

**BOARD MEETING  
July 23, 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**

Noon – Lunch – Board standing rules / Roberts Rules of Order - Lana Torczon

12:15 p.m. – Naming/Renaming Policy & Request Recommendation for Teresa L. Rynard

12:45 p.m. – Park Conservancy – Richard Allen

1 p.m. – Ronald McDonald House Charities/Longfellow Park - Tami Greenberg

1:45 p.m. – Hyde Park Trolley Barn RFP

**Board Meeting**

Call to Order – President Beth Haden

Roll Call:

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

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc the Board approved the Board Minutes on June 25, 2024.

**Resolution #32587 – (HELD)** Considering Board approval of a Resolution requesting the City Council to pass an ordinance for 1.81 acres of land generally located along Cherry Street, within Longfellow Park be placed on a special election ballot to be held in 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Kansas City the question of removing property from the park system

**Resolution #32588 – Considering Board approval of FY 2024/25 – 2027 GO Bond Citywide Park Project List of Priorities**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc, the Board approved the Department's GO Bond Priorities for district projects and authorized the Director or designee to work with Budget Office in the submittal process.

***Background:*** The voters of Kansas City MO approved a General Obligation (GO) Bond Program question in November of 2022. The GO Bond question allocated \$80,000,000 for Parks related projects and will be spread out over five years. 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 Parks Department's projects.

On February 7, 2023, the Park Board approved a list to be submitted to the City Budget Office and approved at the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee approved year one funding for these project locations and scope: City's community centers assessment, Dr MILK Jr. Bridge design, Bruce R Watkins

Connecting Park design, and SE Community Center pool reconstruction. \$5,250,000 was approved for improvements at these locations.

The Budget office has allocated the remaining Citywide GO Bond funding in the amount of \$14,750,000 for pool improvements at Tony Aguirre Pool, Swope Pool, Arbor Villa Pool and the Springs Pool. The allocated years 2 through 4 of the City's in-district projects Bond program in the amount of \$12,500,000. \$47,500,000 is left to be allocated for year five of the program.

A draft list of projects has been developed to submit to the Budget Office. Each council district has approximately \$7,900,000 to \$8,000,000 to allocate in the fifth year of the plan. **(Go Bond List Attached to the Official Board Minutes)**

**Resolution #32589 – Kessler Park Master Plan by Hoxie Collective/SWT Design/Biohabitats**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Kessler Park Master Plan by Hoxie Collective/SWT Design/Biohabitats.

**Background:** Kessler Park has approximately 308 acres of parkland and was acquired in 1895. The scope of the master plan includes community engagement with all the different neighborhood groups that are included in the project area. The master plan is a high-level plan and report listing all planned improvements for the area with priorities and cost estimates. The conservation plan will include the best management practice for the management of wooded areas, open space areas and creeks and lakes in the area. The operation and maintenance plan will include a detailed operation and maintenance plan to maintain all the areas in the project area.

The Kessler Park Improvement Plan process employed a multi-layered community engagement approach that included establishing a diverse Advisory Committee representative of the communities and organizations connected to Kessler Park; a High School Mentorship initiative; Stakeholder Interviews; multi-lingual public outreach and Focus Group meetings; Online Surveys; a Project Website, and three Public Meetings advertised city-wide.

**Vision:** Kessler Park is a regional destination that inspires visitors with immersive experiences in nature, supports the local communities' vibrant art and cultures, and holds the widest array of recreational amenities in the city.

**Mission:** Kessler Park will become a safe place for all and will build on the improvement and maintenance of existing assets with beloved programs and partnerships. Strategic growth of facilities and programming are planned over time to enhance safety and environmental health while attracting more visitors and investment.

**Priority Improvement Categories:** 1. Safety; 2. Maintenance; 3. Environmental Conservation; 4. Connectivity; 5. Activation. Near term priorities include Forming Kessler Park Partners Group; increased safety initiatives; environmental cleanup and conservation; wayfinding and maintenance, connected walking and biking path for full park; road configuration; art programming and support spaces; priorities new amenities; and major capital projects and programs.

At the June 25, 2024, pre-board meeting, the master plan was presented for informational purposes before going forward for official board action.

### **Resolution #32590 – Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for Managed Deer Hunts**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for Managed Deer Hunts offering the managed deer hunts in Tiffany Springs Park, Riverfront Park, Swope Park, Jerry Smith Park, Pleasant Valley Park, Buckeye Greenway, and Hodge Park and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** In 2006, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), in partnership with the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation, offered managed deer hunts at Tiffany Springs Park and Riverfront Park. The intent of the managed hunt was for reasons including:

- Reducing deer densities to mitigate or alleviate deer/vehicle collisions on public roadways
- Lower deer numbers to provide healthier deer and reduce the prevalence of Lyme disease
- Lower deer numbers from proper-consistent management to reduce the risk of the spread of diseases such as Hemorrhagic Disease (Blue Tongue) and Chronic Wasting Disease
- Deer prefer native plants to eat and will not eat the invasive plants that we try to eradicate, a balance helps in invasive control
- Provides yet another niche for a unique park patron to utilize and enjoy the urban parks

Seven parks are part of the managed hunt partnership with MDC and KCMO Parks including Tiffany Springs Park, Riverfront Park, Swope Park, Jerry Smith Park, Pleasant Valley Park, Buckeye Greenway, and an all women hunt at Hodge Park. Each participant must complete a mandatory national bow hunting certification to be eligible for the random drawing to be eligible for the program. In addition, KCMO residents have priority in the drawing.

During these partnership years, Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation has established a high level of status in the United States for urban managed deer hunting in public parks. This partnership has been extremely successful and effective in reducing deer/vehicle collisions in these areas of our city and improving forest and glade ecosystem health. We are dedicated to working with MDC to expand on this partnership where beneficial to the public.

### **Resolution #32591 – Kiddie Play Structure at Tiffany Springs Aquatic Center**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc, the Board approved the purchase of kiddie play feature at Tiffany Spring Aquatics Center in the amount of \$324,000.

**Background:** Tiffany Springs Aquatics Center is Parks & Receptions busiest seasonal aquatics facility. It annually sees tens of thousands of patrons each aquatics season. The aquatics facility opened in 2006. The facility is nearing its 20<sup>th</sup> year of exitance, and items such as the kiddie play feature is needing replacement due to high volume usage and normal wear and tear.

The Parks Department would like to purchase a new kiddie play structure from Whitewater West industries. The purchase of the new play structure would be \$324,000. Whitewater West Industries manufactured the original play structure. The new play structure would be the exact replacement for the existing one.

Going with the exact same play structure allows for the department to avoid installing new plumbing or any alterations to the water park. There will be a 3–4-month lead time for the order. Removal of the

current play structure will be handled by the Parks Department. Installation and assembly of the play structure will be handled through an RFP process.

Whitewater West Industries has been identified as the sole source manufacturer of the play structure. A sole source waiver was requested and received from the city manager. Funding will come through the existing aquatics budget 2030-70584 (The Springs).

**Resolution #32592 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Jolt Lighting, LLC for Winter Magic at Platte Purchase Park**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with Jolt Lighting, LLC for Winter Magic 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 20 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. In 2022 and 2023, they installed the display on Cliff Drive. This year, they would like to move the display further north to Platte Purchase Park.

Jolt Lighting, LLC wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of Platte Purchase for Winter Magic. The agreement runs from August 15, 2024, to February 28, 2025. The event will occur daily, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. from November 1, 2024-January 4, 2024. Jolt Lighting, LLC is expecting 23,000 vehicles over the course of the event. A portion of the proceeds will again go to KC Parks. In 2023, Winter Magic generated \$26,947.87 for the department.

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 #32593 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Fount Church**

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

*Background:* The Fount Church celebrates the Gospel of Jesus and plug people into God's story. The Fount Church believes in the good news as a church family.

The Fount Church wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of Ilus Davis Park located at 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St. to hold the Fount Church Block Party on September 21, 2024. The

festival will include food trucks, local vendors, live music, charitable activities and a bounce house & children's entertainment. They are expecting 1000 participants.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will be compensated \$1,000 for this one-day Sales on Public Property event. Set-up for the festival will begin at 1 p.m. and tear down will end at 9 p.m. on September 21, 2024. The event hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Certificate of insurance will cover all applicable requirements and be due 14 days before the first event date.

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 #32594 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission**

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

**Background:** Sporting Kansas City LLC is requesting the use of the multipurpose field at Pleasant Valley Road Athletic Complex for the purpose of conducting youth soccer practice and games. Activities will take place Monday-Thursday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. during the terms of this agreement.

Sporting Kansas City LLC will compensate the City \$25.00 per hour for a total compensation of \$1,400.00. The terms of this agreement will begin September 2, 2024, and end October 17, 2024.

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

**Resolution #32595 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Urban Neighborhood Initiative**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Agreement with Urban Neighborhood Initiative and authorized the Director or his designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Urban Neighborhood Initiative (UNI) is a Community Development Corporation (CDC) that strives to build communities with purpose on purpose where every household member is engaged, encouraged, elevated, and educated through the joys of stable housing, quality programming, and impactful services.

UNI wishes to enter into a Facility Use with Concession Agreement for the use of Theis Park located at Cleaver II Blvd & Oak St. to hold their annual gala, RECESS Jams Session, on October 10, 2024. The event will include a concert, bounce house, and food trucks. They are expecting 700 participants.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation department will receive \$500.00 for this one-day event. Set-up will begin at 1 p.m. and tear down will begin at 10 p.m. on October 10, 2024. The event hours are from 5-10 p.m. Security will be on site. Certificate of insurance will cover all applicable requirements and be due 14 days before the first event date.

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 #32596 – Facility Use without Concession Agreement with La Liga Kansas City**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with La Liga Kansas City and authorized the Director or designees to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** La Liga Kansas City is requesting the use of facilities at Hodge Park Athletic Field #1, 24-2 NE Reinking Road for the purpose of conducting youth soccer practices and games for the fall session.

La Liga Kansas City will pay \$20.00 per hour for practice and \$200.00 per game for a total compensation of \$2,760.00.

The terms of this agreement will begin September 3, 2024, and end October 19, 2024. La Liga Kansas City will provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse/molestation insurance per City's requirements.

**Resolution #32597 – Facility Use without Concession Agreement with Sporting Kansas City LLC**

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

**Background:** The Greater Kansas City Sports Commission is a combination of two non-profit organizations founded in 1966. Their staff work to fulfill a mission to enhance the quality of life and economic success of Greater Kansas City. The Garmin Kansas City Marathon is Kansas City's largest and most exciting annual race event that takes runners on a tour through the WWI Museum, The Country Club Plaza, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Waldo and Westport neighborhoods and historic 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine.

The Greater Kansas City Sports Commission wishes to enter into a Facility use with Concessions Agreement for the use of Theis Park, located at Oak and 47<sup>th</sup> Street, to hold the Garmin Kansas City Marathon Finish Line Festival, on October 19, 2024. This free event will include merchandise sales, food and alcohol vendors. They expect approximately 15,000 in attendance.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department will be compensated \$2,200.00 for this 1-day event free event. Set-up for the festival will begin at 8 a.m. on October 17, 2024, and tear down will end at 5 p.m. on October 19, 2024. KCPD, KCFD and EMT will be onsite. **Certificate of insurance will cover all applicable requirements and be due 14 days before the first event date.**

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

**Resolution #32598 – Facility Use with South Suburban Junior Football Association**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Agreement with South Suburban Junior Football Association and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** South Suburban Junior Football Association is requesting the use of the Longview Tract Park, Football Fields #1 & #2, located at 7201 Longview Road, for the limited purpose of conducting football clinics, practices, games, and associated activities during the Term of the License. Activities will take place on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

South Suburban Junior Football Association will compensate at the rate of \$20.00/day/field and 20% of concessions for a total projected compensation of \$2,520.00.

The Term of this License shall start on August 2, 2024, and end no later than November 3, 2024. They will also provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse molestation insurance per City's requirements.

**Resolution #32599 – Design Professional Services Agreement with Populous – Paseo Stairs**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with Populous in the amount of \$142,800 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Paseo Stairs, located at MILK Boulevard and the Paseo Boulevard, is a well-known landmark in the city. The stone steps were built into the steep hillside leading up to the original Paseo High School. The stairs have been in a state of decay, blight and disrepair for decades.

On January 17, 2024, the Parks Department received one submittal responding to the RFP/Q for Design Professional Services of the Paseo Stairs Revitalization project. Populous was selected for the project. Populous' Team also includes JE Dunn, Taliaferro & Browne, Young + Dring Landscape Architecture, LLC, etc.

The Paseo Stairs project is to revitalize the existing stairs. Project goals include the following:

- Create a welcoming, multi-functional site that will enhance the lives of our community.
- Utilizing outdoor fitness as an opportunity to bring the city together and bridge gaps.
- Promote healthier lifestyles for our community members.
- Enhance the visibility of this well-known landmark.
- Bring all walks of life together.
- Bring the community together to support this project and re-energize the neighbors.

Per the contract agreement, the design work will be completed for a maximum of \$142,800.00 and in 175 calendar days. The scope of this agreement includes site analysis, community engagement, conceptual plans, and design plans. This agreement is funded from PICA funds in account number 3090 708309 70237502. The CREO Department has approved the participation goals of 14% MBE and 14% WBE, and the design professional's MWBE participations are 14% MBE and 14% WBE.

**Resolution #32600 – Missouri Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for Swope Park-Blue River Trail – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to Swope Pool Area Project**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the Director or designee to execute the necessary documents from the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for the Swope Park – Blue River Trail – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to Swope Pool Area Project.

**Background:** The Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has awarded funding to the Swope Park-Blue River Trail – 63<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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 #32601 – Missouri Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for the Swope Park Trail – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to KC Pet Project**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Director or designee to execute the necessary documents from the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for the Swope Park Trail – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to KC Pet Project.



**Background:** The Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has awarded funding to the Swope Park Trail – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to KC Pet Project in the amount of \$750,000. This project will provide a paved trail from 63<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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 #32602 – Construction and Donation Agreement with Candence Homeowners Association and Hunt Midwest – Trail Improvements**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc, the Board approved the Agreement with Candence Homeowners Association and Hunt Midwest for Trail Improvements within Candence subdivision and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners is being requested to enter into a construction and donation agreement with Cadence Homeowners Association and Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development Inc. for trail improvements within Cadence subdivision.

Hunt Midwest will construct a 10-wide trail within Cadence subdivision which is located east of Platte Purchase Road and south of NW 108<sup>th</sup> Street. This trail will be connected to the trails in Platte Purchase Park and will become part of the regional trail system in the northland.

This trail will be designed and constructed in accordance with the City's standards. Parks staff will be conducting inspections to ensure all the City's requirements and trail specifications are met. Once construction is completed, the City will accept the trail project and maintenance responsibility.

**Resolution #32603 – Change Order #5 (Final) with Gunter Construction Company – Southeast Community Center**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved Final Change Order #5 to Gunter Construction Company in the amount of \$72,273.66, added 91 calendar days to the project schedule 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 new pool design was complete, 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 May 16, 2023.

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

3, 2024. Change Order #4 in the amount of \$47,859.80 provided funding to install additional electrical and mechanical improvements, fire alarm upgrades, site grading, piping and additional concrete work and added 60 calendar days to the construction schedule extending the contract time to June 3, 2024, bringing the total contract amount of \$3,173,170.17.

This Change Order #5, in the amount of \$72,273.66 will provide funding to install duct soc tie-in, building fire alarm corrections, 3 new pool heaters and exhaust pipe, roof drain erosion protection, 2 new doors and 1 door louver and added 91 calendar days, extending the contract time to September 2, 2024, bringing the total amount of this contract to \$3,245,443.83 Funding for this Change Order #5 will come from account number 3090-611060-708509-70204994.

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 #5.

**Resolution #32604 – Change Order #1 with Gunter Construction Company – Holmes Park Playground Design Build Project**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc, the Board approved Change Order #1 to Gunter Construction Company for a total price of \$36,163.00 and authorized the Director or designee to execute change order on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Holmes Park Playground, located at 6901 Holmes Road, was acquired in 1944. This 9.14-acre park is bordered by Holmes Road. This neighborhood park has served several age groups over the years and has recently seen an increase in young families using the park. The amenities in this park are an existing playground, an outdoor roller hockey rink, baseball field and parking lot on E. 70<sup>th</sup> St. The neighborhood and Southtown Council have received \$442,000 from Year 39 (2022-2023) PIAC funding for installation of a new playground.

On November 14, 2023 the Park Board awarded a Design Build contract to Gunter Construction Company in the amount of \$404,750.00. The project includes the replacement of the existing play area and provides a new ADA accessible, all-inclusive playground that serves all age groups. Gunter Construction Company's Design Build team received public engagement on this project. Construction has begun and the playground border, playground drainage system and connecting sidewalks have been completed. The new playground and safety surfacing remain to be completed before November 17, 2024.

This Change Order #1 will provide funding in the amount of \$36,163.00 to install a paved picnic area, a paved connection to the west parking lot and an upgrade from sports turf surfacing to rubber tile surfacing in the play area. The new total amount of the contract is \$440,913. The contract times will remain unchanged. Funding for this construction contract will come from account number 3090 708609 611060 70237000.

The Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity (CREO) Department set goals of 14% MBE and 14% WBE for this project. The Gunter Construction Company participation plan of 14% MBE and 14% WBE was approved by CREO and will be met with the inclusion of this change order.

**Resolution #32605 – Change Order #2 with MegaKC – Ashland Square Sprayground REBID Project**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved Change Order #2 to MegaKC in the amount of \$92,574.98, extend the contract time 7 calendar days 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. Change Order #1, in the amount of \$2,019.49 for security door updates and converted the contract time from a deadline specific project to a calendar day project with a new project deadline of December 18, 2024, bringing the total amount of the contract to \$1,110,116.49.

This Change Order #2, in the amount of \$92,574.98 will provide funding to install additional 4" sidewalk, 20 feet of new concrete curb, additional electrical service connections, additional electrical bonding and reinforcement at the spray pad perimeter and 330 linear feet of 4' Montage 3 rail fence around the sprayground project and will extend the project deadline 7 calendar days for a revised project deadline of December 25, 2024. Bringing the total amount of contract to \$1,202,691.47. This Change Order #2 is 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 #32606 – Approval of Funds – Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center - Artists**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the use of funds to secure artists for a fundraising event for Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center in the amount of \$33,300.

**Background:** Bruce R Watkins Cultural Heritage Center (BRWCHC), 3700 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The Center is named in honor of Bruce R. Watkins, a political and social activist. During his lifetime, Watkins made innumerable contributions to the development of Kansas City and toward

the advancement of civil rights for African Americans and sought 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. The 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. 2024 is the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center.

To commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Center's opening and mission to provide culturally rich entertainment, theatrical performances, art and educational programs for Kansas City community members and non-local visitors, a fundraising concert is being planned for Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the historic GEM Theatre in Kansas City's 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine Jazz District. The concert event's net proceeds would benefit BRWCHC's ongoing programs and presentations.

Parks and Recreation Department staff requests approval of funds to be released to Show Me Showdown Urban Entertainment in the amount of \$33,300 for the purpose of securing national music artists Regina Belle, R&B group Shai and vocalist Sunshine Anderson to perform as the featured performers for the fundraising concert.

Funds for this expenditure are available from funds allocated from the State of Missouri to the Parks and Recreation Department for Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center 2024 programs.

**Resolution #32607 – Agreement with Black Archives of Mid-America for the use of Gregg Kice Community Center**

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:** The mission of the Black Archives of Mid-America is to collect, preserve and make available to the public materials documenting the social, economic, political and cultural histories of persons of African American descent in the central United States, with particular emphasis in the Kansas City, Missouri region.

Other initiatives include a Stop the Violence initiative and the Black Archives youth group, BAYCON, is requesting the use of the gymnasium and kitchen at Gregg/Klice Community Center to host a Stop the Violence Basketball tournament. This one-day event will begin on July 27, 2024, at 10: 00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

Working in partnership with the Black Archives of Mid America, City will grant access to the facilities at no charge.

Commercial general liability and sexual assault/molestation insurance will be provided per City's requirements.

**Public Hearing:**

Carla Aguta, came before the Board to thank the board for allowing the use of the 9<sup>th</sup> Van Brunt soccer completed. Ms. Aguta mentioned that another organization wanted to charge her 1,000 of dollars to allow her kids to play. Gilbert Rizo came before the Board to thank staff and board members for allowing them to use the soccer complex as well. Have over 600 playing in the league.

Kate Marshall, President, Plaza District Council came before the Board to thank the staff from removal of the planters on Wornall Bridge and thanked them for the bridge cleanup. Bond money has been secured for renovations along the corridor.


Jack Lowe, came before the Board and thanked the Board for work being done at Waterworks Park. He further commented that there were some issues with the size of the trail, which caused for redesign of the disc golf course.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded, 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

# 4-Year 2022 GO Bond FY 24-27

Project Name		Council District	FY24 Score	Proposed 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27	4 Year Total
<b>Parks</b>								
Platte Purchase Park- gravel parking lot, restrooms by t- ball fields and shelter at south ballfields	1	53	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Twin Creek Trail-PIAC Payback	1	40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 250,000
Essex Park-Playground and trail	1	35					\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
Garney Park-Trail replacement	1	50					\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000
Tiffany Hills Park-Sports lighting and trail	1	35					\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,700,000
Hodge Park-Field House concept plan	1	33					\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000
Hodge Park-Pickle Ball Courts (8)-PIAC payback	1	33					\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
Fox Hill Park	1	30					\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Frank Vaydik Park concession and restrooms at ballfields	2	73	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 950,000
Cooley Park-Playground and shelter	2	70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 9,050,000
Park Forest Park-Play equipment and walking trail	2	60					\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000
Line Creek Community Center-Ice system, HVAC and roof	2	53					\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Line Creek Trail-Trailhead	2	30					\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Dog Park-CD 2 location	2	50					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Chouteau Greenway Park-Playground	2	73					\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
Wilson Park/82- CFN recommendations and trail	3	83	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Blues Park-Skate Rink	3	68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000
Blue Valley Park-Master Plan Improvements and CFN List	3	75					\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Chelsea Park-CFN List	3	73					\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000
Indiana Park-CFN List	3	60					\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000
The Grove-CFN list and playground	3	73					\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Kessler Park Lake	3	75					\$ 1,025,000	\$ 1,025,000
Brush Creek Improvements-Concrete walks, lights and drainage	3	68					\$ 2,248,750	\$ 2,248,750
Oak Park-lighting (PIAC payback)	3	43					\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Prospect Plaza Park- Playground (PIAC payback)	3	65					\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Dunbar-Shelter repairs (PIAC payback)	3	70					\$ 41,250	\$ 41,250
Jarboe Pool per ordinance 230529	4	70	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Garrison CC-Parking and Sprayground	4	73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 8,000,000
Kessler Park-Park Improvement per master plan	4	75					\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Penn Valley Park-Trail improvements	4	70					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Sheffield Park-Futsal and loop trail	4	68					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Dietrich Park-Park improvements	4	58					\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000



CLOSED SESSION July 23, 2024

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.

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;
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  - Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsections 3 and 13 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss personnel matters.
  - 1. Discussed the RFP for the Plaza Tennis Center
    2. Discussed related to past Director Teresa Rynard / naming request



**Date: July 23, 2024**

**Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Kansas City:  
Request for Parks Board permission to pursue KCMO voter approval  
to purchase approx. 1.8 acres of land at 25<sup>th</sup> at Cherry (within Longfellow Park)**

**Specifically seeking to purchase the land which the charity has occupied for 20 years, and on which the charity has invested \$15 million in building, parking, and improvements – in order to expand the Ronald McDonald House and serve 1,400+ more families with seriously ill children each year.**

**The Need**

- RMHC: Essential access to healthcare for families with sick children
- Strengthening families, reducing barriers, promoting healing
- Children’s Mercy continues to grow, and pediatric medicine continues to advance
- We currently serve approx. 5,000 families each year – and turn away 1,000
- A total of 94 rooms are available now, detailed assessment shows we need at least 40 more

**Equity, Public Benefit, and Urban Green Space**

- RMHC-KC longstanding demonstration of DEI values
- Access to health care is a key equity issue
  - o 78% of RMHC-KC guest families live below the HUD designated income for a family of 4
  - o 32% of our guest families have a household income below the Federal Poverty threshold
  - o 37% of our guest families identify as non-white
  - o Nearly 10% of our guest families speak a primary language other than English
- RMHC-KC longstanding demonstration of commitment to public green space
- Since 2004: RMHC stewardship and improvement of Longfellow Park
  - o Organic vegetable garden installed in Longfellow Park in 2014
  - o Walking path, orchard, benches, exercise equipment and signage all added pre-COVID
- Serenity Garden for the public and community = 9,000 sf, added by RMHC in 2020 (more than proposed 7,000 sf of Ronald McDonald House expansion)
- Almost all of the proposed purchase has already been built upon – small use of grassy area
- Site of RMHC proposed building expansion doesn’t interfere with walking path or programmed elements of Longfellow Park
- RMHC role on board of Health Sciences District CID (Community Improvement District), programming corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and Gillham: Currently asphalt, will become approx. 0.5 acres of community greenspace, over 20,000 sf

**Longfellow Community Association**

- Decades-long relationship; We abandoned desire to vacate Cherry Street (to create MORE greenspace and park environment) when LCA didn’t approve
- Role models for community in beautification of “road diet” and traffic calming measures
- Conversations about this current expansion possibility with LCA: No consensus yet on Board, feedback about shape of park and opportunities for greater activation
- We believe in (and demonstrate) community engagement and representation!
- Lisa Pelofsky, former Longfellow resident and Board: “you have alleviated any concern I had”

## Precedence

- We are notably different from WWI Museum, Starlight, the Zoo (people buy tickets to those)
- Public perception of our charity: We're not an entity one would expect to be owned by the City
- Social service and health care access are not comparable to public utilization
- The amount of land we are seeking (1.8 acres) a small amount compared to what others occupy

## Transportation and Parking

- Possible evolution of parking solutions (Jackson County Family Court)
- Working with LCA to enhance bike options in neighborhood
- Parking is not just "ease" or "convenient" for RMHC-KC guest families – managing oxygen tanks, medical equipment, and wheelchairs along with strollers and diaper bags
- Partnership with Children's Mercy shuttle service is often unavailable

## Proposed Financial Arrangement

- RMHC can't grow without financial sustainability plan (owning land + building)
- Two (or three) appraisals, fair market value determined by average
- Purchase price would result in public benefit – presumably for reinvestment in other Parkland

## Process Moving Forward (next to City Council, then RMHC named in ballot language)

- We have NOT made any formal request to City Council yet – Parks first!
- Consideration: November vs. April (cost, timing, optics)
- We understand there is risk
- Our team will secure the survey and legal description of land
- RMHC attorney (Wale Akinmoladun) + City Attorney (Lana Torzcon) to confirm ballot language

## Possible Future Phases of Growth/Need

- Financial sustainability plan of now (owning land + building) = strength for future
- If community parking solution emerges, we can expand House on current parking lot
- No expectation or need to approach Parks again for additional support or land - EVER
- This expansion = access to health care for 1,400+ additional families with sick children each year
- A few examples of specific families with sick children we've had to turn away in the last 30 days

## Comments, Feedback, Perspective from:

- **Teresa Keller**, RMHC-Kansas City Board Chair; General Counsel, PSI Services LLC
- **Dr. Ahmed Abdelmoity**, RMHC-KC Board member; Vice President Clinical Access; Neurology Division Director; Associate Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Children's Mercy
- **Stephen Krauska**, Board President, Longfellow Community Association – speaking today as a member of the neighborhood, not officially representing the Board
- **Richard Hu**, RMHC-KC Board member and Expansion Committee Chair; Principal/Architect, HJM Architects

