

## **Leawood Foundation Meeting Minutes April 2, 2019**

The meeting of the Leawood Foundation took place at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in the Conference Room at Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, Kansas.

**Attendees:** Alice Hawk, Mike Best, Susie Rawlings, Charles Lusk, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Renny Arensberg, Susanne Teel, Michelle DeHaemers, Mayor Dunn, Deb Filla, Chris Claxton and Deb Harper.

**Board members absent:** Marc Elkins

### **Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Alice Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- The March 5, 2019 minutes were approved with one correction. Susie will email the corrected minutes.
- Alice welcomed Michelle DeHaemers to the board. Welcome, Michelle!

### **City Update**

- Mayor Dunn announced the storm debris pick-up has been completed.
- The annual budget sessions for 2020 will be held this summer.
- The final plans for Ranchmart North will be on the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting agenda for approval; a public hearing will also be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the Community Improvement District (CID) tax.
- The Barstow School final plan (the old Hy-Vee grocery store on State Line) will also be on the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting agenda.
- The plans for Ranchmart North have been approved, and a public hearing will be held on April 15 regarding the Community Improvement District (CID) tax.
- The Barstow School plan (the old Hy-Vee grocery store on State Line) has also been approved.
- Chris Claxton updated the board on the "Walking Woman" sculpture. The artist will be here the week of April 22, but a date certain for installation/dedication has not been set. The piece will be placed on the three large stones on Tomahawk Creek Parkway across from the Justice Center.
- The RFP has been completed for the pool house at City Park and should be going out soon. The pool house should replicate the newer shelters for continuity.
- Deb Filla said the Tree Committee has been initiated and will coordinate with Arbor Day. They will focus on education and placement of trees.
- Deb said the community garden will remain for one more year. The plots are \$25 for the season and are behind Fire Station # 1 at 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee.

## **Financial Report**

- Mike Best gave the financial report. The current fund balance is \$199,990, with \$12,911 in earnings. The S&P increased approximately 13%, so we had a good first quarter. The foundation's portfolio consists of approximately 65% stock and 35% bonds. We pay a 1% administration fee to the GKCCF.
- The foundation keeps a small balance at the Bank of Blue Valley.
- Alice said the Leawood Women's Club will be sending a check to help fund the old city hall rehabilitation.

## **Old Business**

- Alice said the insurance policy for the foundation has been paid. The policy protects the board against liability.
- Chris handed out information about the park restrooms project. The restrooms would have a vault system (similar to a septic tank). The project will need to be approved by the Park Board, Planning Commission and City Council. Discussion followed about the purchase and installation of restrooms in the park by North Lake. Depending on the size and design, the cost would be from \$80,000 to \$225,000. The board agreed we should move forward on the project. Chris will talk to David Ley as well as staff in the Codes Department and Brian Anderson in the Parks and Rec Department. Chris will bring pricing information and a timeline to the next meeting. Renny asked if the board could receive information via email since we're not meeting until June. Susie said yes, there is wording in the by-laws.
- The outdoor fitness project was discussed. Chris recommended the equipment be placed all in one spot. Meadowbrook Park has installed similar equipment.
- The park at 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee was discussed. The old city hall will remain on the site. Franklin Park in Prairie Village has installed new playground equipment and some musical flowers which are fun! This is something we could consider for the new park at 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee.

## **New Business**

- The replacement of the Leawood agility course was discussed. Alice said the sign has been placed asking for donations with matching funds from the foundation. Chris said we have not received any donations yet. She will post donation information on Facebook and Twitter. The cost will be approximately \$10,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

## **Announcements**

- **The Leawood Rotary Club has invited the Leawood Foundation board members to join the tree planting ceremony on Saturday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Ironwoods Park.**
- **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 June 4 at 5:30 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.**

**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:**

- Chris will bring pricing information and a timeline for the park restrooms project to the next meeting. Susie will send the information via email if we receive it prior to the June meeting.
- Chris will post Leawood agility course donation information on Facebook and Twitter.

/s/Susie Rawlings

Susie Rawlings, Secretary