

## Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2019

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in the Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

**Attendees:** Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Marc Elkins, Susanne Teel, Mayor Dunn, Deb Filla, Chris Claxton and Deb Harper.

**Board members absent:** Renny Arensberg, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer and Charles Lusk.

### Chairman's Report

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- The October 23, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.
- Alice welcomed Susanne Teel to the board, and Susanne shared her background and expertise. Welcome, Susanne!
- Deb Filla will be our new council liaison. Welcome, Deb!

### City Update

- Mayor Dunn updated the board on the winter storm debris pick-up. The contract with Arbor Masters has been expanded and should be completed in three to four weeks. Current information is on the website.
- The preliminary plan for Ranchmart North has been approved. The power lines will be buried underground which will allow expansion of sidewalks and landscaping. A Community Improvement District (CID) tax is under consideration. A public hearing will be held on April 15.
- Chris Claxton discussed three new art pieces. The installation of the woman figure for the parkway has been delayed due to weather but should be completed in three or four weeks.
- An RFQ is being developed and will be sent out for the pool house renovations at City Park.

- The agility course at Leawoof Dog Park has heavy use. Chris suggested asking the people who use the park to donate to the foundation so that more durable equipment can be installed. The Leawood Stage Company raised \$1,000 toward replacement, but the lowest cost of any piece is approximately \$1,500. The total replacement cost may be around \$10,000. Mayor Dunn suggested talking to Lou Rasmussen, who's son made a generous donation to Leawoof. Deb Filla suggested offering matching dollars from the foundation up to a certain amount. A motion was made to allot up to \$5,000 in matching funds to replace the Leawoof agility course. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

- Mike Best gave the financial report. The year-end report showed a balance of \$175,747. Due to a down market in 2018, earnings were reduced by 14% in the fourth quarter and lost \$8,000 for the year. The foundation's risk is at 4 (out of 5), with a portfolio of 65% stock and 35% bonds. The current fund balance is \$196,384, with \$9,140 in earnings.
- The donor list was shared, and Peggy asked about Tim and Beth Parker. Alice said they have consistently donated to the foundation and would find out more about them.
- The foundation also has \$2,002 in the checking account at Blue Valley Bank. Larry Sowers is our CPA and lives in Leawood. Mike has updated our profile at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF).

### **Old Business**

- Alice said the insurance policy for the foundation has been signed. The policy and bill will be mailed soon.
- The Gezer Park plaque is complete and looks awesome! A location and date for installation will be chosen as soon as the weather cooperates.
- The donor request letter was sent in December, and we received more donations than previous years. A more compact list was used. The group agreed to continue sending a year-end ask letter.
- The old City Hall was discussed. Mayor Dunn said the council voted unanimously to keep it on site at 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee.

### **New Business**

- Alice asked the board if we should continue with our Nonprofit Connect membership. The cost is \$200 per year. Alice utilizes the programs. We can also utilize their volunteer jobs board to advertise for board members. The board voted unanimously to continue our membership.
- Marc will follow up with a potential board member.

- Restrooms at Tomahawk Creek were discussed. Chris said they are not funded in the city's budget. Chris will get back to the board with a cost, but estimated it could be \$100,000 or more, depending on size and materials. Mike reminded the board that we had to redefine our purpose due to 501(c)(3) rules. New projects must fall into charitable, religious, educational or scientific categories. Our By-laws have been amended to reflect the rule change.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

### **Announcements**

- **Prior to each board meeting, we will ask if you plan to attend. Your commitment will let us know if there will be a quorum. Thanks for your cooperation!**
- **The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 P.M., in the Main Conference Room at City Hall.**
- **Below are the remaining meeting times for 2019. All meetings will be on Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the main conference room except the August meeting. Please add to your calendars.**

**April 2, 2019**

**May No Meeting**

**June 4, 2019**

**July No Meeting**

**August 20, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room**

**September 17, 2019**

**October No Meeting**

**November 5, 2019**

### **Action Items:**

- Alice, Marc and Susie will contact possible board members.

/s/Susie Rawlings

Susie Rawlings, Secretary