



**MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 13, 2018
LENEXA CITY COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM, 17101 W 87th STREET PARKWAY
LENEXA, KS 66219**

ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present with Mayor Mike Boehm presiding: Joe Karlin, Bill Nicks, Dan Roh, Corey Hunt, Andy Huckaba, and Mandy Stuke. Councilmembers Steve Lemons and Tom Nolte were absent.

Staff present included Eric Wade, City Administrator; Todd Pelham, Deputy City Administrator; Mike Nolan, Assistant to the City Administrator; Beccy Yocham, Community Development Director; Danielle Dulin, Interim City Clerk; and other City Staff.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. January 23, 2018 Committee of the Whole minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

2. Community Visioning Process Overview

Beccy Yocham, Community Development Director, stated the city has a strong tradition of community visioning efforts. She provided an overview of the Vision 2020 process in 1997 and Vision 2030 process in 2008 and topics of study, timeline and staffing. Ms. Yocham gave examples of programs and projects that have been implemented from the vision documents, specifically City Center and the new civic campus. Ms. Yocham introduced Logan Wagler, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, and Sean McLaughlin, Assistant City Attorney, as the staff co-chairs for Vision 2040.

Mr. Wagler went over the timeline for the Vision 2040 process and indicated staff anticipated to complete the process in one year and present a draft of the document in January 2019. Mr. McLaughlin stated a call for volunteers would be made at the State of the City and a request for proposals for visioning consultants would be released soon as well.

There was discussion about lessons learned from the previous processes as well as building

on the foundations of Visions 2020 and 2030 with Vision 2040.

Ms. Yocham presented the Vision 2040 logo developed by the Communications Department.

3. Complete Streets Study Process Overview

Ms. Yocham stated staff is preparing a request for proposal for a consultant to facilitate the complete street study. Ms. Yocham stated complete streets includes streets, highways and bridges that are routinely planned, designed, operate and maintained with the consideration of the needs and safety of all travelers along and across the public right-of-way. This includes people of all ages and abilities who are walking or using mobility aids; driving cars, trucks, motorcycles or buses; bicycling; transit and freight shippers. It is both a process and a product. Ms. Yocham stated the city uses a lot of elements of complete street infrastructure in its current planning and design and construction of streets despite not having adopted a formal policy or resolution. Ms. Yocham provided examples of elements of complete streets that are already utilized by the city including sidewalks and mixed-use trails, pedestrian countdown lights on signals, curb ramps, and roundabouts. Ms. Yocham stated some elements that have not been used, but can be considered in the upcoming study are separately striped on-street bike lanes, share the road signage, and enhanced transit facilities. Ms. Yocham stated that a complete street study would clarify the city's position on complete streets and formalize current processes, gives the public an opportunity for input, provides opportunities to introduce additional complete street elements that have not been used yet. Furthermore, may make the city more competitive when competing for state and federal funding.

Ms. Yocham went over the scope of services for the complete street study consultant.

Councilmembers Karlin and Roh supported the possibility of an advisory committee being established through this process as a resource. Ms. Yocham stated a steering committee is proposed for study, but having an ongoing committee process could be considered.

4. Smoking Restrictions Discussion

Gary Ristow, Parks and Recreation Director, stated smoking restrictions were recently passed to prohibit smoking in certain city-owned outdoor public places and within 10 feet of any access point to any building within the city. Staff is recommending to create an administrative policy to restrict smoking within the civic campus to designated smoking areas. Additionally, staff is seeking feedback on expanding smoking restrictions to prohibit smoking in city parks.

Mr. Ristow stated smoking restrictions for the civic campus would eliminate confusion of where smoking is appropriate for park users, promote health and safety of park users, and improve cleanliness of the area.

Mayor Boehm requested staff reach out to Councilmember Nolte; he has had strong opinions regarding smoking restrictions in the past.

Mr. Ristow stated that prohibiting smoking in parks is a discussion among the Parks and Recreation Departments throughout the metropolitan. Mr. Ristow indicated staff does not feel people would leave Lenexa parks for other city parks because of a smoking ban. He cited health and safety concerns as the primary reason for the prohibition of smoking in parks.

Steven Shrout, Assistant City Attorney, stated the administrative policy is not intended to punish smokers; but rather it is something to refer to when asking individuals to refrain from smoking. Staff believes the majority of people will respect the request and move to a designated area. Mr. Shrout indicated there is a trend to move towards no smoking policies for playgrounds and recreation facilities including the Blue Valley Recreation facilities.

There was consensus to move forward with an administrative policy to make the civic campus smoke-free. There was additional discussion about smoking in the parking garage. It was determined the designated smoking area would remain outside of the garage and signage would indicate the campus is smoke-free.

Staff was given direction to look into the complete prohibition of tobacco use in city parks.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.