

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

May 8, 2012

6:00 PM

Porter Park (if rain, City Hall)

AGENDA

Public Participation

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from April 10, 2013

Reports

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

New Business

1. Discuss Prairie Park lease agreement amendment
2. Discuss Kansas Historical Society nomination of Santa Fe Trail Remnant in Santa Fe Trail Park for the National Register

Old Business

1. Park priorities and maintenances needs

Tour

1. Porter Park—Roe Ave & Tomahawk Rd
2. McCrum Park—6920 Roe Ave
3. Prairie Park—Tomahawk Rd & Mission Rd
4. Windsor Park—7200 Windsor St
5. Taliaferro Park—2900 W. 79th St
6. Bennett Park— W. 77th St & Rosewood Dr
7. Harmon Park—W. 77th Pl & Delmar St

Information Items

- Next Meeting – September 11, 2013 unless otherwise required

Adjournment

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

April 10, 2013

Council Chambers

Park and Recreation Committee met at 7:00 pm. In attendance: Laura Wassmer, Chair, Ashley Weaver, Vice-Chair, Eric Blevins, Kevin Letourneau, Maggie Swartz, Dan Searles, Peggy Couch. Staff: Quinn Bennion, Keith Bredehoeft, & Danielle Dulin. Also present: Joe Gittimeier and three seniors from Rockhurst for a class project.

Ms. Wassmer called the meeting to order at 7PM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Gittimeier expressed concern about the condition of the tennis courts and inquired about the timeline for rehabilitation. Mr. Bredehoeft indicated that he did not know if the courts could be repaired or if they would need to be rebuilt, but a study conducted in 2013 will determine the necessary actions and cost to restore the tennis courts. He continued that there is funding in the 2014 and 2015 budget to implement the recommendations of the study. Mr. Gittimeier questioned whether money spent on repairing curbs, sidewalks, and catch basins would not be better spent on rehabilitating the tennis courts. Ms. Wassmer explained that that the project is very expensive, but the tennis courts are a priority for the Parks and Rec Committee. Mr. Bredehoeft encouraged Mr. Gittimeier to call the Public Works Department for updates on the progress of this project over the next couple of years.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved unanimously as submitted.

1. Minutes from March 13, 2013

REPORTS

1. Community Garden Update

Mr. Bennion presented an updated plan and indicated that all of the plots were kept north of the large elm. He continued that sections were added to the east and west and there are four plots that run east-to-west along the south side; the plan has been reduced from 38 plots to 36. Ms. Couch stated that the community garden is an improvement over what was there previously and some of the produce is donated to charity. Ms. Wassmer agreed that it looks nice but continued that she was glad it was not expanding so there is still park left for people to enjoy.

2. Public Works Report

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the Public Works Department is prepping for the grass growing season with fertilizer and weed control and working on getting the parks in better shape. He indicated that the Department would be using environmentally-friendly products at Prairie Park to determine its effectiveness. Ms. Wassmer inquired about the swings at Porter Park. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he had been in contact with the swing manufacturer and the only solution to the problem is to replace the horizontal cross beam and reduce the load to increase the life of the cross beam. Ms. Wassmer asked if a new swing should be considered along with the improvements in 2018 and 2019. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that there are three options: 1) have only one swing to increase the life of the cross beam; 2) have two swings and plan on replacing the cross beam more often; or 3)

replace the swing at the time of the park improvement. Mr. Searles inquired about the cost of the cross beam and how often it would have to be replaced if there were two swings. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that it was approximately \$500 to replace the cross beam, but he did not know how often the cross beam would have to be replaced. Mr. Blevins stated that there should be two swings. Mr. Searles agreed and stated that the \$500 cost of replacing the cross beam more often would be worth it to have two swings. He also suggested tracking the useful life of the cross beam with two swings during the monthly inspections of the parks. Ms. Wassmer stated that she had received a request from a resident for a new backstop fence for the baseball fields in Porter Park to keep the foul balls from flying into the park. Mr. Bredehoeft thought that this would cost approximately \$10,000 dollars for each field, a total of \$20,000. Ms. Wassmer stated that she was more concerned about the field that is closest to the playground. There was discussion about the need for backstops. Mr. Searles stated that these fields are small and are recommended for use by younger kids.

3. Recreation Report

Mr. Bennion introduced the new Assistant to the City Administrator, Danielle Dulin, to the Committee. He stated that pool passes went on sale April 1.

4. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Wassmer did not have a report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Prairie Village Homes Association Recycling Event at Porter Park

Mr. Bennion explained that the Prairie Village Homes Association has organized an electronic recycling event at the Prairie Village Shops, and in November, they would like to expand the event to include Goodwill and Habitat Restore; however, the Prairie Village Shops will not allow them the additional space needed so they are requesting the use of the Porter Park parking lot for the event. The Committee determined that the recycling event would inhibit the use of the park by others and recommended that the Prairie Village Homes Association consider another location such as Schliffke Park, 71st & Mission Rd, or the Village Presbyterian parking lots instead of Porter Park.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Park priorities and maintenance needs

Ms. Wassmer thanked Mr. Bredehoeft for his report and asked to have something similar compiled for maintenance items that the Committee will need to present to City Council at the next meeting. Mr. Bennion indicated that it would be a separate list because maintenance items will be funded from the Public Works operating budget. Ms. Wassmer stated that she wanted to show City Council the maintenance priorities and new project priorities of the Parks and Rec Committee along with the revised Park Master Plan pictures to reflect the new priorities.

The Committee began to discuss the park projects for 2014-2019. Ms. Wassmer clarified that the reason the 6' perimeter walking path had been removed from the McCrum Park project list in 2014 is because most of the park users live in the area and walk to the park, but money is still needed for the tricycle path. There was discussion about painting the tennis fence black. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that painting the fence black is not an option; it would have to be replaced for \$15,000, and

that has not been budgeted. Ms. Wassmer stated that the fence did not need to be replaced; it was just a suggestion that it would look better if it was painted black. The Committee agreed to remove the fence from the priority list. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he is negotiating the price of burying the power lines with KCP&L and \$25,000 has been included for the installation of the small shelter that was previously in Weltner Park. He clarified that this price includes a new roof, concrete pad and footings, and stone wrap around the columns for the shelter.

Mr. Searles inquired about the additional curb cuts for Prairie Park. Mr. Bredehoeft indicated that they are on the list to be completed.

Ms. Wassmer briefly read through the 2015 priorities. There was no additional discussion.

Ms. Wassmer asked Mr. Bredehoeft why the Public Works Department did not think the second porta-potty was necessary for Porter Park in 2016. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the existing porta-potty is hidden and trying to create a location for the additional porta-potty would be difficult; additionally, it would increase the opportunity for vandalism. Mr. Searles indicated that he was happy with just one porta-potty and did not feel the second was necessary. The Committee agreed to remove it from the priority list. Ms. Wassmer asked if the Committee wanted to consider adding the higher backstop for the baseball field that is closest to the playground. Mr. Searles stated that if the trail is expanded around, a higher backstop would be needed for the other field as well; also, he thought it would look better to do both. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he get a better price estimate for the backstops.

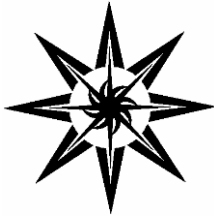
Ms. Wassmer inquired about the \$10,000 budgeted for trees in Windsor Park. Mr. Bredehoeft indicated that the trees were on the list from last fall. There was discussion about shaded areas in the park. Ms. Wassmer suggested a shade structure over the sand box instead of trees. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that he would get more information on shade structures. There was discussion about the sand volleyball court and a possible nature play area as an alternative. Mr. Searles stated that a nature park would probably see more use in that area.

Mr. Bennion stated that during the budget process the Council will review the Capital Improvement Plan for the current year plus three and suggested the Committee consider projects for 2017. The Committee agreed to add new play sets & northland park development to the 2017 priorities in the amount of \$250,000.

Ms. Couch suggested adding lighting to the priority list for Franklin and Harmon Parks to discourage vandalism. Mr. Bennion stated that Public Works had looked into the cost of putting in motion sensor lighting in key areas. The Committee agreed to add lighting along with the disc golf course to the Harmon Park priorities in 2014.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM. The Committee will meet at Porter Park to eat dinner, and then tour the parks on the priority list. If it rains, the Committee will meet at City Hall to eat dinner at 6 PM.

Adjourned at 8:10PM



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Date: May 8, 2013

New Business: **Discuss Prairie Park lease agreement amendment**

INTRODUCTION

The Parks & Recreation Committee will discuss and consider directing staff to move forward with amending the current Prairie Park lease agreement with Johnson County Parks and Recreation District (JCPRD).

BACKGROUND

JCPRD has contacted the City about amending our current lease agreement to include language that states JCPRD will deed the Prairie Park property to the City of Prairie Village once they are finished paying off the debt they incurred to purchase the property. The City could only use the property for park and recreational purposes or else the property would revert back to JCPRD ownership. Under the current lease agreement, the City already assumes all obligations, financial and otherwise, in regards to the Prairie Park property. JCPRD has reached out to other cities as well, and an example of the proposed addendum that was drafted for the City of Shawnee has been included for reference.

PREPARED BY

Danielle Dulin

Asst. to the City Administrator

5/1/2013

ADDENDUM TO THE
JOHNSON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
PARK LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SHAWNEE

THIS AGREEMENT ADDENDUM is made and executed on this _____ day of _____ 2013, by and between **JOHNSON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT** (hereinafter "District") and **CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS** (hereinafter "City"), a municipal corporation.

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an undated Park Lease Agreement (hereinafter "Lease Agreement") subsequent to having entered into an Interlocal Agreement on or about August 18, 2004, a copy of said Lease Agreement being attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement provides that the District agreed to let, lease and rent to the City certain real estate as described in Exhibit A as attached to said Lease Agreement, for the term of twenty-five (25) years to commence upon the date that the District closed upon the real estate purchase as described in the Lease Agreement. The Lease Agreement further provides that it was the general intent of the parties that at the end of the initial twenty-five (25) year term that the District and the City will mutually agree to renew or extend the Lease Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, said Lease Agreement, Page 6, Paragraph 15, provides that the parties may alter, amend, change or otherwise modify the Lease Agreement if done so in writing signed by all parties to the Lease Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant K.S.A. 19-2868(i), is authorized through proper conveyance, to exchange, transfer, sell, or lease real estate to a political subdivision of the State of Kansas so long as said property can properly be maintained and operated as a park, playground, or recreational facilities by said governmental agency, or that said property may be utilized in whole or in part in a contract with said governmental agency in, on, or around other property of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges and confirms that said property will be used in perpetuity for purposes of a public park; and,

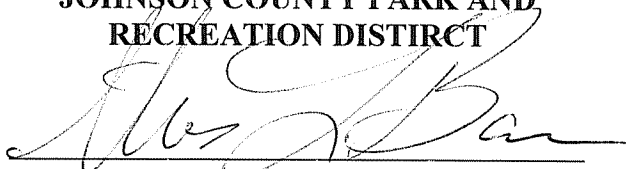
WHEREAS, the District and the City both acknowledge that the subject real estate is presently collateralized as security for obligations that the District entered into as formalized with a Ground Lease dated December 1, 2003, with Security Bank of Kansas City in its capacity as trustee for the purchasers of certain certificates of participation and a Lease/Purchase Agreement dated December 1, 2003, also with Security Bank of Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations, the District and the City agree that upon payment in full of the certificates of participation and release of the Ground Lease dated December 1, 2003, and the Lease/Purchase Agreement dated December 1, 2003, that the property as reflected in Exhibit A of the Lease Agreement shall be transferred and conveyed to the City, conditional that said property shall be used only for park and recreational purposes or else title shall revert to District. The scheduled date for the payment in full of the certificates of participation is September 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the original Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect subject only to this modification and addendum and all other remaining portions of the Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District and City by majority vote of the governing bodies of each have directed the parties authorized to sign and execute this Lease Addendum.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOHNSON COUNTY PARK AND
RECREATION DISTRICT**



Steven L. Baru, Board Chair

ATTEST:


R. Eric Hughes, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Ernest C. Ballweg, Attorney for District

CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS

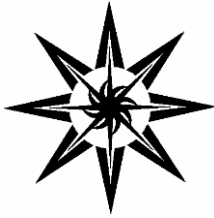
Jeff Meyers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Keith D. Campbell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marvin E. Rainey, City Attorney



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Date: May 8, 2013

New Business: Discuss nomination of Santa Fe Trail remnant to National Register

INTRODUCTION

The Parks & Recreation Committee will discuss and consider the Kansas Historical Society nomination of the Santa Fe Trail Remnant in Santa Fe Trail Park for the National Register.

BACKGROUND

The City received a letter from the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS) stating that they believe the Santa Fe Trail remnant in Santa Fe Trail Park is eligible to be one of the 15 sites nominated to be listed on the National Register. KSHS needs written consent to nominate the property; nomination will not be pursued if the property owner objects. Properties that are approved for nomination to the National Register are automatically listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and protected under the Kansas Historic Preservation Act. Any project within 500' of the protected property must be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to determine if the project will have an impact on the environs of the property. This would include Harmon and Santa Fe Trail Parks, the Pool Complex, municipal buildings, and other property owners. If the City elects not to pursue nomination at this time, the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review will only determine the eligibility of the site. If the site is eligible, the City would need to send a written request to the KSHS to nominate the site for the National Register in the future.

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Sam Brownback, Governor
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director

11 February 2013

Mr. Chris Engel
City of Prairie Village
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Prairie Village, KS 66208

RE: Oregon-California-Santa Fe Trail Remnant in Austin Harmon Park

Dear Mr. Engel,

As you may be aware, the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS) is in the process of documenting the remnant of the Oregon-California-Santa Fe trails that is currently in Harmon Park. The KSHS has partnered with the National Trails System of the National Park Service to nominate at least 15 sites related to the Oregon & California trails to the National Register, and we believe this site is eligible for listing as one of these 15 sites.

KSHS staff is currently preparing the written nomination with the guidance of the National Park Service. Before we recommend this property for nomination to the National Register, we need written consent.

What is the National Register?

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage. Listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the property by the federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the property or seek to acquire them. Properties approved for nomination to the National Register by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review are automatically listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Listing of this property provides recognition of the community's historic importance and assures protective review of federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. This property will also be protected under the Kansas Historic Preservation Act (K.S.A. 75-2715 through 75-2725). For more information on state and federal protection, please visit our website, kshs.org/shpo.

The Next Steps

If the city **does not object** to the nomination of this property, please read, fill-in, sign the form provided, and return it to me for our files by **August 27, 2013**, if possible. KSHS staff will present

the nomination to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for consideration. This board, which meets quarterly, is appointed by the Governor to make recommendations on the nomination of properties to the registers.

If the Board and the State Historic Preservation Officer (Jennie Chinn) approve the nomination, the property will be listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places following the meeting.

The nomination then will be forwarded to the staff of the National Register of Historic Places for their consideration. You will receive notification from the KSHS when your property is officially entered in the National Register.

We presented nominations of two Trail sites (Scott Spring & Alcove Spring, boundary expansion) to the Board at their February 9, 2013 meeting, and both were approved. We have also successfully presented 17 nominations related to the Santa Fe Trail in recent months.

If the city **does object** to the nomination of this property, please mark the appropriate box on the enclosed form, sign, date, and return the notarized objection to me. KSHS will present the nomination to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for consideration of eligibility only.

If the Board and the State Historic Preservation Officer determine the property is eligible for listing in the National Register, KSHS staff will submit their determination to the Keeper of the National Register for their concurrence. Should the city or a subsequent owner of the property wish to nominate the site to the register in the future, a written request to our office is all that will be needed.

I have enclosed a brochure about the trails project (also available on-line at kshs.org/trails), in case you need more information about the project.

Please call me with any question or concerns,

Amanda Loughlin
Trails Project Coordinator
Survey Coordinator
encl: 2

cc: Duane Iles, Oregon-California Trails Association President
Joanne VanCoevern, Santa Fe Trail Association Manager



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Sam Brownback, Governor
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director

Date: _____

Owner(s): _____
PLEASE PRINT

Owner(s) Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

As the owner(s) of _____,
NAME OF PROPERTY, CITY (VICINITY), COUNTY

I (we) understand that

- This is an honorific designation;
- I (we) will have the opportunity to review and comment on the written nomination and the proposed boundaries of the nominated property before it is presented to the Historic Sites Board of Review;
- I (we) have the right to restrict from public view any documentation about this property, including the address/exact location;
- No provision of the Kansas State Preservation Law (KSA 75-2715 – 75-2726) can restrict the agricultural use of my (our) land used for agricultural purposes;
- I (we) am (are) not required to allow public access to this property;
- I (we) retain full ownership rights to this property;
- No fees are involved in this nomination process.

Therefore, I (we) a) _____ do not object or b) _____ do object* to my (our) property being nominated to the Register of Historic Kansas Places and the National Register of Historic Places as a historic resource of the Santa Fe Trail.

OWNER SIGNATURE(S)

I (we) request the documentation of my (our) property to be restricted from public view: _____
INITIAL

* If objecting, please have this form notarized.