

MINUTES  
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
AQUATICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 13, 2026, 6:00 PM - Roeland Park Community Center

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Jason Wiens, Emily Hage, Tom Madigan, Elizabeth Baddeley  
Guests: Elizabeth Harner, Jorge Rodriguez

Staff present: Nathan Brungardt

Call to Order: 6:13p

Introductions

Old Business:

75th Anniversary Event

Refresh of plan

City Birthday Party on July 3rd

Cupcakes at the pool

Dunk tank for the Mayor

Food truck/hot dog cart

DJ

Photo opportunity with Catherine Fox

Additional Information

Start with a rough budget in February

Adult Night

7-9p in mid-June

Nathan is looking for a beer vendor and a food truck

Small cover charge, with an upcharge for non-residents

New Business:

Selection of Chair and Secretary

Jason Wiens: Chair

Emily motioned, Elizabeth seconded, approved by all

Elizabeth Baddeley: Secretary

Emily motioned, Jason seconded, approved by all

## Recruitment of Additional Members

Nathan reported that he is evaluating the usefulness of the committee through the pool season. If committee grows and remains active, that will be considered, but the committee has been small. It would maybe be appropriate and advantageous to merge with the Parks and Trees Committee.

Jason voiced a priority on giving voice and a place for involvement for folks who care about and use the pool.

Jorge asked what the mission or vision of the committee is... the ultimate goal.

Tom mentioned that this committee is an advisory committee; it's there to advise the Council.

Emily said that the Council feels strongly about the pool and seems to have 2 different philosophies about running the pool and making money. They rejected the Committee's recommendation which feels like maybe a waste of the Committee's time. Her big question – is this committee too focused on operational decisions that are better made with staff?

Nathan responded: we want more people to come to the pool, we need to make more money

Jason: it's ok that the committee did not take our advice on fees – it's for the elected officials to listen and take information back to the full Council. Is it worth exploring some partnership to acknowledge that folks miss the availability of the all-season swimming element.

Tom: Council seemed to feel that the proposed fees would be so cost-prohibitive to non-residents that we would lose customers and ultimately shoot ourselves in the foot. The goal was to build a family pool and we have been successful with that.

## Staff Report

Nathan is working on pricing for the new vacuum system, and working on the 2026 objective for the pool, and discussed the fact that the pool will be open an additional week in 2026, as Labor Day is a week later.

## 2026 Pricing Presentation

We are subsidizing non-resident use of our pool; 68% of guests are non-residents. Nathan presented a revised fee proposal based on Council feedback. If our prices are not competitive, we won't be able to sell SuperPasses to non-residents; hopefully residents would have the ability to buy the SuperPass no matter what. Part of the fee alignment is to be competitive with the SuperPass pools.

Committee feels comfortable with the fee proposal presented.

Committee Involvement

Public Safety Day - push to February

Chair Update: Jason welcomed Jorge and Elizabeth's interest in joining the committee and thanked them for coming.

Committee Members Updates:

Adjourn at 7:13p