds and will be responsible for the general condition and the day-to-day regular repairs and maintenance. The Parks Department will continue to provide capital improvements and grounds maintenance, address deferred maintenance contingent upon funding, and pay for the electricity and water bills. BAMA will enter into a third-party agreement for each sublease with the agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department, BAMA and the sublessee.

**Resolution #32556 – Agreement with Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad Association**

On a motion by Commissioner Contreras, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad Association and authorized the Director or his designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** The Department acquired 7.037 acres at 6200 NW Waukomis Dr in early 2000 for the expansion of Frank Vaydik Park. This property is located north of the existing miniature railroad line.

KCNRR approach KC Parks staff about the possible expansion of the current tracks at Frank Vaydik Park. Staff requested that KCNRR conduct a hydraulic study and archaeological study to check the feasibility of expanding the track area. The study found no artifacts in the area and a no rise scenario to the flood plain.

The project is described as grading, railroad track installation and two creek crossings and the restoration of the site. The agreement identifies KCNRR as the Parks and Recreation Department's agent to contract and administer agreements with the design professional and contractors for the project. KC Parks will not fund any of the projects and will continue to mow the site after construction. The term of the agreement will run through December 2026.

**Resolution #32557– Special Gifts Fund – Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, HVAC Replacement**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the expenditures from the Special Gifts Fund to be used to contract with Lippert Mechanical Service in the amount of \$600,000 for the HVAC project at Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center.

**Background:** The Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Parkway. The Center is named in honor of Bruce R. Watkins, a political and social activist. Watkins was fueled by the need to recognize and preserve the varied contributions African Americans made to the development of Kansas City. The center opened in December 1989 as the outgrowth of Watkins' efforts. Construction of the Center was made possible through the work and contributions of the Bruce R. Watkins Fountain Inc., the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department, and the State of Missouri.

The HVAC system is 35 years old and major renovations are needed to the system. Lippert Mechanical Service submitted a quote in the amount of \$660,000. The scope of the work includes new FPB (fan powered boxes), VAV (Variable Air Volume Systems), RTU (Remote Terminal Units) and controllers. 21 total boxes based on mechanical schedule & prints. This excludes ceiling work and lighting replacement. The equipment has a 22-week lead time after the equipment is ordered. All work will be completed by November 30, 2024. Park Facility Maintenance will be the project manager for this work.

Funds for this purchase order are available from special gift funds sub account 6940 707800 611060-R083 Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center Maintenance in the amount of \$13,859.66 and 6940 707800 611060-M250 General Purpose for Parks and Recreation Programs & Services in the amount \$646,140.34, respectively.

**Resolution #32558 – Bid Award to D & D Custom Construction – Children's Memorial Hibbs Park**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreas, the Board approved the Bid Award to D&D Custom Construction, Inc. for a total contract price of \$118,900.00 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** The Children’s Memorial at Hibbs Park located at E. 59<sup>th</sup> St. & Spruce Avenue is a PIAC project funded by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Council Districts. The project is in the 5<sup>th</sup> Council District. In 2001, an innocent child, who the country came to know as “Precious Doe”, went unnamed for almost four years. Her remains were discovered near Hibbs Park. In 2005, police were able to identify her as Erica Green, age 3. This project was requested by citizens to honor her memory and those of children who have lost their lives due to violence.

There are currently two Erica Marie Green (Precious Doe) memorial benches at the memorial site. The proposed project will include a formal paved area for 2 engravable granite obelisks that will be 13 feet in height. It would include new, more formal placement of the existing memorial benches and one additional backless formal bench located at the overlook at Hibbs Park.

The project steering committee desired to use an on-call (IDIQ) contractor delivery model to maximize time efficiency for delivery of this project. Price quotes were requested from 3 on-call contractors. The D&D Custom Construction, Inc. bid was the lowest quote at \$118,900.00.

A press event on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 announced a one month timeframe where names will be received through May 15<sup>th</sup>. Once the list of names is approved, the contractor will be given Notice to Proceed with fabrication of the monument. Fabrication of the granite columns is estimated to take 4 months and site work would take place when the fabrication is nearly complete to prepare the site for the columns. A crane will place the columns. The project is estimated to be completed by early 2025. Funding for this contract is provided through PIAC funds in account #3090-708309-611080-70234903. CREO-KC has set the MBE/WBE utilization goals for this on-call contract at 10% MBE and 2% WBE.

### **Resolution #32559 – Change Order #1 with Mega KC Ashland Square Sprayground REBID Project**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved Change Order #1 to MegaKC in the amount of \$2,019.49, extended the contract expiration date to December 18, 2024 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the change order on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Ashland Square Park, located at 4500 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, was acquired in 1913. This 7 acre two tier park provides baseball and soccer playing fields on the north half, and a playground, shelter, tennis and basketball on the south half. Recent improvements consist of the new baseball backstop and dugouts, regrading and seeding the north playing fields, and extending the 5’ high black chain link fence around the north and east sides of the park. Future planned improvements for the park consist of converting the existing fill and drain swimming pool to a sprayground, replacing the playground equipment, and replacing the tennis and basketball courts with a new mini pitch court, basketball courts and pickleball courts. SLBE design firm, Landworks Studio, has provided the public engagement, design and construction documents for a 22 element sprayground, stone structure restoration and ADA access to the new sprayground.

On November 14, 2023, the Park Board approved a construction contract with Mega KC in the amount of \$1,108,097. This Contract provides demolition and removal of two (2) existing pools, all water, electrical and sewer connections, sprayground plumbing, water feature elements, controllers, concrete

pavements, historic structure restoration, street restoration, grading and seeding. The construction deadline was set as April 23, 2024.

This Change Order #1 will increase the contract price in the amount of \$2,019.49 for security door upgrades on the stone shelter and extend the project time from April 17, 2024, bringing the total amount of the contract to \$1,110,116.49. This change order will be funded from Parks Sales Tax Fund account 2030 707704 611060 70240089.

The Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity (CREO) Department set goals of 15% MBE and 15% WBE for this project. The Mega KC participation plan of 15 % MBE and 15.01 % WBE will not be changed by this change order.

**Resolution #32560 – Change Order #4 with Gunter Construction Company – Southeast Community Center Pool Renovation Project**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc, the Board approved Change Order #4 with Gunter Construction Company in the amount of \$47,859.80, added 60 calendar days to June 3, 2024 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the change order on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Southeast Community Center is located at 4201 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> St and was built in 2008. The community center was built to replace the old community center. The existing community center aquatics facility has three separate pool areas, and the maintenance and operation of the system has been a challenge to operate. In recent years the public and staff have requested a redesign of the aquatic area to accommodate a larger variety of users and age groups. The new pool design was completed and bids were received on February 1, 2023. On April 20, 2023, Gunter Construction Company was awarded the base bid in the amount of \$2,902,000. The Notice to Proceed was issued May 16, 2023.

Change Order #1 provided funding for the award of 3 alternates, additional work in the First Aid room, a roof vapor barrier, and two temporary security walls. Change Order #1 increased the contract price \$154,009 and added 19 calendar days for a revised deadline of February 14, 2024. Change Order #2 provided funding to excavate rock from the pool area, pool equipment room and the pool drain line to an outside manhole. Change Order #2 increased the contract price \$47,495.44 and added 37 calendar days for a revised deadline of March 22, 2024. Change Order #3 provided additional roof caulking, 80 linear feet of Sched 80 PVC pool drain pipe, steam heads, improvements to the multipurpose room. Change Order #3 increased the contract price \$21,805.93 and added 12 calendar days for a revised project deadline of April 3, 2024.

This Change Order #4 will provide funding to install additional electrical and mechanical improvements, fire alarm upgrades, site grading, piping and additional concrete work and increase the contract price to \$47,859.80 and will add 60 calendar days to the construction schedule for a revised completion date of June 3, 2024, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,179,170.17.

The Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity (CREO) Department set goals of 15% MBE and 15% WBE for this project. The Gunter Construction Company participation plan of 20.3 % MBE and 45.9 % WBE was

approved by the CREO Department and will continue to be met with the approval of this Change Order #4. Funding for this Change Order #4 will come from account number 3823-707567-611060-70204994.

**Resolution #32561 – Bid Award to Gunter Construction Company – Brush Creek Heritage Trail Phase I**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Bid Award to Gunter Construction, in the amount of \$227,920.00 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Corridor Project includes developing interpretive nodes along Brush Creek that highlight key events of the Civil rights journey both locally and nationally through art and interpretation. The project area is between the Paseo and Cleveland along the Brush Creek Corridor. This will be funded in part by the Kauffman Foundation Grant and the grant amount was \$1,000,000.

On March 4, 2022, the Park Board approved entering into an agreement Olsson Studio to perform the work. Their work includes community engagement, concept designs, and call for artists. Phase I includes the development of 12-14 nodes along Brush Creek that are themed per community groups that contributed to the Civil Right movement in Kanas City, MO. Each node will have a plaza, seating, interpretive signage, landscaping, and artwork.

The flatwork construction portion of the project includes the creation of 12 at-grade concrete plaza areas along the existing trail, measured at approximately 30' in diameter plaza area. Art will be added the 10' wide center through the 1% City Art Program. Gunter Construction purchase order amount is \$227,920.00.

Gunter has been selected to create these plaza areas through our IDIQ contracting process. They are 8% MBE and 4% WBE. The work is to be completed by October 2024. Funding for the project has been allocated to account number 3091-705802-611040 with project number 70225030.

**Resolution #32562 – Jarboe Pool (Tonu Aguirre Community Center) Improvements – Conceptual Plan Approval**

On a motion by Commissioner Contreras, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Conceptual Plan for Jarboe Pool relocation to Tony Aguirre Community Center and direction to continue completion of the 30% design development and construction documents.

**Background:** The pools at Jarboe Park, Swope Park and Arbor Villa Park have become inoperable due to their aging equipment, plumbing and concrete structures. Replacing or repairing deficiencies in these pools is not a feasible or responsible long term solution. The Parks Department and their consultant have recently completed the development of a citywide aquatic master plan which has highlighted the need for new aquatic features in these two parks. Through the use of the Citywide 2024 GO Bond funding and Council District 4 In-District GO Bond funding there is \$5,150,000 available for design and construction of these three pools.



Design Professional Waters Edge Aquatic Design has been hired to provide public engagement, public and private presentations, geotechnical and feasibility reports and 30% design plans for these three pools.

This Conceptual Design provides a deep pool with climbing wall and diving board, water play feature, zero entry to 3' deep pool, trough style fiberglass water slide and family changing rooms.

Waters Edge Aquatic Design has completed the public engagement and site data collection phase for the relocation of Jarboe Pool to Tony Aguirre Community Center. Results will be presented and the design team requests approval of the final conceptual and preliminary design, construction budget and project schedule from the Park Board.

**Public Hearing:** The following individuals attended Board Meeting to share their support for Director Chris Cotten in his efforts to program the 9<sup>th</sup> & Van Brunt Soccer Village: Jason Wood, John Fierro, Victor Muniz, Brandon Johnson, Ricardo Floras, Graciela Cabrera, Richard Hunun, Loreanne Campos-Carmona, Dailia and Lanza.

It was also, noted that they felt and found that Chris Cotten is fair, inclusive and an advocate for the youth of all nationalities, he is not a racist. (Letter from John Fierro, President & CEO of Mattie Rhodes Center was submitted to the Board.)

Gilberto Rizo came before the Board to request additional use of the 9<sup>th</sup> & Van Brunt Soccer Fields. The Rizo's also requested that the permit fees be reduced.

Vignia Salazar Bellis attended Board meeting to thank the Board and Park staff for their due diligence in getting the Westside Pool project moving forward.


### **CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved by roll call vote to enter into a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved by roll call vote to leave Closed Session and enter back into an open meeting.

Board Meeting adjourned.

  
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Beth Haden, President  
Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

  
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Karmen Houston, Board Secretary