

**BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2023
4600 East 63rd Trafficway
Kansas City, Missouri 64130**

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

**1:00 O’CLOCK P.M.
WORKSHOP**

Workshop

1p.m. – Park Maser Plan Update – Conservancy Organizations – Richard Allen

1:30p.m. – Parks Funding/Budget Overview – Terrence Williams

**2:00 O’CLOCK P.M.
BOARD MEETING**

Call to Order – President Holland called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: President Holland, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Wagner and Commissioner Williams-Neal.

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded the Board approved the Board Minutes of January 24, 2023.

Resolution #32125 – Amendment #3 with Kansas City Disc Club, Inc.

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved Amendment #3 with Kansas City Disc Club, Inc. extending the term of the agreement through October 31, 2024, and authorized the Director or designee to execute Amendment #3 on behalf of the Board.

Background: On January 12, 2016, the Board approved an agreement with the Kansas City Disc Club, Inc. for a continued partnership for the use of the disc golf course facilities located in Blue Valley Park, Kessler Park, Swope Park, Hidden Valley Park, and Waterworks Park. This agreement includes promoting, programming, maintaining, and operating the disc golf courses with concessions to the public.

The Kansas City Disc Club, Inc. will continue with insurance requirements, Parks and Recreation name and usage guidelines, and abide by all city codes and regulations. The sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted under this agreement (beer and wine only to occur at special events, subject to approval on a case-by-case basis.)

Parks and Recreation will provide trash receptacles, trash collection, and trash disposal. Parks and Recreation also agrees to cut grass per established park maintenance cycles, subject to availability of appropriated funds.

This amendment extends the term of the agreement through October 31, 2024.

Resolution #32126 – Amendment #1 – Professional Services Contract with ArtsTech

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved Amendment #1 with ArtsTech, extending the contract time to August 31, 2023, and authorized the Director or designee to execute the Amendment on behalf of the Board.

Background: On November 15, 2022, the Parks Board of Commissioners, through resolution #32046, approved a contract with ArtsTech for the use of the facilities at Westport Roanoke and Kansas City North Community Centers. During the terms of this agreement ArtsTech will offer youth and adult fee-based arts classes. The original terms of the agreement began on November 16, 2022 and would end on April 30, 2023.

This Amendment will extend the end date to August 31, 2023. All other terms stated in the original contract remain the same.

Resolution #32084 – FY 2023/24 GO Bond Park Project List Priorities for Year One

The voters of Kansas City MO approved a General Obligation (GO) Bonds in November of 2022. The GO Bond question allocated \$80,000,000 for Parks related projects and will be spread out over five years. We have shared this list with The City's Finance Department to meet a January 19 deadline so it can be shared with the City Manager for approval.

City Council introduced an Ordinance that stated that \$60,000,000 will be allocated evenly between the six council districts for park projects in their districts. \$20,000,000 will be allocated for Citywide Park projects.

The list includes projects for Citywide benefit improvements and projects specific to the individual council districts. The Citywide benefit project locations include Southeast Community Center aquatic improvements, 9th and Van Brunt Park soccer improvements, community centers assessment study, Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Park parking lot, Brush Creek design work for the Woodland pedestrian bridge over Brush Creek and community park between Woodland and Prospect.

Exercise equipment is not a GO Bond eligible asset because life cycle is less than 20 years. Recommending use of Park Fund Reserves to fund \$1,000,000 for exercise equipment at all ten community centers.

Resolution #32127 - Swope Park Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Director or designee to submit a Swope Park Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant and approved to support the local match request for up to \$5,000,000 from the new GO Bond Program for year 2025, 2026 or 2027.

Background: In 2014, in coordination with Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, State lead agencies, and interest groups, the NPS created the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program, a competitive grant program administered under the authority of the LWCF Act as a complement to the formula grant program. ORLP grants do not count against State apportionment funds.

The purpose of the ORLP Program is to provide new or significantly improved recreation opportunities in economically disadvantaged communities. The purposes and requirements of the LWCF Act and LWCF Manual, and that:

- meet recreation goals as identified in, and align with, at least one priority of, the State's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- are located within or abutting an incorporated city (or town) having a population of 30,000 or more, and
- serve the specific needs of a community(ies) that is (are) severely lacking in walkable, publicly accessible, outdoor recreation ("park deserts"), and that has a poverty rate of at least 20% or that is at least 10 percentage points higher than that of the project city, county, and state rates.

Swope Park is the departments largest parks at 1,805 acres and acquired in 1896. The grant application scope is improving the park area between Swope Parkway to Zoo Drive and 63rd St. to Mall Drive with park improvements totaling \$10,000,000. The grant requires a 50% match with the City and Federal Park funds match is 50%. We are requesting the 50% local match to be funded by the Park GO Bond five-year program for up to \$5,000,000. The park improvements include pedestrian improvements; designation playground; shelter upgrade to five structures; historic landscape restoration; and trails and walkways. The grant draft is to be submitted to MDC by February 8, 2023.

Resolution #32128 -Acceptance of the Missouri Department of Conservations/Land Conservation Partnership Grant Award – North Terrace Lake Improvements (In Kessler Park)

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved for the Director or designee to execute the necessary documents from the Missouri Department of Conservation for the North Terrace Lake Improvements Project (in Kessler Park) on behalf of the Board.

Background: The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Land Conservation Partnership Grant (LCPG) program has awarded funding to the North Terrace Lake Improvements Project in the amount of \$125,000. This project will consist of engaging design professional services to perform a lake analysis report, improvements design, conservation plan, and operation and maintenance plan for the lake. This project requires a local match of \$150,000 that has been funded by Councilmanic District 3 PIAC. The grant will also be required to be taken to City Council to estimate the revenues.

The project will include community engagement with the neighborhood groups that are included in the project area. The lake analysis report will include an assessment of water quality, sediment accumulation, erosion potential, and aquatic vegetation. The improvements design will include conceptual design, preliminary design, and construction documents for proposed improvements. The conservation plan will include the best management practices for the management of the lake and contributing sub-drainage area. The operation and maintenance plan will include a detailed operation and maintenance plan to maintain the improved lake.

Resolution #32129 – Bid Award to Gunter Construction Company – Swope Park Connector Trail Project

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Bid Award to Gunter Construction Company for the Swope Park Connector Trail Project in the amount of \$910,171.00

and authorized the Director or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

Background: Trail project. This project will provide a 10-foot-wide asphalt trail along Blue River Road from the Heart of America Golf Course in Swope Park to the Eddy-Ballentine Trail. Gunter Construction Company submitted the lowest, responsive, and responsible base bid in the amount of \$910,171.00.

Funding for this project is provided by a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00; Council District Five Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) funds in the amount of \$295,000 available in account #18-3090-708509-70161307; Council District Five PIAC funds in the amount of \$73,474.14 available in account #18-3090-708501-70161307; and Developer Allotment Expenditure funds in the amount of \$66,457.98 in account 6940-702800-C090A.

This MoDOT administered TAP grant requires a DBE goal of 8% participation for this project. Gunter Construction Company submitted their proposed participation of 34% DBE on December 15, 2022. A Bid Award Concurrence Request was submitted to MoDOT on December 22, 2022. MoDOT approved the proposed participation by providing concurrence on January 20, 2023 and has approved bid award to Gunter Construction Company.

Resolution #32130 – Resolution to Accept Deed from Ashlar Homes KC (Line Creek/Second Creek Trail Project)

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the acceptance of the 13.92 acres of land from Ashlar Homes KC as parkland for future trail extension and authorized the Director or designee to execute the needed documents on behalf of the Board.

Background: The developer of the Woodhaven subdivision (Ashlar Homes KC) is intending to donate 13.92 acres of land as parkland in satisfying the parkland dedication requirements associated with their 468-unit residential development. The development is located south of Platte Purchase Park and NW 100th St. (Future Tiffany Springs Parkway) and on the west side of the future Line Creek Parkway roadway extension between N. Platte Purchase Dr on the east and N. Green Hills Rd. on the west. Construction of Line Creek Parkway is intended to be funded through the Platte Purchase TIF.

The proposed parkland area is located along the southwest corner of their development site extending along the existing river. The development site was rezoned as part of a Master Planned Development and approved by City Council with Ordinance #220269. The 13.92 acres of land will be utilized by the City to construct future Line Creek/Second Creek Trail. The planned trail will connect to the existing 152 trail to the south and extend north beyond I-435 to the KCMO city limits.

A Phase I Environmental Assessment has been completed by Environmental Works, Inc, for this site and no recognized environmental conditions were observed.

A final plat (CLD-FnPlat-2022-00024) will be introduced to City Council to accept the 13.92 acres of land from Ashlar Homes KC as parkland.

Resolution #32131 – Design Professional Service Agreement with DRAW Architecture Blues Park Outdoor Skating Rink Project

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Design Professional Agreement with DRAW Architecture in the amount of \$101,450.00, 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: Blues Park, located at 20th Prospect Avenue, was acquired in 1967. This 4.75-acre park provides 1 baseball field, 1 playground. The next funded improvements for the park consist of replacing the existing baseball field with an outdoor skating rink.

On March 25, 2022, the Parks Department received one submittal to our RFQ for Design Professional Services of the SLBE Blues Park Outdoor Skating Rink. DRAW Architecture from Kansas City, Missouri was selected to provide project scope and fee for the conceptual design.

DRAW Architecture and Parks staff have defined the Outdoor Skating Rink design scope of work and deliverables for a total design fee of \$101,450.00. This agreement will cover site analysis, community engagement, concept-level architectural design, conceptual site plan, conceptual grading plan, and topographic survey.

Funding for this agreement will come from account number 3090 708309 611060 70237500. DRAW Architecture is on the CREO list of approved SLBE firms capable to perform the work.

Resolution #32132 – Amendment #1 with Evergy Metro Inc.

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement with Evergy Metro Inc. and authorized the Director or designee to execute the amendment on behalf of the Board.

Background: On July 28, 2020, the Board approved a cooperative agreement with Evergy Metro Inc. for undergrounding of power lines along Independence Ave for the Paseo Gateway Intersection project.

The cooperative agreement was based on the original intersection design where the building at the northwest of the intersection of the Paseo and Independence would be demolished. After the cooperative agreement was executed, the City revised the intersection design to avoid demolishing the building because the City and the owner of the building were unable to reach an agreement on the purchase price. Evergy Metro also updated the utility relocation plans to match the revised intersection design. The cooperative agreement is being amended to include the updated Evergy Metro's utility relocation plan.

Resolution #32133 – Amendment #2 with Bridging The Gap – Heartland Tree Alliance

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved Amendment #2 with Bridging The Gap, Heartland Tree Alliance for \$86,500.00 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the amendment on behalf of the Board.

Background: On November 1, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department entered into a community-based program contract with Bridging The Gap (BTG), Heartland Tree Alliance (HTA) for tree planting, maintenance and education services in the amount of \$300,000.00. Amendment #1 was approved on November 15, 2022, for \$25,000.00.

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.

Funding for the second amendment is appropriated from PIAC projects #380262 River Market Tree Well Expansion and Planting for planting 16 trees in expanded tree wells at a proposed cost of \$59,500 and from project #390474 for planting 25 trees in the Quality Hill Neighborhood at a cost of \$27,000.00. Both PIAC projects will involve expenditures for stump grinding and tree well expansion services.

Amendment #2 will add an additional \$86,500.00 for tree planting services and brings the total contract amount to \$411,500.00. Funding is available in account #3090-707771 for PIAC project #380262 and in account 3090-748404 for PIAC project #390474.

Resolution #32134 – Facility Use without Concessions Agreement with Mo-Kan Daylily Society

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Agreement with Mo-Kan Daylily Society and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: Mo-Kan Daylily Society is requesting the use of facilities at Loose Park Community Center for purpose of exhibitions/meetings. The request is for six meetings and one exhibition. In lieu of rental fees Mo-Kan Daylily Society will have educational events open to the public.

The term of this agreement will begin February 7, 2023, and end December 31, 2023. Mo-Kan Daylily Society will provide insurance per City's requirements.

Resolution #32135 – Facility Use without Concessions Agreement – Sho-Me African Violet

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Agreement with Sho-Me African Violet and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: Sho-Me African Violet is requesting the use of facilities at Loose Park Community Center for purpose of exhibitions/meetings. The request is for six meetings and one exhibition. In lieu of rental fees Sho-Me African Violet will have educational events open to the public.

The term of this agreement will begin February 7, 2023, and end December 31, 2023. Sho-Me African Violet will provide insurance per City's requirements.

Resolution #32136 – Facility Use without Concessions Agreement with Heart of America Gesneriad Society

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Agreement with Heart of America Gesneriad Society and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: Heart of America Gesneriad Society is requesting the use of facilities at Loose Park Community Center for purpose of exhibitions/meetings. The request is for six meetings and one exhibition. In lieu of rental fees Heart of America Gesneriad Society will have educational events open to the public.

The term of this agreement will begin February 7, 2023, and end December 31, 2023. Heart of America Gesneriad Society will provide insurance per City's requirements.

Resolution #32137 – Facility Use without Concessions Agreement with African Violet Society of Greater Kansas City

On a motion by Commissioner Wagner, duly seconded, the Board approved the Agreement with African Violet Society of Greater Kansas City and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Background: African Violet Society of Greater Kansas City is requesting the use of facilities at Loose Park Community Center for purpose of exhibitions/meetings. The request is for six meetings and one exhibition. In lieu of rental fees African Violet Society of Greater Kansas City will have educational events open to the public.

The term of this agreement will begin February 7, 2023, and end December 31, 2023. African Violet Society of Greater Kansas City will provide insurance per City's requirements.

Directors Update: Director Cotten

Public Hearing: No one appeared before the Board.

Meeting adjourned.


Jack Holland, President
Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Karmen Houston, Board Secretary