

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
August 4, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

- Michael Poppa, Mayor
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Emily Hage, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- Matthew Lero, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Schraeder, Council Member
- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. City Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- Cory Honas, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Meeting Called to Order at 7:11 p.m.)

I. MINUTES

1. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review 55th Street Complete Street Analysis and Discuss Design Options

Janell Clayton, Merge Midwest, presented her report on the elements to be considered under the City's Complete Streets ordinance and the 55th Street Project. Due to construction in the area, they could not obtain accurate traffic and speed data but did use KDOT information from 2017. They also incorporated KDOT's crash data from 2019 to 2024. Ms. Clayton said most incidents were intersection related crashes and due to driver causes and design of the roadway. There was nothing in the data that would suggest a need for a road change. Also, Ms. Clayton noted that the driveway along 55th Street will be reconstructed to be ADA compliant.

Ms. Clayton noted that 55th and Roe as well as 55th and Granada are ADA compliant but not a preferred design noting it was the best design they could do considering the restrictions of the area and the extreme cost that would be associated with a redesign.

City Manager Moody noted that some of the images of the area shown on Google maps are older photos and do not reflect the current conditions.

CMBR Faidley also noted that Roe was reconstructed before the City had their Complete Streets policy.

Ms. Clayton said there are no recommended changes regarding street and sidewalk lighting along this section of 55th Street. Also, the sidewalk for this area is part of the City's priority sidewalk network.

Mayor Poppa asked if sharrows would be a part of the plan. Ms. Clayton said it is part of the plan, but there is not enough width to have them and a shared use path.

City Manager Moody said the EPC development site shows a pedestrian sidewalk at the west end of the property on 55th in Fairway for the senior complex. There is an anticipated increase in pedestrian

traffic around Starbuck's and Einstein's. Mr. Moody said they will continue their talks with Fairway to create a crosswalk.

CMBR Faidley said the development does show a sidewalk along property. City Manager Moody said it does show a privately constructed sidewalk.

CMBR Faidley inquired as to what the red spots are in Exhibit A. Ms. Clayton said they are existing light poles. CMBR Faidley also inquired about how much right-of-way there is off the roadway and whether that would be enough to construct a multi-use trail while still allowing parking on street for the Fairway side.

Mayor Poppa said they do have large rights-of-way to the houses on a portion of 55th. He believed this was discussed previously and they would need to do permanent easements on the north side. City Manager Moody said there would be no room to do an 8-foot path without a permanent easement on the north side of 55th Street.

CMBR Faidley asked staff to get back with them on exactly how much right-of-way is there. City Manager Moody said they would need just a few feet more.

CMBR Hill asked what vegetation would be disrupted. City Manager Moody said there shouldn't be any impact on trees but will impact the grass due to grading.

Mayor Poppa said he did not believe any trees were in the area of this project on 55th Street.

CMBR Lero said there were only a couple of steep driveways on 55th and most of them were a flat grade. He asked about having a crosswalk associated with EPC's private sidewalk. City Manager Moody said it is just paint. CMBR Lero also noted the pedestrian crossing from KU Med to Starbuck's and Einstein's and it is a lot of traffic. He said it is important to continue to work with Fairway for a crosswalk as that is a highly used area. He added that he would give up some of his yard to widen the path as it is that important.

CMBR Faidley said they need to determine if there is community interest to widen sidewalk.

Public Works Director Scharff added that if they widen the path, then utility lines will need to be moved.

There was agreement to get more information on the construction of a multi-use path and an estimate of associated costs.

CMBR Hage said painting the street does not affect the final design. City Manager Moody said they generally want to have ramp access if they paint a pedestrian walkway.

2. Executive Session

The Executive Session was held at the end of the City Council meeting.

III. COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Ad-Hoc Historical Committee Meeting Minutes June 26, 2025

2. **Aquatic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 10, 2025**
3. **Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 2, 2025**
4. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes June 24, 2025**
5. **Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes June 5, 2025**

Committee minutes are attached to the agenda packet.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Raglow adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Workshop Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.)