

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
5:30 p.m., November 9, 2022
RESCHEDULED TO DECEMBER 14, 2022
City Hall – Council Chambers

AGENDA

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2022

Reports

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Recreation Report
3. Public Works Report

New Business

1. Schliffke Park concept and update
2. Universal signing and park branding discussion and updates

Information Items

Meeting Schedule

- January 11, 2023
- March 8, 2023
- May 10, 2023
- September 13, 2023
- October 11, 2023
- November 8, 2023

Adjournment

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MINUTES

Attendance – Chairman Terrence Gallagher, Vice Chair Lauren Wolf, Matthew Geary, Randy Knight, Diane Mares, Jayme Merklein, Matt Moeder, Jay Moorman, Kevin Murphy, Lauren Ozburn, Staff: Melissa Prenger, Meghan Buum, Scott Bingham (BBN Architects)

Public Participation - None

Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes – Randy Knight moved to approve the minutes from the September 14 meeting. Matthew Geary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Chairperson’s Report
 - a. Community Center Update – Terrence Gallagher provided an update on the community center following a consideration of an MOU with the YMCA and a citizen survey at the last City Council meeting. The Council referred the item back to the ad hoc Civic Center committee.
 - b. MARC/Windsor Park Trails – Vice Chair Lauren Wolf shared an update from her service on the Mid America Regional Council’s active transportation programming committee. The group considered and approved funding the Windsor Park trail system.
2. Recreation Report
 - a. 2022 Summer Recreation Report
 - Meghan Buum reviewed the 2022 Summer Recreation Programs Report. Memberships, bather loads, and revenues were the highest they’ve been other the past 5 years. It was a hot and dry summer, with only two weather related closures after reduced hours began.

We had an extremely successful staff recruitment in 2022 which substantially positively impacted our ability to operate a full capacity throughout the year. There were limited pool closures during reduced hours.

The swim team continues to grow significantly. After an abnormally high year in 2021, the dive team returned to a more typical number of participants. Skateboarding 101 continues to sell out. Ms. Buum would like to more closely evaluate the tennis programming in 2023 to determine potential changes to the City’s offerings.

b. 2023 look ahead

- Suzanne McCullough has let the city know that she will not be returning as aquatics supervisor in 2023. This will be a big loss to the city but she has set up fantastic operations manuals that will aid in a good transition. The job will be posted in the coming weeks following the final decision by the City Council on the city-wide salary study.
- That same salary study will impact the salary ranges for our pool staff. Pending no changes, the salary for lifeguards will start at \$14.50. We are optimistic that this will aid in recruitment; and we believe we'll have a strong returning base of guards.
- Ms. Buom will not be at the November meeting. She briefly reviewed several upcoming items of note for the committee to consider in early 2023.:
 - The city committee application process will take place in November/December, with review by Council chairs and recommendations to the Mayor in January, and appointment in February/March. If you no longer wish to participate on the committee, please let staff and chairs know.
 - The typical agreements with the county and other cities, like the SuperPass, and a comprehensive fee review, will be considered after the first of the year.
 - Review of the current park item donation policy, in conjunction with the Prairie Village Foundation, with recommendations to be made to the City Council. Mr. Gallagher noted that there are funds in the Parks & Recreation account through the Prairie Village Foundation that need to be spent to be considered in November.

c. A Walk and Read in Franklin Park just wrapped up. This continues to be a successful partnership with the Johnson County Library.

3. Public Works Report

- a. General maintenance updates – Melissa Prenger reported on behalf of field superintendent James Carney:
- Aeration, seeding, and fertilizing facility grounds continues.
 - The nature play areas in the parks are currently being assessed and rotten logs are removed. Following the assessment, the committee will need to consider replacement of logs and stumps, or a different type of equipment. More information will come on this at a future meeting.
 - Tree trimming is underway.
 - Planning is underway for a rain garden at Taliaferro Park following the completion of the shelter and restrooms.
 - The Franklin Park play stream will be winterized this week. This happens earlier in the season than water fountains due to leaves and acorns dropping and clogging/burning up the pump.

- Crack sealing on the trails is underway.
 - A new bench, table, and trashcan has been installed on a concrete pad at the Weltner Park basketball court.
 - Several basketball half-courts have been repainted.
- b. Taliaferro Park Restrooms and Shelters – Melissa Prenger informed the committee that there are a few punch list items left to be completed; however a supply chain issue has delayed lights and picnic tables. The restroom should open next week, however, the shelter won't open until early 2023.
- c. Harmon Park Inclusive Play Update – Ms. Prenger updated the committee on the Variety KC donation discussion at the City Council meeting; primarily due to the branding and fencing requirements that would take a significant amount of the donated funds. Public Works is attempting to move forward with the selected vendor. This item will have to be approved soon to be able to move forward with this project in fall 2022/spring 2023

New Business

1. Universal signing and park branding discussion and updates – Scott Bingham, BBN Architects, presented an update to the branding discussion committee input and the City's branding guidelines.

Option one offered an architectural approach based on the shape and influence of the shelters and entrance monuments. It included natural cedar beams, a concrete plinth base, an aluminum panel, and a polycarbonate cabinet on the rear for temporary flyers. The sign is in the \$11,000 range.

Option two used tubular steel painted in a wood tone with a peaked roof anchored into a concrete pad, and a painted steel sign with more color, and a "did you know" feature on the rear of the sign. This is in the \$8,000 range.

Elements that the committee likes can be mixed and matched. Both signs would include rules, maps, reservation QR code, etc.

The committee provided the following feedback and questions:

- Longevity – The panels can be switched out; the steel posts would last longer than the cedar. Can paint be scratched off the painted surface of the panel?
- Option one – The base feels very heavy, could it chip? The cedar material can be mounted into a concrete pad.
- Liked the more colorful sign
- Prefer the more natural wood in option one, with the shape of option two.
- QR code – will that technology have longevity? The hope is that the foundation and frame of the signs can be sturdy and constant, with a more interchangeable panel.
- How many signs do we need and will they be replaced at once? This is budgeted for in 2023, all signs will receive at least one sign based on their sizes. If there

are not amenities in the park, like Carroll Plaza or Schliffke Park, they will not receive a sign.

- Ancillary signs, like “thunder roars” or “no smoking” signs could be placed on a similar post to the newly selected materials to maintain a brand standard.
- Questions over the accessibility of the colors on the signs – dark sign with white letters are typically ADA friendly.

The majority of the committee preferred:

- Natural cedar frame over the tubular steel
- Concrete pad base over a plinth
- “Did you know” element over a rotating info cabinet
- Colorful over monochromatic
- Green over peach accent color text, but would like to see options

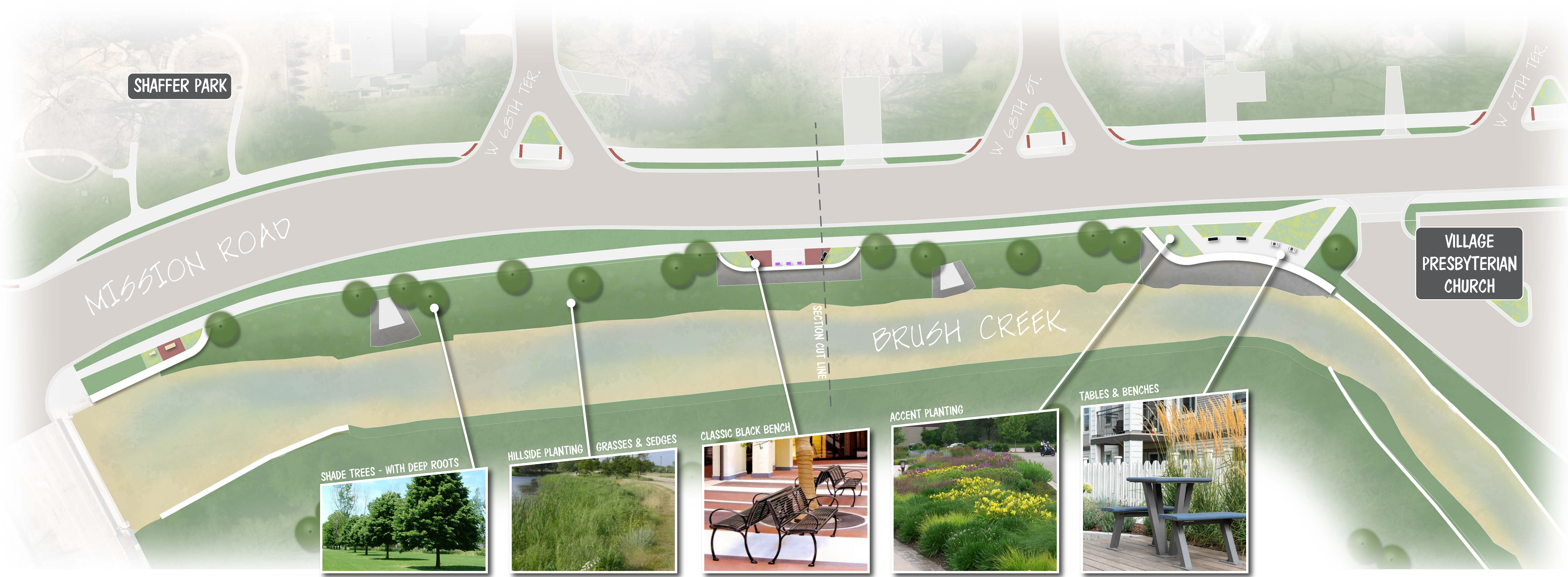
The committee asked for final approval at the November meeting based on feedback from today’s meeting. Following approval from the committee, the concept will be presented to the City Council.

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- November 9, 2022
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Adjournment – 6:40 p.m.



SCHLIFFKE PARK | BRUSH CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PLAN



PROPOSED PLANT PALETTE

