

Parks and Recreation Board  
September 15, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.  
Missouri Theater, 717 Edmond Street

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Clark, Chris	(22-12)	02/11/24
	Lanham, Annette	(23-1)	02/03/25
	Luedtke, Patti	(20-1)	08/31/25
	Mooney, Scott	(10-2)	06/28/26
	Montegna, Eric	(9-3)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Pam	(30-4)	02/03/24
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT :</b>	Heim, Michael	(21-13)	02/03/24
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(27-7)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott	(17-5)	07/27/25

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Kempf, Director of Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities  
Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities  
Kathy Brock, Missouri Theater Manager

**Call to Order.**  
Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

**ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes**  
July 21, 2022, minutes approved

**ITEM #3 – Updates:**

a. Skateboard/Bike Park

1. City council approved the location for the new park to be at Maple Leaf Park at their work session. Administration is working with public works on the environmental reviews for the LWCF grant application. The citizens committee most likely won't meet again until after the grant is submitted.
2. Chris – He has received multiple emails about others wanting to be active in design
3. Chuck – There is one person who wants to join the group who has contacted us

b. Aquatic Park

1. The turnover of city staff has slowed some processes. We have a planning meeting on Wednesday, September 21 to brainstorm and converse about what we want to accomplish. We are planning on opening the new lap pool in spring 2024.

c. Bode Complex Outdoor Court Surface Issues

1. We are trying to get the Bode Sports Complex basketball courts resurfaced. We have talked to five vendors/contractors who specialize in this work, and we have had zero interest. This is a \$770,000 project funded by the parks sales tax. All specs for the project have been wrote down and city engineering is reviewing them before we put it out for bid.

d. Playground Surfacing

1. There were 7 playgrounds on the CIP list for resurfacing. An opportunity was presented by Planning and Community Development with CBDG funding. 6 out of the 7 playgrounds were done with CBDG. With the inflation of the rubberized surfacing, only 3 playgrounds will be able to be done via contract: Hochman Park, Mary Park, and Seitz Park. College Hill and Rest Square Park are the only other parks that will not be covered with CBDG funding. We think we will have \$60,000 leftover, so willing, we will have parks maintenance do Rest Square Park. Patee Park has already been resurfaced. Maple Leaf was completed with CIP funds. There is a possibility that 2 will be done this fall and the others will be done next spring.

**ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events**

- a. Krug Castle Centennial
  - a. Saturday, September 24, 12 – 4 PM
  - b. KC Chugger’s 1920 car show, costume contest, cupcakes, food trucks, games, and more

**ITEM #4 –Open Discussion**

- a. Chuck – North Kansas City asked Chuck for materials and information on the parks sales tax. He went down and spoke at their park board meeting to answer questions. They wanted to know how we handled and managed our campaign. Our parks department was prepared for it, and the citizens committee promoted the information throughout the community well. They also asked information about the River Bluff Trails Park.
- b. Chuck – All the upper-level stadium seats have been removed at the Civic Arena. The anticipated delivery for the new seats is September 26. The next few weeks will be filled with installation of anchors for the seats to go into. Metals and plastics from the old seats went to local recycling agencies. Daktronics is preparing to send in an inspector for the hoist that holds up the scoreboard.
  - a. Jeff – A contract for the new lighting for the floor and seating area has been approved through Schneider Electric. New lighting will come with a theater package similar to the Missouri Theater – it can go from soft theater to full brightness in an instant with no need to heat up like before. This allows us to create more of an atmosphere and ambiance. Schneider is confident they will be installed before the basketball tournament in March. Floor ports are up for approval at the next council meeting. Installation will happen around shows and events.
- c. Chuck – City council will be determining the ARPA funds soon, and he has submitted a parks list. These funds are available for projects that will bring in tourism.
- d. Chuck – We held two dedications last week: Bob Simpson Pedestrian Bridge and three field dedications at Bill McKinney Softball Complex at Heritage Park for Fred Hoffman, Ken Christgen, Sr., and Dave Polsky. Future dedications will go through the park board.
- e. Kathy – Cove lighting (changes colors), chandelier, and organ lace will be done within a few weeks. This is all paid for via parks tax. The roof is completed with \$200,000/\$215,000 under budget, so the damage to the ceiling will be evaluated and priced to repair with the savings. The new lower-level restrooms are complete (CIP).

**ITEM #5 –Park Naming Consideration**

None

**ITEM #6 – Public Comment**

None

**ITEM #7 – Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 20, 2022, 4:00pm** - location to be announced.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator