

**BOARD MEETING  
August 13, 2024**

**4:00 O’CLOCK P.M.  
Workshop**

**5:00 O’CLOCK P.M.  
Board Meeting**

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

**Workshop**

4:00 p.m. – Parkland Dedication Fee Study – Richard Sanchez

4:30 p.m. – Park System Land Assessment Candidate Tract Scoresheet – Richard Allen

4:45 p.m. – 3915 Gillham Road Trolley Barn RFQ – Stephen VanRhein

**Board Meeting**

Call to Order – President Beth Haden

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: President Haden, Commissioner Contreras, 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 July 23, 2024.

**Resolution #32608 – Kessler Park Reservoir Implementation for a Road Diet and Closures**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved and authorized the director or designee to work with contractors and other departments in implementing road diet and closure of portions of roads in Kessler Park by the reservoir area.

***Background:*** Kessler Park has approximately 308 acres of parkland and was acquired in 1895. The recently adopted master plan is a comprehensive plan that developed concept plans for the different areas of the park and developed a strategy for the conservation and maintenance of the park. The plan was adopted on August 23, 2024. Safety was the main priority of the plan from citizen input.

The city built a water reservoir in early 1921 and that infrastructure was replaced with modern water distribution systems approximately 1931. The reservoir has remained empty for 94 years and has become a local landmark and attractive nuisance. The old reservoir has a barrier fence to secure the area around the structure. A road system loops the old reservoir site and connects to Cliff Drive. Cliff Drive is no longer open to vehicular traffic and is open to pedestrians.

The roads in this area have been used for many illegal activities from dumping, prostitution, drug use and random gunfire. The area residents have approached City officials about doing something about this area to improve safety.

The master planned recommended some road diet in this area. We are recommending closing off two entrances to the reservoir loop area by milling out sections of road. A loop road will be left and recommend making it one way.

### **Resolution #32609 – Memorandum of Understanding with KC Parks Foundation**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with KC Parks Foundation to transfer funds in the amount of \$100,000 to Parks and Recreation to be used for renovations at the Parade Park.

**Background:** Phillips 66, sponsor of the NCAA Big 12 Conference, wanted to donate \$100,000 for the renovation of the Parade Park (1600 John “Buck” O’Neil Way). Phillips 66 would only donate the money to a 501 (c) 3 non-for-profit corporation and not directly to the City. Phillips 66 gave a \$100,000 donation to the KC Parks Foundation, formerly known as the Kessler Conservancy on July 10.

KC Parks Foundation and the Parks Department will enter into a Grant MOU for the purpose of transferring the funds to the Parks and Recreation Department and requiring the City to return any funds remaining to the Foundation after the project has been paid in full. Once these funds have been transferred, the Parks and Recreation Department will enter into a contract to complete the renovations with PCC Sports, which include installation of a fence around the courts; resurfacing the courts; and Phillips 66/KCMO branding. The project is anticipated to be completed prior to September 30, 2024.

### **Resolution #32610 – Agreement with The Nia Project/Black Women Get Fit 2024**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the Agreement with the Nia Project/Black Women Get Fit 2024 and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** The Nia Project is focused on improving the lives of Black girls and women in Kansas City, accomplished by supporting and creating projects that build confidence, capacity, and opportunity.

Black Women Get Fit is The Nia Project’s signature program in its seventh year with the twin goals of identifying and supporting Black women owned businesses. The event also provides a platform that introduces women to wellness experiences that address the healing of minds, bodies, and souls. Participation in the past has ranged from 200-400 women.

On Saturday, September 28, 2024, Black Women Get Fit 2024 will be held at the Southeast Community Center from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Activities will include educational workshops and fitness demonstrations. Access will be allowed at 7:30 a.m. for set-up. The Nia Project will have the use of the entire facility at that time at no cost.

The Nia Project will provide commercial general liability insurance per city requirements. The terms of this agreement are from 7:30. am. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

**Resolution #32611 – Facility Use without Concession Agreement with Line Creek Figure Skating**

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

**Background:** Line Creek Figure Skating Club is requesting use of the Line Creek Community Center for the limited purpose of conducting youth and adult ice-skating lessons, clinics, camps, test sessions, practices, and special events during the term of the agreement. Activities will take place Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m., and 4:20 p.m.-5:20 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Line Creek Figure Skating will compensate at a rate of \$300.00/hour for a total estimated compensation of \$64,500.00. Payment is due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The Term of the License shall start September 1, 2024, and end no later than August 28, 2025. Commercial general liability and sexual abuse molestation insurance will be provided per City.

**Resolution #32612 – Facility Use with Concession Agreement with Insomniacs Hockey Club, LLC**

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

**Background:** Insomniacs Hockey Club LLC is requesting the use of Line Creek Community Center for the limited purpose of adult hockey games, practices, and associated activities during the Term of the License.

Hockey activities will take place from 9:50 p.m. -11:00 p.m. each Wednesday during the term of this agreement. Insomniac Hockey Club LLC will compensate in the amount of \$300.00 per hour on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Total compensation from this agreement is approximately \$16,450.00. Payment is due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. The Term of the License shall start September 6, 2024, and shall end no later than August 27, 2025. Commercial general liability insurance will be provided per City requirements.

**Resolution #32613 – Facility Use without Concession Agreement with Ice Sports Consulting LLC**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Agreement with Ice Sports Consulting LLC and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Ice Sports Consulting, LLC is requesting the use of facilities at Line Creek Community Center for the purpose of youth and adult skating lessons, classes, and associated activities. Classes

will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at a rate of \$300.00/hour during the terms of this agreement.

The total estimated payment is projected to be \$21,000.00. Payment is due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The terms of this agreement will begin September 10, 2024, and end August 28, 2025. Ice Sports Consulting will provide commercial general liability and sexual abuse/molestation insurance per City's requirements.

**Resolution #32614 – Facility Use without Concession Agreement with Avila University Tennis**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc, the Board approved the Agreement with Avila University Tennis and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** Avila University Tennis is requesting the use of the Minor Park Tennis Courts #10, 11, and 12, located at 11477 Blue River Road, for the limited purpose of conducting men's and women's clinics, practices, games, and associated activities during the Term of the License. Activities will take place on Monday-Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Avila University Tennis will compensate at the rate of \$15.00/hour/court for a total projected compensation of \$2,700.00. Payment will be made in full in advance.

The Term of this License shall start on September 1, 2024, and end no later than October 11, 2024. Avila University Tennis will provide commercial general liability insurance per City's requirements.

**Resolution #32615 – Cooperative Agreement with Curators of the University of Missouri**

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

**Background:** African Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes and are more likely to have diabetes complications, such as kidney failure, blindness, and limb amputations. Our Healthy Jackson County is a UMKC initiative that will offer two programs focused on diabetes prevention.

FIT4LIFE will provide a proven diabetes prevention program in underserved areas that motivates participants to engage in healthy living lifestyle changes by attending workshop classes, increasing exercise, increasing healthy eating behaviors and losing weight, thereby reducing the burden of diabetes in Jackson County.

FIT4ALL will aid in accomplishing these stated goals by delivering the Center for Disease Control's Diabetes Prevention Program, which has proven to reduce risk for diabetes by promoting weight loss and exercise.

UMKC is requesting the use of the facilities at Southeast Community Center for the purpose of offering both of these 12-month programs. They will occur Monday-Thursday during the term of this agreement

and the City will be compensated \$2,400.00 for each of the four twelve-month classes.

The term of this Agreement shall begin on October 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2025, with the option for two (2) 1-year renewals.

UMKC shall, through a self-funded program, maintain in effect throughout the term of this agreement commercial general liability insurance per City requirements.

**Resolution #32616 – Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement with Truman Medical Centers Incorporated d/b/a/ University Health**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Gorenc the Board approved Amendment #1 with Truman Medical Centers Incorporated d/b/a University Health and authorized the Director or designees to execute the amendment on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** On October 12, 2023, the Parks Board of Commissioners, through resolution #32327 approved an agreement with Truman Medical Centers Incorporated d/b/a/ University Health for use of the facilities at Gregg Klice Community Center for rehabilitative activities in the gymnasium and swimming pool. The original terms of this agreement started on October 13, 2023, and ended on August 31, 2024.

Exercising a renewal clause, Amendment #1 will change the end date to August 31, 2025. All other terms stated in the original agreement remain the same.

**Resolution #32617 – Approval for the use of \$59,862.53 from Special Gifts Fund**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor, the Board approved the use of \$59,862.53 from the Special Gifts Fund to be used for lighting at Martin Luther King Jr. Park Tennis Courts.

**Background:** To ensure the visibility and safety of players using the tennis courts at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, replacement of the current lighting is needed. The Parks department received a quote from Mark One Electric Company for a total amount of \$59,862.53. The improvements include the installation of new LED Lighting.

**Resolution #32618 – Cooperative Facility Management Funding Agreement with Neighborhood and Community Services**

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, duly seconded by Commissioner Contreras, the Board approved the Cooperative Facility Management Funding Agreement with Historical Society of New Santa Fe and Neighborhood and Community Services and authorized the Director or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

**Background:** The City of Kansas City and the Historical Society of New Santa Fe entered into an agreement July 1, 2006 permitting the Historical Society of New Santa Fe to continue to occupy and to provide public access to the City owned facility for the purpose of providing public education



programs, information center, and community meeting space. The building is under the jurisdiction of the General Services Division.

Parks and Recreation benefits from the location of the building and citizen access to the facility because the Indian Creek Trail runs behind the facility, and 99<sup>th</sup> Street is the current location of the eastern trailhead. Parks and Recreation will continue to use the building to conduct educational programs about the trail and Indian Creek and will have access to conduct public meetings. Users of the Indian Creek Trail will be able to use the restrooms when the facility is open.

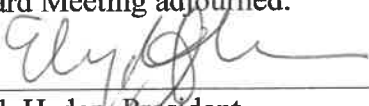
Parks and Recreation entered into a Cooperative Facility Management Funding Agreement for a one-year period, August 13, 2024 through July 31, 2025, that states that Parks and Recreation will fund up to \$8,000 in utility expenses for this facility and will reimburse \$500/monthly to the Historical Society for building maintenance and security. \$5,000 is from the Parks and Recreation South Region budget, and the \$3,000 is funding transferred to Parks and Recreation from the Neighborhood and Community Services Department.

Historical Society of New Santa Fe wishes to continue the terms of the agreement for an additional year as provided in Sec. 2. Term of Agreement.

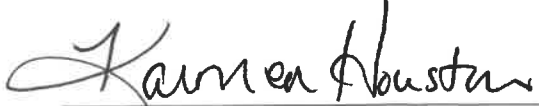
**Public Hearing:**

- Citizen and equestrian rider Teri Smith came before the Board to ask Parks staff about the Blue River Martha Truman Connector Trail project. Ms. Smith said that she had heard there was a meeting today regarding the project, which was not the case. Deputy Director Allen gave a brief overview on the status of the project. The Board asked staff to follow up with Ms. Smith and thanked Ms. Smith for attending the meeting.
- Jackie Brown and Gayle Hill came before the Board regarding Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. Ms. Brown mentioned that she had gone to the BRWCHC for a program entitled Suppressed and Sabotaged: The Fight to Vote on John Lewis Day. The 29-minute video took over an hour to view, due to very poor internet service. Ms. Brown contacted staff and shared her concerns. Ms. Brown thanked Karmen Houston, Brad Clay and the Park Board for all their hard work.
- Danielle Dispenza with Show Me KC Schools came before the Board to request a partnership that would allow for the organization to place Little Libraries in some parks. Ms. Dispenza gave an overview of the project. She commented that the little libraries would house school guides printed in English and Spanish. Ms. Dizpenza mentioned that the organization would purchase, install and maintain the Little Libraries, as well stocking the libraries with the guides. Commissioners are supportive of the project and ask staff to work with Ms. Dispenza.
- Gilbert Rizo came before the Board and thanked the Board and staff for working with them and others to get the 9<sup>th</sup> & Van Brunt field back up and running, everything is great.

Board Meeting adjourned.

  
Beth Haden, President

Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

  
Karmen Houston, Board Secretary