



## Agenda

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GOVERNING BODY  
CITY OF LENEXA, KANSAS  
17101 W. 87TH STREET PARKWAY**

**AUGUST 12, 2025  
7:00 PM  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

July 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes (located in the Appendix)

### **DISCUSSION**

1. Ad Astra Park and Pool Public Art Discussion

### **ADJOURN**

### **APPENDIX**

2. July 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEMORANDUM

ITEM 1

**SUBJECT:** Ad Astra Park and Pool Public Art Discussion

**CONTACT:** Logan Wagler, Parks & Recreation Director

**DATE:** August 12, 2025

**PROJECT BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION:**

The City adopted the Public Art Strategic Plan in early 2025, outlining a community-centered approach to enhancing Lenexa's public spaces through meaningful and accessible art. One of the key outcomes of this plan was the development of a Public Art Priority List, which identified high-impact sites across the city for future public art investment based on factors such as capital improvement schedules, community visibility, and geographic balance.

Ad Astra Park and Pool ("Ad Astra"), located at 8265 Maurer Road, is undergoing a significant renovation. Recognizing the opportunity to integrate public art into this highly visible and well-loved community destination, the Lenexa Arts Council has designated Ad Astra as a top-priority location for 2025.

The Public Art Strategic Plan outlines a three-step process for procuring art:

1. Initial review and recommendation for purchase, including budget range and recommended procurement process such as a call for artists.
2. When a call for artists is used, it will be followed by a review of options with the City Council.
3. Final approval of selected artwork by the City Council.

After months of discussion, the Lenexa Arts Council is ready to propose options for Step 1. Staff will present Step 1 options for discussion and feedback from the Governing Body.

**VISION / GUIDING PRINCIPLES ALIGNMENT:**

**Vision 2040**  
Inviting Places

**Guiding Principles**  
Extraordinary Community Pride

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Presentation



## **Lenexa Committee of the Whole**

# **LAC - Ad Astra Park and Pool Public Art Recommendations**

August 12, 2025



# 2025 Public Art Priority List


1. Ad Astra Park and Pool, 8265 Maurer Road
2. Justice Center, Prairie Star Parkway and Britton Street, Indoors
3. Black Hoof Park, 9053 Monticello Road
4. Cedar Station Park (Mize Lake) or Canyon Creek Boulevard south of Prairie Star Parkway.
5. Fire Station 3, 24000 Prairie Star Parkway
6. Little Mill Creek Park North, W. 79th Street & Cottonwood Street
7. Centennial Park, future park at 91<sup>st</sup> and Claire Road



# Public Art Funding Sources

1. Parks and Recreation Impact Fee (PRIF)
  - Monies provided by park impact fees imposed on new private development.
  - Divided into three designated PRIF districts
2. Dedicated Public Art Funding within the Capital Improvement Fund
  - Roughly \$1/resident annually
3. Lenexa Foundation (Arts)

# Public Art Strategic Plan – 3 Step Approval Process

- Stage 1:**  Initial Review and Approach Recommendations (includes budget range & procurement method)
- Stage 2:** When a call for artist is used, it will be followed by a review of options with City Council
- Stage 3:** Final approval of selected artwork by City Council

# Public Art Strategic Plan

## What was identified for Ad Astra Park and Pool within the Plan?

Budget Range:	\$40,000-\$60,000
Proposed Theme/Concept:	Cosmic/Celestial, Family Friendly, Reflective of Lenexa's Diversity
Type of Art Discussed:	Sculpture, mural

# LAC Discussion and Worksheet

- ✓ Reviewed site plan and architect provided overview of plans
- ✓ Reviewed Public Art Strategic Plan

## **Worksheet for Stage 1**

1. Type of Art
2. Recommended “call for artist” including process (RFQ, RFP, pre-selected)
3. Engagement recommendations
4. Partnerships and Funding

# Stage 1 - Recommendations

## 1. Sculpture

Call for Artist: RFP (Request for Proposals) Approach  
Engagement: Educational based (artist talks)  
Funding/Partnerships: \$30,000 budget

## 2. Painted Functional Furniture

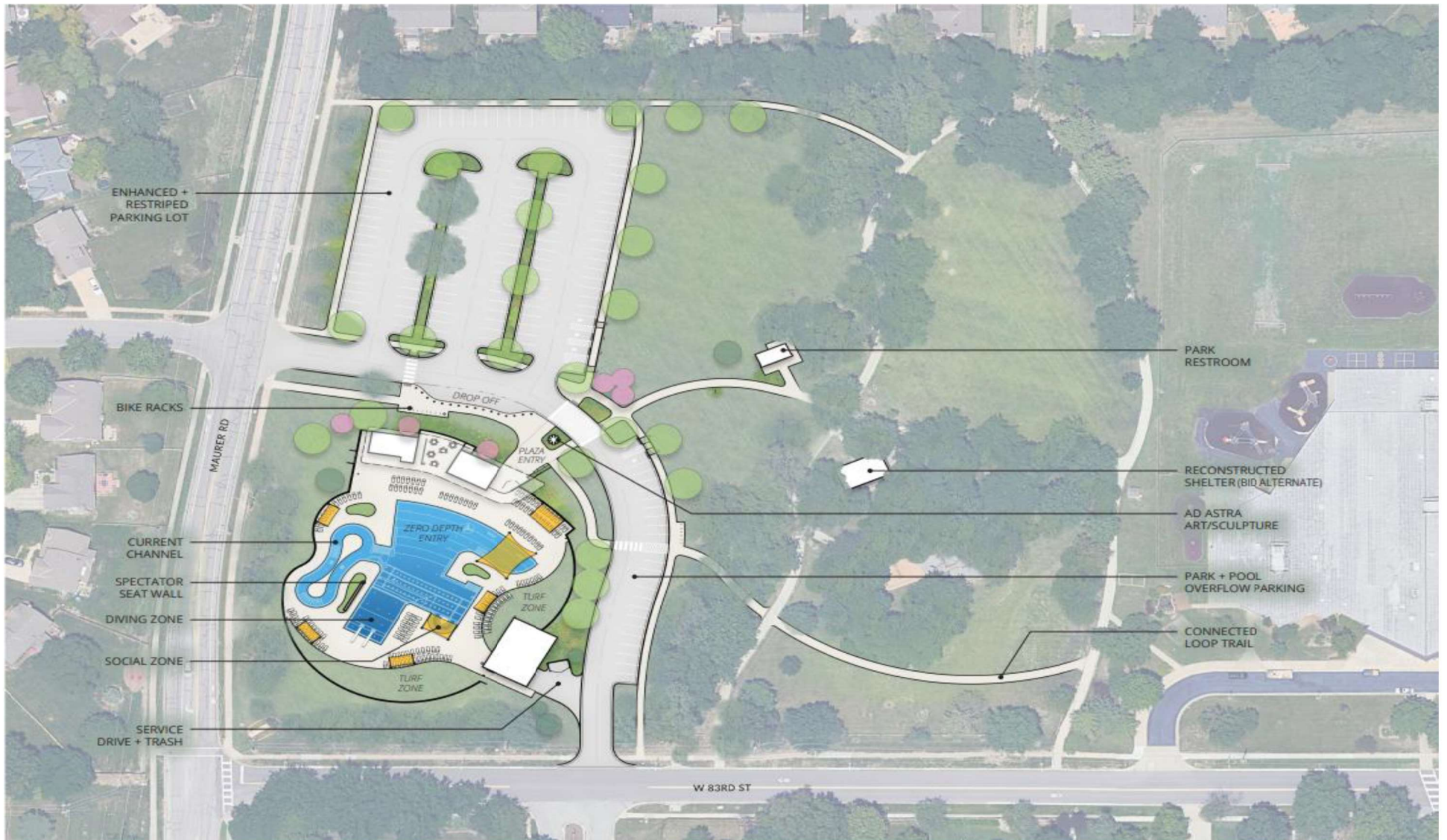
Call for Artist: No call for artists. Utilize our pool of muralists from LOTAC selection process  
Engagement: Participation of nearby school  
Funding/Partnerships: \$26,000 Budget

## Opportunities to...

- **Celebrate Lenexa, Kansas**
  - *Commitment to local artists, diversity and sustainability*
- **Connect the pool, park and school**
- **Inspire & educate with cosmos-themed art**
  - *Ad Astra per Aspera*
  - *Celebrating Christa McAuliffe and Ad Astra Park*

















## *Functional Art: Collaboration with Local Artists and School*



# NobleWins Park Furniture

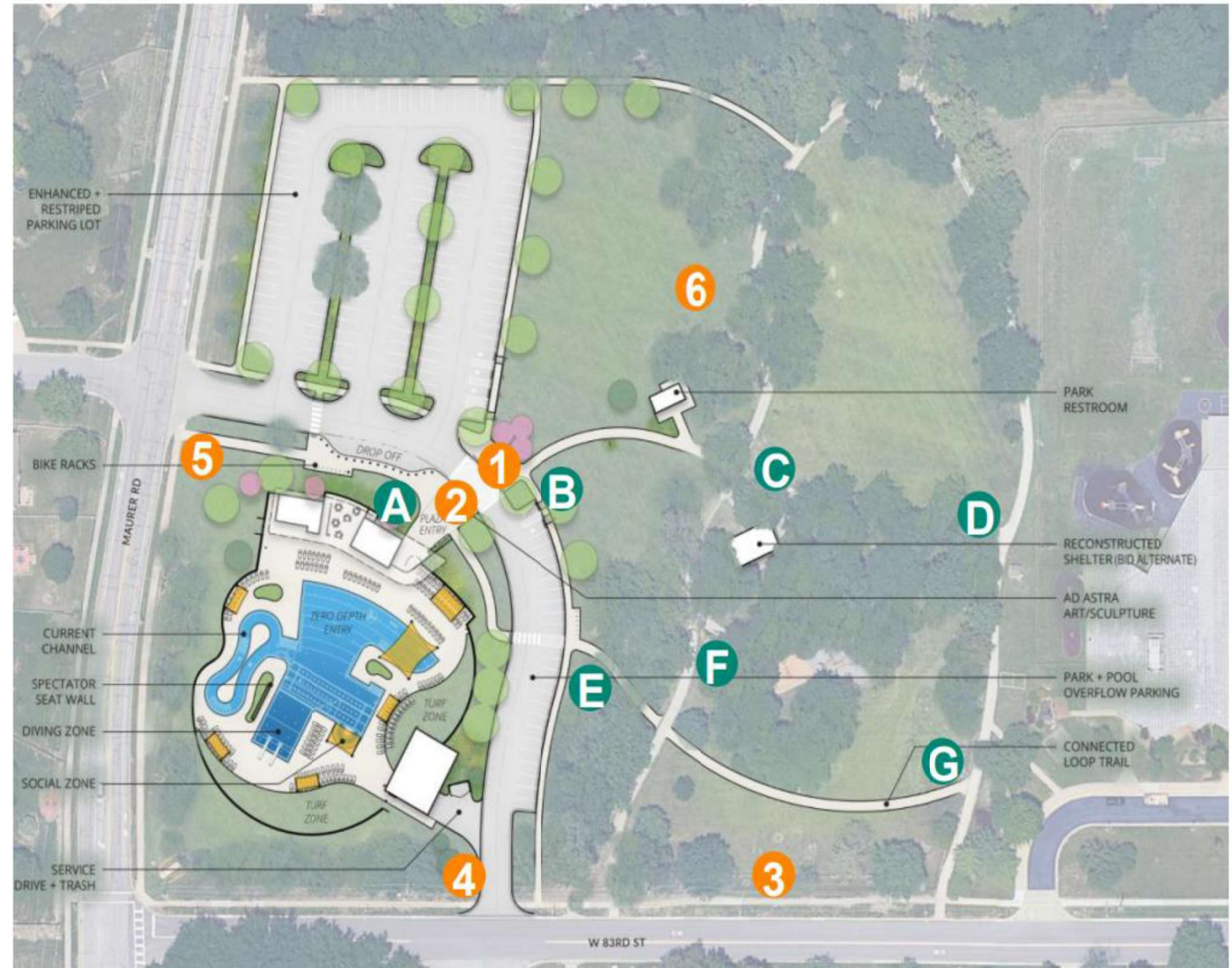
1. Made of retired wind blades
2. 25-Year warranty (industry leader)
3. Maintenance free





# Potential Sites

- *Sculpture*
- *Functional Art*





# Type of Art Recommended

1. Sculpture
2. Painted Functional Furniture

# Call for Artist(s)

## 1. Sculpture

### 1) RFP (Request for Proposals) Approach

- Budget of \$30,000
- Theme of Ad Astra (to the stars) and family friendly
  - Connect the pool, park and school
- Focused on local or KS based artists

## 2. Painted Functional Furniture

- No call for artists. Utilize our runner up muralists from LOTAC selection process
  - ITRA Icon
- Three Total benches
  - Two painted by muralist(s) and one by the school

# Engagement Recommendations

## 1. Sculpture

- Education Based - Artist talks

## 2. Painted Functional Furniture

- Community Paint with Christa Mcauliffe School

# Funding and Partnerships

## 1. Sculpture

Budget of \$30,000

- Combination of Zone 1 PRIF funding and Public Art CIF
- Will explore any grants and community partners

## 2. Painted Functional Furniture

Budget Estimate of \$26,000

- Three factory primed benches \$21,500
- Artist Stipend (\$2,000 per bench, total of \$4,000)
- School supplies \$300
  - Total estimated costs: **\$25,800**

# Public Art Strategic Plan Stage 1 - Recommendations

## Painted Functional Furniture

Call for Artist:	No call for artists. Utilize our pool of muralists from LOTAC selection process
Engagement:	Participation of nearby school
Funding/Partnerships:	Estimate of \$26,000

➤ *No step 2 required*

Step 3 - City Council will approval final details (Includes designs and final locations)

# Public Art Strategic Plan Stage 1 - Recommendations

## Sculpture

Call for Artist:	RFP (Request for Proposals) Approach
Engagement:	Education based (artist talks)
Funding/Partnerships:	\$30,000 budget

- *Would require LAC to bring back RFP responses to GB for review (Step 2)*

## Selection Process for RFP Responses

- Initial review of proposals by staff – ensure all requirements met
- If more than five responses are received, Arts Council and staff will determine top five for consideration.
- Arts Council, City Council, and four staff members score proposals (Step 2)
- Best score is recommended for final approval (Step 3)



# Discussion and Feedback



**MINUTES OF THE  
JULY 8, 2025  
LENEXA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COMMUNITY FORUM, 17101 W 87<sup>th</sup> STREET PARKWAY  
LENEXA, KS 66219**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sayers called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Eiterich, Charlton, Nicks, Arroyo, Williamson, Denny, and Herron were present with Mayor Sayers presiding. Councilmember Handley was absent.

Staff present included Beccy Yocham, City Manager; Todd Pelham, Deputy City Manager; Mike Nolan, Assistant City Manager; Scott McCullough, Community Development Director; Sean McLaughlin, City Attorney; Jennifer Martin, City Clerk; and other City staff.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Councilmember Denny made a motion to approve the June 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**DISCUSSION**

1. FY 2026 Recommended Budget - Fund/Department Review

Nate Blum, Chief Financial Officer, began by presenting the schedule for the budget process, saying he would present a resolution at the July 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to set the budget public hearings for September 2<sup>nd</sup> and set the maximum budget amount. He said questions can be emailed to [budget@lenexa.com](mailto:budget@lenexa.com) and staff will post the questions and answers on the City's website. He said this meeting would be for the departments to present their budgets and to answer the Governing Body's questions.

Mr. Blum reviewed the questions that have been received regarding the recommended budget and their answers, which were included in the meeting packet.

Councilmember Nicks said a resident gave him a list of questions tonight, and he will give it to staff for follow-up after the meeting.

Staff presented each department's proposed budget, including accomplishments and future opportunities, department efficiencies, World Cup impacts, and any major

budget changes for 2026. Governing Body questions were answered by staff throughout the presentations.

Mr. Blum reiterated that a resolution would be on the July 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting agenda to set the September 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearings. He also mentioned that the budget contains several economic development and special revenue funds; explaining that special revenue funds are restricted based on the revenue source. He talked about the tourism fund being significantly impacted by the World Cup next year, with full hotels expected, and using that fund for future requests for eligible expenditures.

Councilmembers thanked staff for including the efficiencies in their presentations and for reporting on how the World Cup will impact their work.

Councilmember Nicks asked for a list of the department requests that were made, but not recommended, and Mr. Blum agreed to provide that.

Mayor Sayers reiterated that questions could still be emailed to [budget@lenexa.com](mailto:budget@lenexa.com) and staff would make those questions and their answers available to the public on the City's website.

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Sayers adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.