

MINUTES
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MEETING
ROELAND PARK
Roeland Park City Hall - 4600 W 51st Street
September 11, 2017 6:00 P.M.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joel Marquardt, Mayor ○ Becky Fast, Council Member ○ Tim Janssen, Council Member ○ Ryan Kellerman, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teresa Kelly, Council Member ○ Sheri McNeil, Council Member ○ Michael Poppa, Council Member ○ Michael Rhoades, Council Member ○ Erin Thompson, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keith Moody, City Administrator ○ Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin. ○ Kelley Bohon, City Clerk ○ John Morris, Police Chief ○ Jose Leon, Public Works Director |
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Admin

Poppa
Fast

Finance

Kelly
Janssen

Safety

Thompson
Rhoades

Public Works

Kellerman
McNeil

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

Citizen Comment

Tom Madigan (5316 W. 49th Terr.) Mr. Madigan spoke to the amnesty program for dog licensing during Barktoberfest and suggested there should be a city-wide licensing program and not just be limited to one event. Mr. Madigan addressed Section 8-803 of the City code with regards to invasive weeds be addressed if two or more residents file a complaint in writing, then the staff will address it. He noted that on the agenda is an item brought forward by one person and addressing it at this time is premature. He added that they are always discussing the weeds in the sidewalk in the fall, but it should be addressed during the summer when they are actively growing.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Community Center Update

Libby Scarborough, Recreation Supervisor at the Roeland Park Community Center, oversees the day-to-day operations of the center as well as staff events and programs. She provided a brief history of the center to the Governing Body.

Ms. Scarborough identified some of the improvements to the Community Center such as the folding chairs added to the multi-purpose room. She added this was a big improvement for the center. The chairs that they already had that were able to be refurbished were retained for the center and also for the sports dome. New flooring has been put in the cardio room. A new sound system has been installed with Bluetooth capability as well as a wireless microphone for use in the multi-purpose room. Wire drying racks have been added to the kitchen and a washing machine and dryer have also been installed. This will allow employees to launder their fitness room towels onsite and saving the time and expense of employees laundering them. A baby changing station has been added to the ADA bathroom. Dry erase boards and a podium have been put in and the interior doors and frames to the center were repainted. Some of the artwork has also been updated. New audio equipment for public rental usage has been purchased. New HVAC units for the cardio room and the daycare are now in place.

One upcoming project is to switch over the light fixtures to LED lights, a project that will be done in phases.

They also have a one-page spread of the goings-on at the Community Center and the Aquatics Center in the City's newsletter.

Programming highlights at the Community Center included more than 300 programs and events last year. They have added, along with computer tutoring class, a cellphone tutoring for a large 50-plus population.

The Healthy Halloween Spooktacular was a free event on October 28th. Upcoming is the Holiday Marketplace, an event geared towards children shopping for their family members. Volunteers help the children make their selections and also help wrap the presents. This year's spring break and summer camps were primarily full with wait lists. They have also had successful Special Populations programs this year. The Community Center also has shared services and programs with other organizations working with the Johnson County Election Office as a place to vote and providing space for the AARP safe driving course. A local podiatrist as well as Kansas City Legal Services also utilizes space at the center. During the summer months, children's meals are served through Harvesters.

Ms. Scarborough then provided the rental statistics for 2017 as outlined in the agenda packet.

CMBR McNeil asked if there are plans to get a new stove for the Community Center. Ms. Scarborough said some of the troubles have been fixed, but there is currently not a plan for a new one.

CMBR Fast commented that there is great programming at the center and excited to see the new chairs. She said everything looks wonderful.

Ms. Scarborough thanked the Governing Body for their support of the Community Center.

2. Review Logo Options with Vireo

Lindsey French from Vireo presented four concepts to the Governing Body seeking their input in the hopes of getting a clear focused idea on design concept.

CMBR Poppa said he liked Concept 1 with the roots growing out of the circle and they are not confined as well as the new buds. CMBR Kelly agreed she liked the second design on Concept 1. CMBR Thompson added that she liked the second drawing on Concept 1 and also that it lends itself to the motto possibility of "rooted in community."

CMBR Kellerman said he did not like Concept 1, but preferred the second drawing on Concept 3 and likes the "you're home" motto.

Mayor Marquardt added that he liked the second drawing with brown roots on Concept 1, but also liked the first drawing on Concept 2. He said it is straightforward and feels good.

CMBR Rhoades agreed with the Mayor that Concept 2 was his favorite as well. Concept 1 would be his second pick.

CMBR Janssen liked Concepts 1 and 3. He liked the organic colors in Concept 1 and the broken circle. He added he likes the script on Concept 3.

CMBR McNeil loved the first drawing on Concept 3. Out of all that she was looking for this one really reached out to her. Her second choice would be Concept 1.

CMBR Fast liked Concept 3 and liked the wording of being established in 1951 as well as the 50s retro look. She really liked the tree, but said the family is so big. She would like to have it more integrated with Concept 2 and a more 50s look. She does not like the "lollipop" trees on Concept 2.

Lindsey French did state that the logos would lend well to stationery and embroidery and various types of artwork.

After some discussion the Governing Body gave their initial preferences.

Concept 1 - CMBR Poppa, CMBR Kelly, CMBR Thompson

Concept 2 - Mayor Marquardt, CMBR Rhoades, CMBR Fast

Concept 3 - CMBR Kellerman, CMBR Janssen, CMBR McNeil

There was also a discussion on the family dynamic shown in the sample motto.

As a way to narrow down the selection the Governing Body voted on their least favorite

Concept 1 - CMBR Kellerman

Concept 2 - CMBR McNeil - 2, CMBR Janssen - 2,

Concept 3 - Mayor Marquardt, CMBR Rhoades - 3, CMBR Thompson - 3, CMBR Kelly - 3, CMBR Poppa - 3

No one liked the Concept 4 design.

By process of elimination they decided to eliminate Concepts 3 and 4.

Ms. French will move forward with Concept 1 and 2 and developing some more choices.

3. Sidewalk Master Plan Update - Resolution 654

Public Works Director Leon discussed the work being done updating the 2017 Sidewalk Master Plan. They have been able to work with BikeWalkKC, who has been very instrumental in putting together a pedestrian-bike-walk infrastructure strategy document.

Ben Bachwitz from BikeWalkKC said he is dedicated to making the Kansas City region safer and more accessible for all types of transportation. He presented a community overview of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Infrastructure Strategy focusing on a safe and comfortable facility, a direct continuous path to major destinations in the city and then connecting the more core destinations to residents.

Public Works Director Leon showed the prioritization of sidewalks that includes a missing stretch that fits into the proposed network connection, which is first priority when taking into consideration the Roe 2020 project.

Public Works Director Leon thanked BikeWalkKC for helping to develop the background and all their research. He requested the Governing Body to implement program through Resolution 654.

CMBR McNeil asked the City to do their homework on the impact of sidewalks because when they were installed on her street it flooded and did structural damage to the house.

CMBR Kellerman asked why there was a high priority on the west side of Roe Boulevard and not the east side. Mr. Leon said the west side has been designated as the shared use path.

CMBR Kelly said she supports the shared use wider path as people are more likely to use safe spaces and having a wide bike path on Roe would make the city more accessible to everyone.

There was agreement to move this item to New Business at the next Council meeting to continue the discussion.

4. Barktoberfest Ordinance and Amnesty for Late or Failure to Register Pets

CMBR Thompson said this event is a good opportunity and encourages more people to register their pets.

CMBR Kellerman said he did not see this as a very good process especially to those who are unable to attend the event, or that amnesty is not given for other programs.

CMBR Kelly if they offer this every year, it does not encourage anyone to register on time.

Mayor Marquardt said he agreed with CMBR McNeil's earlier comments that she did not believe they should serve alcohol and it does not add anything to the event.

CMBR Kellerman added that previous councils have turned down alcohol at an event and believes it does not look good on their part of the city, especially when they look at parks and think kids and families. With the hours of 11-3, he thinks it is unusual to drink at those hours at a park.

CMBR Poppa said he understands what people are saying in regards to serving alcohol in the park, but it is Barktoberfest which is a direct reference to Oktoberfest which is associated with beer and festivals. Last year the Events Committee raised \$500 from beer sales that went back into programming.

There was a consensus to move to New Business and continue the discussion of serving alcohol.

Half the Council also wanted to move the amnesty discussion to New Business also.

5. Discussion on Code Update on Reinvestment and New Construction

CMBR Poppa said this topic came up from multiple residents who were asking about all the new construction in the city, and also a couple of workshops he attended, specifically the MARC workshop on redevelopment and investing in redevelopment. He wanted to see what the Governing Body thought about having staff write some draft language for a codes update. The code should encourage reinvestment in the new construction, while also maintaining safety and aesthetic character. The main focus would be safety such as stormwater runoff issues that happen with new construction or with tear-down and rebuilds. Also of note would be the removal of mature of vegetation and trees and quality of materials. He clarified that Roeland Park does not need to be a "style police" to homes and is not the intent of this agenda item. He is also not suggesting an architectural review board (ARB) be created.

Mayor Marquardt asked for clarification on the aesthetics portion of the proposal. CMBR Poppa said it would pertain to quality of materials and mature vegetation and not having bare lots. He personally said he would remove Item 2 which refers to an ARB.

CMBR Rhoades said removal of mature vegetation opens up a can of worms and are they saying to a resident they are unable to remove a tree to put something else in there. The person owns the land and they have a right to put what they want on there. He also had a question with Number 3 on Safety referring to a sport court. He has one in his yard and it is a huge improvement for his family and questioned that because of too much noise.

CMBR Poppa reminded the Governing Body that these points are ideas for discussion and there are safety issues that come along with tear-downs and rebuilds and with reinvestment in the community, which he would like to see addressed.

CMBR Kelly said this has been a consistent challenge with First Tier Suburbs since someone can buy a lot with a house on it, tear it down and build an even larger house on a small lot. What they need to look at is what would encourage redevelopment. They want the City to continue to grow and evolve, but she also believes they need something in place to prevent someone from building a house that is too large for the lot and does not fit the neighborhood. She would like to have some design guidelines as far as how big of a footprint is allowed when replacing a house, height limits and setbacks and the effects of the extra run-off into a neighbor's yard.

CMBR McNeil can see were Number 1 and 2 under Safety could be discussed. She said the discussion could open up some nasty stuff when discussing aesthetics. She would be more interested in discussing safety and water run-off.

CMBR Janssen asked if through the construction process these issues addressed through the Planning Commission, plan review and site review. Ms. Jones-Lacy said some of those issues are addressed such as the water run-off, asbestos abatement. With regard to materials being used, there are no specific regulations on types of material,

but they do have references to certain materials that cannot be used. The safety and health items are mostly covered already.

CMBR Rhoades asked for someone to present something a little more acceptable to a future Workshop and he would consider it, but most he does not agree with most of the things on here.

CMBR Poppa reiterated these were just ideas to discuss and/or issues brought up by residents.

Ms. Jones-Lacy also said Building Official John Jacobson could attend a meeting and share his thoughts.

CMBR Kellerman said he has heard from residents that they would be okay with larger homes coming in as people move to larger homes to start a family and have larger families. If the City is looking to repopulate Roeland Park, then he didn't see why there wouldn't be larger homes in Roeland Park as well.

Mayor Marquardt said it is a good idea to address the stormwater concerns as well as the massing of homes and setbacks.

CMBR Fast said it is a great idea and they should take the time to look at the City's codes and that they have not spent the time looking at it like other cities have.

CMBR McNeil would like to also have setbacks reviewed.

CMBR Kellerman said he would be careful saying they would spend time on this and mentioned the months working on the re-codification of their animal ordinance. If they would like to look at a couple policies such as height restrictions and setbacks, then absolutely. He added that previous councils have spent time reviewing the codes.

CMBR Fast said the Planning Commission would need to review this too.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said items under Chapter 5 of the building code are not part of the purview of the Planning Commission. Anything regarding Chapter 16, the zoning code, the Planning Commission would have to provide their input. Ms. Jones-Lacy suggested inviting John Jacobson, the City's building official, and that he has already spent some time on this topic and has some ideas and suggestions. If there are things the Council would like him to focus on she will let him know.

CMBR Rhoades said there is a huge investment going on in Wards 2 and 4 right now and if they are going to do anything to slow that down they are making a huge mistake if they start regulating what's happening now.

CMBR Poppa said they are not talking about regulating current projects.

City Administrator Moody said he speak with John Jacobson and recognized there are differences of opinion with what should or should not be allowed in the present redevelopment. He will ask Mr. Jacobson to look at the list they put forth and cite existing regulations that address these things, so the Governing Body can reference that for themselves and gain a better understanding of what the regulations are. If he sees a shortcoming in the current regulations, he will ask him to also bring that forward.

6. Discuss Community Center Fitness Room Restrooms

7. Bishop Miega Homecoming Parade Permit

Police Chief Morris stated he received a letter from the security director and the principal of Bishop Miega who asked the City to waive the permit fee for their upcoming homecoming parade. He added that this has been done every year since he's been there. It is a short parade of about 15 minutes.

There was consensus to move this item to the 9/18 Consent Agenda.

8. City Administrator Review

9. Discussion on Invasive Weeds

10. Discussion on Sidewalk Obstruction by Vegetation

11. Discussion of Insurance Coverage Amount for Dangerous Animals

12. Review Neighborhood Services Job Description

City Administrator Moody provided an updated job description for the Neighborhood Services position.

Mayor Marquardt said he would like to see this as a full-time position.

CMBR Rhoades said this needs to be a person from the City who has a huge amount of pride in their work and agreed it should be a full-time person.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the majority of respondents have requested full-time. Applications are left open until filled, but they did a first review of applicants last week and have the interview process set up for this week to interview several individuals.

13. July Financial Report

The undiscussed items were moved for discussion to the City Council agenda.

II. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Matters of Real Estate Transactions

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR KELLERMAN SECONDED TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE MATTERS TO RECONVENE AT 9:10 P.M. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned)