



## MINUTES

### RILEY COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2014

#### **Joint Riley County and City of Manhattan Park Advisory Board**

The Riley County Park Advisory Board /City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation met for a joint meeting on September 8, 2014 in the Nature Exploration Center at Sunset Zoo. The board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Riley County Board members in attendance were Joe Edmunds, Tom Finney, Vern Bulk, Michael Gassmann, Mike Roediger, and Ken Carrol. Staff members in attendance included Greg Lund, Leon Hobson, Gregg Eyestone, and Bob Boyd. Others in attendance were Katy Oestman, and Ginny Barnard. City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation Board members in attendance were Ed Klimek, Linda Teener, Bruce McMillian, Mark Bachamp, and Dave Schafer. Others in attendance were Eddie Eastes, Casey Smithson, Fred Goss, Wyatt Thompson, Scott Shoemaker, Shane Swope, Angie Sutton, Chris Curtis, Jane Gibson, and Chrissy Kramer

The meeting began with a presentation by Shane Swope on the CiCo Park detention basin. Shane reported the basin would reduce the number of homes located downstream which are currently in the flood plain. by nine. The permits for the basin are complete with the final plans/easement in Sept 2014 and bid in October 2014.

Greg Lund reported on the CiCo Park playground. The master plan was completed by Indigo design and has a barnyard theme. We are currently exploring ways to help fund the renovation project.

Greg also reported on the dog park at CiCo. There have been several requests for a small dog only area. Several options have been looked at and installing a fenced area directly east of the existing dog park would be the best fit. This would put a portion of the area on city property. The City Park Board is supportive of moving forward with the plans to construct the area. The approximate cost is \$1,500 - \$2,000 for the fencing material, in addition to the fence there will be some type of screening needed on the east side. The

project details, plans, and any needed agreements will be made between the city and county departments.

Eddie Eastes, Director of City Parks and Recreation gave a report on the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan. There is a steering committee being formed and RDG has been contracted to form a five, ten, and fifteen year plan. There will be several public meetings to gather input as the plans progress with a final recommendation being completed by February or March of 2015.

Wyatt Thompson presented the Blue and Kansas River Kiosk project. This is a joint project with the City, County, Manhattan CVB and KDWPT. The Kiosk will be installed at Manhattan's two Kansas River access points. There will be three panels containing information about access to the river, historic sites, and things to see and do around Manhattan and Riley County. More information is available at the Kansas River Trail website. Plans are to have the kiosk design completed soon and installation to begin by the end of the year.

Katy Oestman discussed the Kansas Health Foundation grant of \$79,000 that had been recently awarded to Manhattan and Riley County for healthy living improvements. A portion of the funds will be used to improve bike boulevards and promote smoke-free playgrounds. Katy showed a jar filled with cigarette butts, she along with a small group of young volunteers picked up 1,900 cigarette butts in one playground area.

Fairmont Park Riverbend Trail plans were reviewed. Discussion on how the City and County have been working together to make improvements to the trail. Riley County has received a matching grant to install a section of trail within the park. This will begin later this fall. It was also recommended that the trail be included in the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan.

This concluded the joint portion of the meeting.

### **Riley County Park Advisory Board Meeting**

Chairman Joe Edmunds called the meeting to order. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Tom Finney moved to approve the minutes, Mike Roediger seconded, motion carried.

Staff reviewed the expenditure report. The budget summary was reviewed with a report on County and Community Park projects.

- Keats - Curbing project is at our budgeted amount but not completed, this could be a project to finish next spring if funds are available.
- Riley - Playground surface material has been installed.
- Randolph - Restroom electrical work has been completed.
- Leonardville - Playground equipment will be purchased soon.
- Fairmont - Budgeted funds will be used to match trail grant funds.
- CiCo - Electrical and concrete floor updates to Wreath Hall have been completed. The door at Pottorf Hall has been replaced. Slide/swing is being installed on the playground. Toilets have been replaced at Pottorf Hall. The wall project on the west side of Bishop Stadium is near completion. Improvements to the drainage area at the dog park are being made.
- Ogden - Requested to use leftover funds within their budgeted amount for ball field improvements with the board's approval, board approved.

The Sunflower Trail Grant was discussed. Riley County was awarded a matching grant for a section of trail at Fairmont Park. The grant will be used to install approximately ½ mile of a combination of concrete and limestone screening trail, the construction of the trail will begin later this fall with completion to happen by July 2015.

There was discussion about possible uses of the Smith property if the County were to accept the offer which included a trail for hiking/biking/horses, cross country ski trails during the winter months, a zip line, and more access to the park. Please email Greg with further suggestions.

Tom Finney moved to adjourn, Joe seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned.