

**BOARD MEETING
August 29, 2023
4600 East 63rd Trafficway
Kansas City, Missouri 64130**

Workshop:

1 p.m. – Aquatics Master Plan Discussion

**2:00 O’CLOCK P.M.
BOARD MEETING**

Call to Order – President Jack Holland

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: President Holland, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Perez-Rico joined the meeting virtually.

On a motion by Commissioner Perez-Rico, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Board Minutes of August 8, 2023.

Resolution #32313 - Facility Use with Concession Agreement with American Jazz Museum - (By Director’s Emergency Authority Resolution #24873)

The Board approved the Agreement with American Jazz Museum, by Director’s Emergency Authority, Resolution #24873.

Background: Located in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District in Kansas, Mo, the American Jazz Museum showcases the sights and sounds of jazz through interactive exhibits, films, educational programming and performances. This year is the American Jazz Museums 25th Anniversary and they are honoring this milestone with the In The Yard outdoor concert and festival to celebrate Charlie “Yardbird” Parker. The festival will include family-friendly activities, food trucks, yard games and live music.

The American Jazz Museum wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of the Great Lawn located at 1600 John Buck O’Neil Way to hold the In The Yard outdoor concert and celebration on August 26, 2023. This is a free event and they are expecting 500 participants.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will waive all fees for this one-day event. Set-up for the festival will begin at 12 p.m. on August 25, and tear down will end at 12:00 a.m. on August 27, 2023. The festival hours are from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Security will be on site.

The contractor will be responsible for providing the following items:

1. A list of items for sale
2. A plan for traffic and parking control
3. Safety and security plan

4. Marketing plan
5. Certificate of insurance per city requirements
6. Map of event layout
7. Copies of other City permits required in hosting the event.
8. A written-out plan to address litter and recycling during the event.

Resolution #32314 - Shoal Creek Golf Course Bunker Renovation Contract (By Director's Emergency Authority Resolution #24873)

The Board approved the Agreement with American Jazz Museum, by Director's Emergency Authority, Resolution #24873.

Background: A construction bid was advertised on June 28, 2023 for the renovation of the bunkers at the Shoal Creek Golf Course located at 8905 Shoal Creek Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64157. The project will implement construction documents from the architectural design contracted through CE Golf Design. It will include the renovation of all bunkers at the Shoal Creek Golf Course with the "Better Billy Bunker System."

Bids were received from four qualified firms on July 19, 2023 and reviewed by a selection committee. Viridity, LLC submitted the lowest and best bid. Viridity, LLC also met all the requirements of the construction bid.

Viridity, LLC team's price submittal for the construction project is \$722,275.00. Substantial completion of this work is scheduled for November 30, 2023. Funding for this contract is provided through Golf Operation funds in account #2050-707700-616320-70400135. CREO-KC set utilization goals of 0% MBE and 0% WBE for this project.

Resolution #32315 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Jolt Lighting, LLC

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Perez-Rico, the Board approved the Agreement with Jolt Lighting, LLC and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: Jolt Lighting, LLC has been in the Christmas display business for 18 years. During that time, they have created light displays for many organizations throughout the country as well as creating their own. In 2020 and 2021, Jolt Lighting, LLC presented Winter Magic, KC's premier drive thru holiday lighting display, in Swope Park. Last year, they moved the display to Cliff Drive and would like to return to the same location this year.

Jolt Lighting, LLC wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of Cliff Drive in Kessler Park for Winter Magic. The agreement runs from September 4, 2023, to February 28, 2024. The event will occur daily, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. from November 2 to December 31, 2023. Jolt Lighting, LLC is expecting 23,000 vehicles over the course of the event. A portion of proceeds will again go to KC Parks and to capital improvements on Cliff Drive/Kessler Park. In 2022, Winter Magic generated \$25,592.46 for the department/drive.

The contractor will be responsible for providing the following items:

1. A plan for traffic and parking control

2. Safety and security plan
3. A list of items for sale, if applicable
4. Marketing plan
5. Certificate of insurance per city requirements
6. Map of event layout
7. Copies of other City permits required to host the event

Resolution #32316 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Kansas City Repertory Theatre

On a motion by Commissioner Perez-Rico, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Agreement with Kansas City Repertory and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: *Ghost Light: A Haunted Night of Songs and Stories from KC's Cultural Crossroads.* Nestled in the dark woods of Roanoke Park, KC Rep invites you to celebrate the start of Spooky Season at this free, frightfully fun event! *Ghost Light* features extraordinary musicians, writers, and storytellers that reflect the cultural riches of our KC community, art-making opportunities, and a chance for little-ones to march in the *Ghost Light* Orchestra and a Haunted Parade. Costumes are encouraged!

This is the second year that KC Parks has partnered with Kansas City Repertory Theatre to present the free event. This year, food and beverage sales are being added to the festivities. Therefore, KC Rep wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of Roanoke Park located at 3601 Benton Road, to hold the *Ghost Light* on October 13 and 14, 2023.

As sponsor of *Ghost Light*, Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will waive park permit fees and have a booth at the festival. Set-up and rehearsals begin on October 10. The event hours are from 4-10 p.m. on October 13 and 14, with a rain date of 4-10 p.m. on October 15. An attendance of 800 total is expected during the two-nights. Security will be on-site.

The contractor will be responsible for providing the following items:

1. A list of items for sale
2. A plan for traffic and parking control
3. Safety and security plan
4. Marketing plan
5. Certificate of insurance per city requirements
6. Map of event layout
7. Copies of other City permits required in hosting the event.

Resolution #32317 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with PeaceWorks, Kansas City

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Perez-Rico, the Board approved the Agreement with PeaceWorks, Kansas City and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: The PeaceWorks, Kansas City group presents the PeaceWorks, KC Local Art Fair, which is a fundraiser for PeaceWorks, Kansas City, a non-profit all volunteer organization promoting peace and justice. Artists will sell their treasures, ranging from pottery to paintings, from photos to clothes. The event will have a mix of artists tents and social justice tables.

PeaceWorks, Kansas City wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of the Theis Park at Oak and 47th Streets, to hold their event on September 23 and 24, 2023. This is a free event and they are expecting approximately 800 participants per day.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will be compensated \$1,850.00 dollars for this event. Set-up for the event will begin at 8 a.m. on September 22, 2023 and tear down will end at 7 p.m. on September 24, 2023. The event hours are from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The contractor will be responsible for providing the following items:

1. A list of items for sale
2. A plan for traffic and parking control
3. Safety and security plan
4. Marketing plan
5. Certificate of insurance per city requirements
6. Map of event layout
7. Copies of other City permits required in hosting the event.
8. A written-out plan to address litter and recycling during the event.

Resolution #32318 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Country Club Plaza

On a motion by Commissioner Perez-Rico, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Agreement with Country Club Plaza and authorized the Director or designee to execute the amendment on behalf of the Board.

Background: One of the longest-running and most beloved art festivals in the country, the Plaza Art Fair, is in its 92nd year. Enjoyed by artists for its knowledgeable crowds, attentive staff and beautiful location on the historic Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, the Plaza Art Fair attracts more than 90,000 art patrons each year. Ranked in the top ten fine arts festivals in the Art Fair Sourcebook, it has grown over nine decades to be a premier festival of fine art and fine craft. The Plaza Art Fair is consistently recognized as Kansas City's best annual event. It marks the arrival of autumn for Kansas Citians and artists alike and attracts tourists from all over the Midwest.

The Country Club Plaza wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of Ward Parkway located at 47th and Ward Parkway to hold the 92nd Annual Plaza Art Fair on September 22, 2023 through September 24, 2023. The festival will include live music, food, beverage, alcohol and merchandise vendors. Ward Parkway from Pennsylvania to Central Street will be closed during this event. This is a free event, and they expect approximately 90,000 in attendance.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will be compensated \$5,700.00 for this 3-day event. The event dates are September 22 through September 24, 2023. Set-up for the festival will begin at 8 p.m. September 21, 2023 and tear down will end at 3 a.m. on September 25, 2022. KCPD and Security will be onsite.

The contractor will be responsible for providing the following items:

1. A list of items for sale.
2. A plan for traffic and parking control
3. Safety and security plan
4. Marketing plan
5. Certificate of insurance per city requirements
6. Map of event layout
7. Copies of any other City permits required in hosting the event
8. A written-out plan to address litter and recycling during the event

Directors Update: Mr. Cotten asked Ms. Minks to give an overview of the 2023 Ethnic Festival.

Melinda Minks commented, great, despite the heat. Attendance of nearly 33,000, short of 20,000 from last year. Nearly, fulfilled the quote of volunteers almost each day. One of the most exciting things that happened this year was because of Kelly and Sarah and some of the volunteers. We met with Matt DiCapo who is part of the Brazilian Community, the Wednesday, before the festival. They brought some information, discussed what was going to happen, where they were going to be, and the Ethnic Community bought into this whole thing. Kelly, Sarah and the volunteers collected 289 buckets of waste with 29 volunteers, working over 230 hours. Total waste kept from going into a landfill, well over 5,000 pounds, 2 ½ tons that did not go in. Melinda thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the wonderful partnership and kudos to the Board on allowing this partnership to happen, this could not be done without the department.

Commissioner Smith commented to all involved. Thank you all for your leadership and how you continue to evolve and strengthen this opportunity. I think that this is one of our most important events because it shows the beauty and tapestry that exists in Kansas City. Thank you to all the volunteers in coordinating this event.

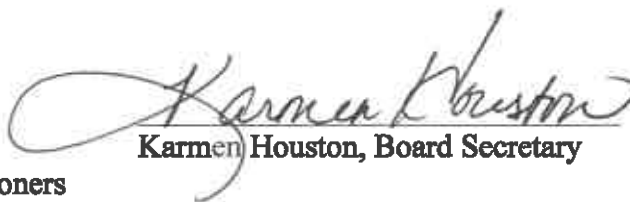
Public Hearing: Former Councilman and State Legislator John Sharp came before the Board. Mr. Sharp commented that he is pleased that the department is going to be making renovations to the Southeast Community Center pool, so that you can train your own lifeguards. His main interest is The Bay Water Park, which is a few blocks from his home and a few blocks from his son. Some of the biggest attractions at The Bay were roped off for a lot of the season, because of the lack of lifeguards. We did our best when we found out about this. He mentioned that he had written an article about the need for lifeguards in the Martin City Telegraph/Southeast News and his son Mark Sharp helped distribute 5,000 copies. Mr. Sharp commented that having the ability to train your own lifeguards is a good step forward and frankly, I hope the department takes aquatics back in-house, that way you control your own destiny. The Bay is a great asset to the southeast community. There have been a few problems when security is not there. Mr. Sharp, reiterated, that it is very important to have enough lifeguards on duty and have all features open and running. Appreciate all you are doing. He mentioned that he had gone by Ewing Park, there is nothing there but a sign and PIAC funding has been requested for more development in that park.

Commissioner Smith acknowledged receiving the information for the plaque dedication ceremony, for Kelvin Wainright and Sheron Jones, the plaques look beautiful, thank you.

Commissioner Perez-Rico commented that her microphone was off when she was trying to acknowledge the Ethnic Festival. I wanted to echo everything that Commissioner Smith said, and I expressed the same last year. I get the newsletter that Kelly sends out every Friday. The whole recycling and compost work would be awesome to get that out in the news. We hear a lot of negative things about what we're not doing in the parks. We do so much wonderful work on events that take so much effort and coordinating, I think this should be highlighted and credit given where it's due. I'm just really grateful for everyone who participated. I'm sorry, I couldn't be there, I'm still homebound, but I appreciate everything you do, so thank you,



Jack Holland, President
Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners



Karmen Houston, Board Secretary