



CPPS Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Ex Officio:	Margaret Shriver	Board Chair:	Wayne Snider
Members:	Thurman Gardner	Michelle Parker	Kenny Shaw
		Troy Thomson	

Prior to the consideration of the agenda items, Board Chair Snider recognized Eric Barnhart, 710 River Dr., who voiced his support and excitement for the proposed River Front Park redevelopment project. He noted he had no issues with the proposed concepts as shown, and was looking forward to the convenient trail access that connects to the neighborhood. He did pass along comments from his neighbors noting a desire to see improvements as far away from their backyards as possible. Mr. Daniel noted there will be a community meeting scheduled in May to discuss these concerns with the neighbors in the area. Mr. Barnhart noted that potential noise was his biggest concern, but the tranquil concept for the area does not seem to indicate an increase in noise level. He closed by thanking the group for their consideration and for the work done in the River Front Park project so far.

1. Approve minutes of minutes of March 23, 2022

- **Motion:** Board member Shaw made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2022 with the edits noted by Board member Duren.
- **Second:** Board member Thompson seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

2. Review Cemetery Activity

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel noted that there was no finance update due to the proximity to the last meeting. He reviewed the plot sales and funeral services at the Cemetery. He also noted the mowing contract has started and that White Lawn & Landscape were doing a good job so far. Fence repairs have been completed in the southeast corner of the cemetery.
- Chairman Snider asked if there had been comments about the cost for lots in the Cemetery, which Mr. Daniel noted there have not been complaints in that area.
- Councilmember Shriver asked about the adopt-a-planter program, and Mr. Daniel responded that staff shortages have prevented him from launching that program just yet.
- There was no motion to accept this report as there were no financials to present.

3. Consider request to install blue bird houses at River Front Park

- Mr. Daniel introduced Bonner Springs High School senior and Edwardsville resident Elam Escalante, who gave a presentation about his senior project to add blue bird houses to the River Front Park.
- Mr. Escalante reviewed the process he used to make the houses and where exactly he would hang them at the park.
- Mr. Escalante's uncle, Steve Buche, also made some comments regarding the construction of the blue bird houses and noted he has a few up at his own property.

- The CPPS Board members thanked Mr. Escalante for his efforts and congratulated him on the craftsmanship of the blue bird houses. They also thanked Mr. Buche for his mentoring role.
 - Mr. Daniel noted that the Board was prepared to offer any other support documentation for his project if needed.
 - **Motion:** Board member Gardner made the motion to approve the installation of the blue bird houses at the River Front Park as detailed by Mr. Escalante.
 - **Second:** Board Chair Snider seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes, 5-0
- 4. Hear update on the Parkway HOA trail funding request**
- Mr. Daniel reviewed the updated cost for the HOA trail improvements as it related to making the entrances to the trail (the six access points within the City right-of-way). The updated cost for these improvements to make them ADA accessible is \$10,245.
 - Mr. Daniel noted he is working to secure a meeting with the HOA to go over additional details before submitting a final proposal to the Board for possible dedication of funds.
 - No action was taken as a result of this discussion.
- 5. Consider planning update for the 2022 Memorial Day Service**
- Mr. Daniel gave an update on the planning for this event, noting that Pastor Mike Vernon has agreed to perform the invocation for the service.
 - There was discussion about who would perform the color guard, and it was decided that EFD and EPD would continue to perform this function. VFW folks would be invited to participate as well as guests.
 - Chairman Snider noted he'd reach out to John Eikhoff to perform TAPS as in years prior.
 - Mr. Daniel noted he would coordinate with the mowers and the public safety department to make sure things are in place.
 - No action required for this item at this time.
- 6. Advisory Reports**
- a. Mr. Daniel noted that the May meeting would be pushed back one week to allow for a community meeting with the River Falls neighborhood to discuss the River Front Park redevelopment project progress to this point. There was additional discussion about the feedback that have been received so far regarding this project.

Board member Thompson asked about the progress of the Quiet zone project, which Mr. Daniel provided. Work should continue for at least another month on this project.

Board Member Gardner asked for an update on historic cemetery project, which Mr. Daniel noted that application materials are being prepared for a Planning Commission item in the summer. There was additional discussion about the appropriate access points to the site.

Board member Shaw asked about the upcoming housing project.

Councilmember Shriver thanked Mr. Escalante for his project and asked that it be advertised via the City's online outreach avenues. She also noted the upcoming boating regatta taking place at the River Front Park on May 14 from the Kansas City Rowing Club.

Chairman Snider brought up the needed repairs for the center planter. There was additional discussion on the issue with Ms. Henry's monument. Mr. Daniel noted there had not been any new outreach from Ms. Henry regarding her damage claim.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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City Clerk