

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
Monday, May 2, 2005
7:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion (Roll Call Vote). There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

By Staff:

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Gregory VanBooven	Tree Board	April, 2008
Jim Hanson	Tree Board	April, 2008
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7. Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 14-206 of the Code of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas, 2003, entitled "Traffic" by amending Section 14-206 entitled "Same; Speed Limit Changes" by amending Subsections (a) and (b) thereof and enacting Subsection (c)

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V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole – Al Herrera

COU2005-04 Consider Project 190853: Mission Road School Zones

Parks and Recreation Committee – Diane Ewy Sharp

Consider Project 190637: Replacement of Tennis Courts at Meadowlake Park
Consider use of 2005 Park Furnishing Funds

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

If any individual requires special accommodations -- for example, qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance -- in order to attend the meeting, please notify the City Clerk at 381-6464, Extension 4616, no later than 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, comments may be received by e-mail at cityclerk@PVKANSAS.COM

**COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
May 2, 2005
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order with the following Council members responding to roll call: Al Herrera, Bill Griffith, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Greg Colston, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Pat Daniels, Jeff Anthony, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

Also present were: Barbara Vernon, City Administrator; Charles Wetzler, City Attorney; Charles Grover, Chief of Police; Bob Pryzby, Director of Public Works; Jamie Shell, Finance Director and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Craig Patterson, 5301 West 67th Street, addressed the Council with his concerns with the proposed expansion of the Nall Avenue Baptist Church at 5401 West 67th Street. Mr. Patterson's home abuts this property to the east sharing approximately 300' of property line and giving them a full view of the entire east side of the church complex. An area of major concern is the proposed installation of 26 foot tall light poles in the expanded parking lot visible from all the west side windows of their home as well as many of the south windows.

Mr. Patterson stated their home was built in 1882 by John Nall and rebuilt after being destroyed by fire in 1993. He has lived at this location for 46 years. They feel the effect of the proposed lighting will be an overall detriment to the aesthetic appeal of the entire neighborhood. Mr. Patterson shared with the Council photographs of the current church property as taken from their property. The original location of the house built in 1882 sets very close to the church property line. In fact, his office, located off their kitchen, is approximately 18 feet from the church parking lot.

Mr. Patterson noted the project will require the removal of three mature trees, an existing house and replace existing green space with asphalt, showing additional

photographs of the view they have from their home. However, their primary concern is the installation of proposed 26' light poles in the parking lot. They feel the poles are excessive in number and in height and noted, as their property is at a lower elevation, they will be looking up into the light bulbs. The Commission has required a zero foot-candle perimeter light at the property line, but this doesn't address his concerns with number and/or height of the poles. Mr. Patterson showed pictures of the existing house, which is 22 feet in height, to provide perspective on the height of the proposed poles. He is concerned with having to look up into lights.

Mr. Patterson questioned the need for the large number of light poles in the parking lot referencing St. Michael's church at 67th & Nall and Woodson Bible church at 67th & Woodson. Mr. Patterson expressed his frustration with the unwillingness of the church representatives and their architect to meet with neighboring property owners to discuss their concerns/needs and work toward an amenable solution.

Mr. Patterson requested the City Council 1) Hold the lighting portion of the project in abeyance until a mutually agreed upon solution can be determined; and 2) Require a meeting with the neighbors, church and Planning Commission for the express purpose of exploring all feasible approaches to exterior lighting and reaching a mutually agreeable solution.

Laura Wassmer questioned how long the church had been at this location and what was included initially. Mr. Patterson responded he thought it had been there since the 1940's with the main sanctuary and house. Ms Wassmer asked when the parking lot was done. Mr. Patterson responded in the 1970's. Ms Wassmer noted the lack of aesthetic considerations for the neighboring properties.

Bill Griffith reviewed the action taken by the Planning Commission in their approval of this project. Approval was given with several stipulations. Among those were that the foot-candle reading at the property line be zero addressing the spillage of light onto adjacent properties and shields be installed on exterior building lights. Mr. Griffith stated he thinks in some conditions residents have been able to appeal Planning Commission action to the City Council.

City Attorney Charles Wetzler noted that early in the city's history schools and churches were not regulated by the City on what they could do on their property. It has

only been recently with the requirements for conditional and special use permits, etc. that the City has become involved in development on these properties. When the original gymnasium was added to this property no City approval was needed. He noted the lighting concerns at Homestead Country Club were addressed as a public nuisance. Mr. Wetzler noted the use of the property is not being changed.

Laura Wassmer said she felt there needs to be alternatives.

Mayor Shaffer asked how the process of this application continues. Joyce Hagen Mundy, Planning Commission Secretary, responded the applicant must meet all the conditions stipulated in the approval by the Planning Commission before any permits will be issued by the City. This includes approval from the Director of Public Works of a storm drainage plan, approval by the City's Tree Board of a revised landscape plan and approval by the Building Official and Planning Consultant that the other conditions have been met. Mayor Shaffer confirmed the applicant has not made any resubmittals to the City.

Pat Daniels questioned the parking lot setbacks. The proposed expansion and improvements meet all zoning setbacks and regulations. The City does not have any lighting regulations other than those stipulated by the building codes adopted by the City. Mr. Daniels asked if the Council did have any authority in this matter.

Charles Wetzler responded the Council needs to approve rezoning and special use permit applications, but does not have any authority for site plan approval. An appeal of the Commission's actions can only be made by the applicant. He would need to investigate further to see if the City can take action, noting perhaps ensuring the lights are not a public nuisance would be a course of action.

Bill Griffith read the conditions of approval set by the Planning Commission for the approval of the application.

Diana Ewy Sharp feels 26' high light poles will interfere with neighboring property owners and would suggest that the Mayor send a letter to the church expressing the City's concerns and strongly encouraging them to meet with the neighbors to reconsider the proposed lighting.

Joyce Hagen Mundy advised the Council the applicant has not yet bid this project and stated during the meetings before the Planning Commission they said that if full

funding was not available, they would probably not include the proposed lighting changes with their improvements but stay with the existing leased lights from KCP&L.

Craig Patterson expressed concern with the lights being turned off after 10 p.m. as a potential safety issue noting the parking lot has been a frequent gathering place for youth partying.

Bill Griffith requested that Mr. Wetzler review the application and determine if there is any further action the City can take. He concurred that it was his understanding from the applicant that the plan was being created first and then funding sought so he does not anticipate any action in the near future.

Laura Wassmer stated the City should have specific regulations addressing lighting. Ms Hagen Mundy advised the Council consideration of lighting regulations was on the Planning Commission agenda for their May 3rd meeting.

Pat Daniels asked if the applicant requested a permit tomorrow could they get it. Mr. Wetzler stated the request would need to be reviewed by staff to determine if it meets the criteria established by the Commission and one of those criteria was approval of a landscape plan by the Tree Board which has not yet reviewed their plans. He felt there were a sufficient number of items to be investigated that the issuance of a permit could not happen tomorrow.

Ruth Hopkins felt an official letter should be sent by the Mayor on behalf of the City Council.

Al Herrera noted there are several families with young children in the neighborhood who are also concerned with the lighting spilling over onto their properties.

Bill Griffith asked the height of KCP&L Street lights. Bob Pryzby responded 22' to 26'.

Murray Levin, 5312 West 67th Street, also addressed the Council with concerns regarding the loss of green space and landscaping caused by the proposed expansion and improvements. He noted land that was previously a house would now be flat asphalt. He stressed the need for additional landscaping and asked if the neighbors could have input into the Tree Board's review of the landscape plans. Mr. Pryzby stated revised plans have not yet been submitted for review by the Tree Board. He noted the Tree Board

meetings are open meetings and he would advise the neighbors when the application would be considered.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Anthony requested item #6 be removed from the Consent Agenda. David Belz and Andrew Wang requested the removal of item #7. Al Herrera moved approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 2, 2005 as amended with the deletion of items 6 & 7:

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A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Herrera, Griffith, Hopkins, Noll, Colston, Wang, Wassmer, Daniels, Anthony, Ewy Sharp and Belz.

Jeff Anthony asked if any volunteers had expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Mayor Shaffer responded he had not received any. Mr. Anthony said he felt a fresh perspective is needed on the Planning Commission. Mr. Griffith noted he thinks it is difficult to find individuals both qualified and interested in serving on the Commission.

Al Herrera moved the Council ratify the Mayor’s reappointment of the following members to City Committees:

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David Belz stated he requested item #7 be removed at the request of the Chief of Police due to concerns with the accuracy of the locations stated in the proposed ordinance establishing school speed zones.

Mr. Wetzler stated the locations in question were taken directly from the existing code book, the new language is found in Sections B & C of the proposed ordinance.

Laura Wassmer asked if the adoption of an ordinance would impact the ability to enforce and fine for violations. Chief Grover responded it would not. Ms Wassmer questioned the need for adoption by ordinance.

Mr. Wetzler responded that under the parameters of the current language in the code book, the authority to set school speed zones is given to the traffic engineer after the completion of a study and could be made without any action by the City Council. If the City Council wants to have the jurisdiction to establish school speed zones, not the City Traffic Engineer, the ordinance must be adopted.

Jeff Anthony asked if a delay in the adoption of the ordinance would delay the implementation of the speed zones. Chief Grover responded it would not.

Bill Griffith moved to table the adoption of the proposed ordinance establishing school speed zones until the language could be verified by staff to be accurate. The motion was seconded by Al Herrera and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole – Al Herrera

COU2005-04 Consider Project 190853: Mission Road School Zones

At the April 18th committee meeting, Tom Trienens presented the proposed signage, markings and flasher for the Mission Road School Zones.

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Al Herrera moved the City Council approve the installation of 14 solar powered wig-wag flashers at an approximate cost of \$63,000; four lighted “No Turn on Red” signs at an approximate cost of \$16,800 and 14 “End School Zone” signs at an approximate cost of \$3,500 including a 10% contingency for a total cost of approximately \$92,000 with funding from the General Fund Contingency. The motion was seconded by Bill Griffith and passed by a majority vote.

Park & Recreation Committee – Diana Ewy Sharp

Consider Project 190637: Replacement of Tennis Courts at Meadowlake Park

On behalf of the Park & Recreation Committee, Diana Ewy Sharp moved the City Council approve the addition of \$85,000 to the 2006 Capital Infrastructure Project budget for Parks for Project 190637: Replacement of tennis courts at Meadowlake Park. The motion was seconded by David Belz.

The courts are currently unusable and blocked with fencing. The Park Committee considered three options – 1) to fill the cracks and recoat the surface; 2) to mill down the surface and resurface the courts and 3) to rebuild the entire courts including drainage and a new fence. Some members of the park committee expressed concern with the courts being unavailable until 2006 and would like to see the courts reconstructed in 2005.

Ruth Hopkins noted the discussion from the neighborhood comprehensive plan meeting she attended included major changes to the city parks.

David Belz stated his Village Vision discussions reflected the city’s park system as a significant strength of the City. He does not believe residents will support any reduction in park space. As a resident in the area, he sees both the park and the tennis courts highly used and feels the courts should be repaired as soon as possible.

Diana Ewy Sharp agreed the courts should be repaired immediately and supports the use of contingency funds to allow for the reconstruction of the courts in 2005. The courts have not had any significant work done on them in 8 to 10 years.

Greg Colston confirmed the cracks in the courts create a safety hazard making the courts unusable.

Andrew Wang asked if the approval of this motion would actually approve the project or add it to the 2006 budget for consideration. Mr. Pryzby responded it would add it to the budget for consideration.

Bill Griffith stated he was not willing to discuss an \$85,000 expenditure in a vacuum without looking at the budget as a whole.

Steve Noll stated he was not opposed to replacing the tennis courts but did object to leap-frogging repairs to the top of the list. He feels the project should be discussed in terms of the entire budget.

Jeff Anthony asked if the courts could be replaced in 2005 if funds were authorized from the contingency fund. Mr. Pryzby responded it was unlikely as it will take 60 to 90 days to prepare the specifications and bid the work. Mr. Anthony agreed with Mr. Belz the work should be done now for the benefit of our residents.

Bob Pryzby stated his presentation to the park and recreation committee discussed adding the project to the 2006 capital expenditure program, which had already been prepared and presented to the Council.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated she did not support the motion on the floor and moved to amend the motion to authorize the expenditure of \$85,000 from the general fund contingency to fund the project in 2005. The amendment to the motion was seconded by David Belz.

Ruth Hopkins noted the request is exactly what was discussed at the earlier committee meeting, requests coming before the Council at the last minute and expecting immediate action.

Bill Griffith noted the Council has spent a significant amount from the general contingency fund already in 2005 and requested an update from Jamie Shell, Finance Director on the expenditures to date. Mr. Shell responded that as of May 1, 2005, expenditures of \$292,000 have been approved from the general fund contingency.

Diana Ewy Sharp reminded the Council that this item, as well as other park items, was discussed by Mr. Pryzby in his recent presentation of the 2006 Capital Expenditure Program. She stated the simple fact is the courts are broken and need to be replaced.

Pat Daniels noted it is early in the budget year and funding is available. He feels the City needs to take action to replace the courts now.

Andrew Wang stated he is hearing that it is highly unlikely that even with immediate funding, the courts could be replaced and playable in 2005. He also noted as the winter is the most damaging time for courts, he would rather see them replaced in the spring than in the fall and then sit unused throughout the damaging winter weather.

Jeff Anthony stated the Council needs to demonstrate it is pro-active to the needs of its residents and replace the courts now.

Mr. Wang asked if approved in the 2006 budget, when work would begin on the courts. Mr. Pryzby responded once the budget is approved, work would begin in-house to prepare the specifications and prepare bid documents so the project could be bid in early spring of 2006. He noted one of the items included in his project is the replacement of the fence. This could be done in early spring, however, the asphalt will require a temperature of 50 degrees or higher before it can be put down. He would estimate completion in June of next year.

Mr. Wang noted placing the project in the 2006 budget does not guarantee it will be done and he can not imagine having the courts closed for 18 months.

The amendment to the motion to fund the replacement of the tennis courts in 2005 from the 2005 general fund contingency was voted on and passed by a vote of 6 to 4 with the following votes cast: "aye" Herrera, Colston, Daniels, Anthony, Ewy Sharp and Belz and "nay" Griffith, Hopkins, Noll and Wang.

The motion as amended approving Project 190637: Replacement of Tennis Courts at Meadowlake Park at a cost of \$85,000 with funding in 2005 from the General Fund Contingency was voted on and passed by a vote of 6 to 4.

Consider Park Furnishings

On behalf of the Park & Recreation Committee, Diana Ewy Sharp moved the City Council approve the use of 2005 Park Furnishing funds along with \$5,000 from the General Fund Contingency to complete Project 190616: Harmon Park Skate Facility,

\$25,000 transfer from General Fund Contingency for Project 190634: Prairie Park Expansion in 2005 and \$40,000 transfer from General Fund Contingency for Project 190635: Swimming Pool Concession Expansion. The motion was seconded by Jeff Anthony.

Mrs. Ewy Sharp stated she did not support the motion as presented but would prefer to act on each project separately. Mr. Anthony noted the motion on the floor, if defeated, could be reconsidered with individual motions for each project. Jeff Anthony called the question; the motion was seconded by Bill Griffith and passed unanimously.

The motion on the floor was defeated by a vote of 2 to 8.

Consider Project 190616: Harmon Park Skate Facility

Jeff Anthony moved the City Council approve the use of 2005 park furnishing funds along with \$5,000 from the General Fund Contingency to complete Project 190616: Harmon Park Skate Facility. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll.

Bill Griffith expressed his discomfort with the way the Council is going through available General Fund Contingency for items that could be budgeted.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated the requested shortfall to complete the project is only \$25,000 of which \$20,000 is coming from the park budget with only the remaining \$5,000 coming from the General Fund Contingency.

The motion was voted on and passed by a vote of 9 to 1 (Griffith)

Consider Project 190634: Prairie Park Expansion

Diana Ewy Sharp moved the City Council approve the transfer of \$25,000 from General Fund Contingency for Project 190634: Prairie Park Expansion in 2005.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

Diana Ewy Sharp reminded the City Council of its agreement with the Johnson County Park District for the creation of the park. Funds were approved for the demolition of the house and now the neighbors are looking at an empty lot.

Ruth Hopkins expressed frustration with the lack of a five-year plan by the park committee and stated she does not approve of last minute requests for funding. Mrs. Ewy Sharp responded the Park Committee is reviewing the master plan for parks during an upcoming off-site work session. She reminded the Park Committee, like the City Council, had no idea Johnson County Park District would purchase land for park space in

Prairie Village. The City Council agreed to enter into a partnership with the Johnson County Park District and needs to fulfill its commitment. Mrs. Ewy Sharp indicated a review of committee minutes would keep the Council members advised of park issues and encouraged any member to contact the Council liaisons with any questions they may have.

David Belz asked if there was a way to develop the park site slowly in stages. Mr. Pryzby responded with a review of the plan. He feels the plan being proposed is very basic and it would be difficult to break it down any further into stages. The site needs grading, a sidewalk is proposed with minimal landscaping, a fence to separate the park property from the adjacent residential property and a few benches.

Bill Griffith suggested the existing driveway be removed and grass seed be planted.

Al Herrera noted this location is the entry into Prairie Village. The Prairie Family statue was moved to this location to create a gateway to the City. Prairie Park can make a substantial statement about Prairie Village as people enter the City. Pat Daniels agreed with Mr. Herrera.

Diana Ewy Sharp moved the City Council approve the transfer of \$25,000 from General Fund Contingency for Project 190634: Prairie Park Expansion in 2005. The motion was seconded by Al Herrera.

Mayor Shaffer reminded the Council of their agreement with the Johnson County Park District for the creation, development and maintenance of this area.

Bill Griffith said no commitment was made for the expenditure of significant funds for the development of the park.

Bob Pryzby reminded the Council that any plans for the development of the park have to be approved by the Johnson County Park District per the terms of the agreement between the City and the Park District.

Steve Noll reminded the Council the purchase of this land for parkland was another issue that was “sprung” on the Council with the request for immediate action. Mr. Noll questioned the firmness of the \$25,000 cost figure and asked if the Park District has reviewed and accepted the plans. Mr. Pryzby responded they have not.

Andrew Wang agrees that this location is a gateway to the City and necessary to maintain the vision of the City. He noted he is more supportive of this \$25,000 expenditure than the previous \$85,000 expenditure of replacement of tennis courts.

Mayor Shaffer stressed the need for immediate action on this project, noting complaints he has received regarding the current condition of the land and the statement it makes to those entering Prairie Village.

Jeff Anthony stated he need more time to consider this request and more information.

Steve Noll asked if the County has even casually approved of the plans and questioned the proposed cost. Mr. Pryzby advised they are aware of the plans and noted the actual cost of the proposed work is \$40,000 with \$15,000 in funding remaining from the funds approved by the Council for the demolition of the house.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated the land cannot remain in its current condition. The City has to do something. She noted the development plans are minimal and doesn't understand requests for less to be done.

Bill Griffith responded he received inquiries for the City to also purchase the property to the west which is in very poor condition, yet the City is putting up a fence for the benefit of that property owner. He asked Mr. Shell what the contingency balance would be if the motion were approved. Mr. Shell responded \$268,000.

Pat Daniels agreed with Mrs. Ewy Sharp that the property can not be left in its present condition. He noted if it were private property the City would be getting property maintenance complaints on it. Mr. Pryzby noted he has received complaints on the condition of the property. Mayor Shaffer stated he has also had complaints.

David Belz noted that if funding was not granted now, but included in the 2006 budget, action would not begin until spring of 2006 with completion the summer of 2006.

Mayor Shaffer reminded the Council the City of Prairie Village is known for its parks. Parks are the pride of the City and this park is located at the gateway to the City. The City needs to move forward now.

Andrew Wang noted, with the park's location near the Prairie Village Shopping Center, he does not feel the City can afford to wait a year to take action on its development.

Bill Griffith questioned if the land was privately owned would someone invest \$40,000 for its improvement.

Ruth Hopkins stated the neighbors are anxious to get the park developed and are uncomfortable with its present condition. She, however, is uncomfortable again with the apparent lack of planning and budgeting for its development. The City can not continue to pull funds out of the general contingency fund.

Diana Ewy Sharp encouraged the Council to seriously consider the budgeted \$80,000 for park maintenance for the eleven City parks. She feels this budget is insufficient to provide the maintenance and development expected by residents and if more funds were budgeted for parks requests from general fund contingency would not be necessary.

Jeff Anthony asked if current budgeted project could be moved back and funding from that project used instead of contingency funds. Mr. Pryzby responded no; however, the pool concession expansion has \$54,000 in the capital expenditure program. He reminded Council the low bid for that project was \$92,000 and noted if the Council decided not to go forward with the project that funding would be available.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated the Park Committee discussed releasing pool concession funds but felt strongly that concession expansion was a top priority and felt if the funds were released the project would be killed.

David Belz asked if the concession expansion could be done in 2005. Mr. Pryzby responded it could, the contractor is ready to begin as soon as the pool closes if his bid is accepted.

Jeff Anthony suggested funding be taken from the pool concession expansion project. Diana Ewy Sharp stated she does not support the expenditure of \$92,000 for the pool expansion, but was not comfortable releasing those funds yet.

Jeff Anthony feels the Council should be visionary in its outlook and noted it may have different priorities than the Park Committee.

Jeff Anthony moved to amend the motion with funding not to come from the general contingency fund but from Project 190635: Swimming Pool Concession Expansion and defer action on this Project at this time. The motion was seconded by Pat Daniels.

Steve Noll confirmed that this action would remove \$25,000 from the \$54,000 currently funded for the swimming pool concession expansion.

The amendment was passed by a vote of 8 to 2 (Griffith & Hopkins).

The motion as amended to transfer \$25,000 in fund from Project 190635: Swimming Pool Concession Expansion to Project 190634: Prairie Park Expansion was voted on and approved by a vote of 9 to 1 (Griffith).

Diana Ewy Sharp noted the \$70,000 shortfall for the completion of park projects is almost equal to the total \$80,000 budgeted for park capital improvements.

Villagefest Committee

Diana Ewy Sharp reviewed the progress of the Villagefest Committee in securing participants in the 2005 celebration. Several contracts have been received with new events scheduled, including a joint sponsored rescue of Mayor Shaffer conducted by representatives of the city's public works and public safety departments and Johnson County Med act. She noted new business sponsorships of the event and advised Council that nomination forms for the 2005 Community Spirit Award were available on the City's website.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Skate Park

Bob Pryzby announced the date for the dedication of the Skate Park has been changed to June 7th at 7 p.m. This date coincides with the JakeFest Celebration at Harmon Park beginning earlier in the day. Mr. Pryzby noted the skate park will be unusable until the ribbon is cut by the Mayor who will then be the first one to use the skate park.

Tennis Courts

The City Clerk advised the Council of the upcoming reservation of the Harmon Park Tennis Complex for several significant tennis tournaments. The Courts will be one of the sites of the USTA Super Senior Tournament from Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15th. On May 16th, Shawnee Mission East will host the Regional 6 Boys Tennis

Tournament at the complex. They will also host the Kansas State Boys Tennis Tournament on Friday, May 20th & Saturday, May 21st at Harmon Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Planning Commission	05/03/2005	7:00 p.m.
Tree Board	05/04/2005	6:00 p.m.
Budget Worksession	05/09/2005	6:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee	05/09/2005	7:00 p.m.
Park and Recreation Committee	05/11/2005	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	05/16/2005	6:00 p.m.
City Council	05/16/2005	7:30 p.m.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature the photographic work of Garth Fromme art exhibit sharing the R. G. Endres Gallery during the month of May. The opening reception will be held on Friday, May 13th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hear what the community wants for the future of Prairie Village. Attend Village Vision Community Meetings:

May 4, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Indian Hills Middle School
May 5, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Briarwood Elementary School

Recreational Memberships are now on sale at City Hall. Encourage your neighbors to sign up early for a great 2005 pool season.

Mark your calendar for Council Pictures on Monday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.

The date has been set for the City’s Annual Large Item Pick-up. Mark you calendars for Saturday, May 14, 2005.

The 50th Anniversary books, Prairie Village Our Story, are being sold to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk