

GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, March 19, 2018 6:00 P.M.

- Mike Kelly, Mayor
- Becky Fast, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- Tim Janssen, Council Member

- Jim Kelly, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Claudia McCormack, Council Member
- Michael Poppa, Council Member
- Erin Thompson, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.
- Kelley Bohon, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Jose Leon, Public Works Director

Admin

Fast
Kelly

Finance

Janssen
Thompson

Safety

Hill
McCormack

Public Works

Madigan
Poppa

CMBR Poppa called the meeting to order. All Governing Body members were present.

MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

MINUTES

February 19, 2018

The minutes were approved as submitted.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Jorge Blanco Sculpture Initiative for R Park

David Avery (4500 Sycamore) of the Arts Committee presented a citizen-led public sculpture proposal for R Park to the Governing Body. The purpose of the sculpture is to fulfill the park’s master plan for beautification by bringing a site-specific piece of public art created by internationally-acclaimed artist Jorge Blanco to the City. It is intended to attract and welcome people to visit the City and continue the forward progress of making R Park a space for community enrichment. Mr. Avery stated the art piece will set a standard for future outdoor artwork. The artwork has the support of a ten citizen workgroup and the Arts Committee. The initiative will be privately funded at minimal cost to the City. Mr. Avery then showed a mock-up of the sculpture, which will refer back to the historical significance of the site and as a tribute to the former elementary school, its teachers and students with three R’s. The runner symbolizes the movement of R Park and the City. Mr. Avery also discussed other works completed by Mr. Blanco and those placed locally in the City of Leawood.

Once the group receives Council approval to move forward, they will engage the Citizen Sculpture Initiative R Park Workgroup, which is comprised of citizens with a variety of arts backgrounds. The group will report to the Arts Committee who will serve in an advisory role and will make final recommendations to the Council. The group initiative will also seek community involvement for a potential naming contest, an artist Q&A and reception. The plaque for the sculpture is planned to list the names of the donors. They have set a timeline for May 2019, but that is dependent upon fundraising.

The fundraising itself will be led by a group of citizens with a track record of raising money for a variety of R Park initiatives over the last four years. Citizen Sculpture Initiative R Park Workgroup and the Arts Committee feel strongly that this is a viable project and they are very motivated to make it happen.

April Bishop, Cultural Arts Coordinator for the City of Leawood, has worked with Jorge Blanco. Ms. Bishop endorsed working with Mr. Blanco stating that he is very professional, on budget and on time. She added he is fantastic to work with. Ms. Bishop said art is subjective and Mr. Blanco is a good option and has never had any push-back on his work. She described it as delightful, vibrant and children and adults engage with it. She also brought a funding packet used by Leawood to raise money for the art.

Marek Gliniecki, Chair of the Arts Committee, stated the Arts Advisory Committee is pleased to support the exciting project and requested the Council support and give their approval to proceed with the project. As part of the approval request, they are asking for permission to include the names of major donors on the plaque as that is an important part of the fundraising effort. He reiterated that this is a citizen-led grassroots initiative by people who have not only a passion for art, but a passion for Roeland Park itself.

CMBR McCormack said she met with some members of the Arts Committee and is excited about another amazing project that they have put together and supports what they have been trying to achieve as far as aesthetics.

CMBR Poppa thanked the sculpture initiative members for their dedication to Roeland Park and R Park and to the quality of life and aesthetics in the City. He also thanked everyone who was there to support the project.

CMBR Hill remarked she was impressed with what went into the project, they have covered everything and it was so well done.

There was unanimous consent to move this forward to the Consent Agenda at the 3/19 Council Meeting.

2. Time and Attendance Software for Employees

City Clerk Bohon said this was a 2018 objective to research time attendance software. She provided pricing with ADP, which has an annual investment of \$3,000, well under the City budget of \$5,000

Some highlighted benefits for staff:

- Check their time worked throughout the week.
- Automated requests for time off
- Monitor their own leave balances
- Automated transfer of overtime work to comp time

Benefits for Supervisors:

- Monitoring overtime
- Clocking errors
- Monitoring tardiness
- Being able to approve paid time off
- Ability to reports to track time spent on projects

There was unanimous consent to move this item to the Consent Agenda of the 3/19 Council Meeting.

3. Aquatic Center Shingle Replacement for Pump House and Changing Facility

Public Works Director Leon contacted three companies for bids to replace the roof at the Aquatic Center. He clarified that this item did not have anything to do with the dome. His request was to proceed with Eclipse Roofing at a cost of \$35,184. He added that they were the second lowest bid, but they completed a thorough inspection of the roof.

CMBR Janssen asked how soon work would begin once approval is given. Mr. Leon said Eclipse Roofing said they were currently about two weeks out. Mr. Leon made it clear he wanted the work done by the first part of May before the Aquatics Center opened. The project would be a complete tear-off.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Leon for putting this together and asked if they have used Midwest or Eclipse in any past projects. Mr. Leon not that he is aware of that in his time with the city. He did choose to use one of the companies as they are the most reputable in the area.

CMBR Thompson noted for the record that the City is responsible for half the cost and JCPRD will pay the other half.

CMBR Kelly asked if Eclipse would be working for Roeland Park or JCPRD. Mr. Leon clarified it would be for the City.

There was consensus to move this item forward to the Consent Agenda at the 3/19 Council meeting for approval of Aquatic Center roof replacement by Eclipse Roofing at a cost not to exceed \$35,184, with City's share of the project cost to be \$17,592.

4. Voting During Workshops

City Administrator Moody said this discussion topic came about from wanting to know how the votes went during meetings and whether an option could be added to the Novus agenda system. Mr. Moody said the Workshop as constructed now is a place for the Governing Body to have a discussion and to get an informal feel of where they stand on issues. While in a Workshop they take no binding action.

There were two items to be discussed, whether to poll the Governing Body individually during Workshop for which way they are leaning on an item and whether to add electronic voting capabilities during Council meeting.

CMBR Madigan said they have three actions, whether to discuss an item further at another Workshop, move it to the Council meeting for further discussion, or to move the item to the Consent Agenda. He added that if there is a majority consensus to move it to the Consent Agenda or to the Council for action, he didn't understand the need for a Workshop vote as the Council makes the final approval.

CMBR Thompson felt they do need to be able to keep track of how the votes are recorded.

Mayor Kelly said the Workshop discussion are helpful and provide guidance to the Council. Also by agreeing to move it to New Business at the Council meeting does not necessarily mean a vote in support of the issue.

CMBR Fast spoke against allowing voting in the Workshop as it is a committee discussion. After Workshop meetings, she is in contact with her constituents and relies on their feedback. She stated when she was Council President and there was a controversial topic, she would ask each person to state their position and that would give staff direction. She does not want to be on the record with her vote from a Workshop until she has fully heard from constituents and is able to do more research and wants that two weeks to get that input. She said the best practice is a first reading at the Workshop on an issue and then wait until the following month to take a vote. She said now they are forwarding everything to the Consent Agenda and there is no time for residents to provide input.

CMBR McCormack said she understands the points CMBRS Madigan and Fast have stated. She felt that maybe it is a verbiage issue and they could do informal polling of the members at the Workshop.

CMBR Hill would like to see it called polling, so their constituents know which way they are thinking and are able to reach out to them prior to a final Council vote.

CMBR Kelly asked if electronic voting would add more time and would they have to provide their own devices. City Administrator Moody said he believed it would add some minutes to the meetings to allow for opening and closing of the voting period and announcing the results after all have voted. He added that Councilmembers would provide

their own devices and they need to make sure they are compatible with the system. Cell phones and smartphones are not compatible.

City Administrator Moody recommended that the Admin committee sit with staff and the Novus representatives to go through some scenarios and then report back to the rest of the Governing Body how they felt the system works and whether or not it is doable.

There was consensus to continue discussion at the first Workshop in April. There was agreement to discussing polling during Workshop at New Business on the April 16th Council meeting when they will have supplemental information at that time.

5. Presentation on Community Foundation

Ms. Jones-Lacy made a presentation on the history and current activity of the Community Foundation that was established November 18, 2013, under the 501(c)(3) umbrella of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to connect donors to community needs, increase philanthropy and provide leadership on key issues.

It consists of a nine-member advisory committee consisting of Councilmembers, the Mayor, citizens, community leaders and the City Administrator. Currently the business leader position is vacant and there are vacancies from both Sustainability and Events committees.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they are required to meet annually. CMBR Madigan asked how they can approve a request if they only meet once a year. Ms. Jones-Lacy said even though they are only required to meet once a year, they generally meet more frequently, usually two to three times a years, sometimes four, or meet on an as-needed basis. If they have a grant request, they can meet more frequently than that.

Ms. Jones-Lacy reviewed the finances of the organization which is currently over \$51,000. She also said with the passing of Linus Orth, an active member in the community, donations were made in his honor and have supplemented the fund.

CMBR Madigan asked that the Foundation provide copies of their requests and recommendations to the Council.

6. Code Enforcement Update

This item will be presented at the April 2, 2018 Workshop

III. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

There no items discussed.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Poppa adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.)