

MINUTES OF THE MISSION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

October 4, 2017

The Mission Community Development Committee met at Mission City Hall, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The following committee members were present: Pat Quinn, Tom Geraghty, Arcie Rothrock, Nick Schlossmacher, Debbie Kring, Kristin Inman, Suzie Gibbs and Ron Appletoft. Councilmember Inman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Also present were City Administrator Laura Smith, City Clerk Martha Sumrall, Assistant City Administrator Brian Scott, Public Works Director John Belger, Parks & Recreation Director Christy Humerickhouse, Chief Ben Hadley, and Public Information Officer Emily Randel.

Communities for All Ages Award Application

Ms. Randel provided an update on the Communities for All Ages work to date and the history of the program. The City earned the Bronze level recognition in 2015, Silver in 2016 and will be applying for Gold level recognition in November of this year. The program was established to evaluate and improve how well city services are poised to meet the needs of all Mission residents over the coming years as demographic trends change. The City has adopted a resolution supporting this initiative. The Bronze level recognition focused on awareness - educating the public on changing demographic trends. The Silver level was focussed on the assessment phase of the program. Gold level is focused on the implementation, and Ms. Randel stated that we are implementing these initiatives in a variety of ways, particularly through the Parks Master Plan and by appointing youth members to our boards and commissions.

Councilmember Kring encouraged Ms. Randel to showcase these initiatives through photos. Councilmember Quinn asked if the City will need to meet any annual standards to maintain the Gold level when received. Ms. Randel stated that the Communities for All Ages group is working on this and anticipates cities being required to have ongoing work to maintain their status ("member in good standing"). She also stated that MARC is a leader nationwide in this initiative.

This item was informational only and no action was taken.

Other - Department Updates

Ms. Smith reported that The Peanut had a small kitchen fire earlier in the day. No injuries were reported and it appears to be accidental.

Mr. Belger provided the following updates:

- Foxridge project - the contractor is completing stormwater work and the sidewalks are installed on the east side of the road. The project is on schedule. Councilmember Inman asked about the narrowed street and if there are any parking issues. Mr. Belger stated that there will no longer be on-street parking, and noted that the previous on-street parking was mainly for convenience as there is plenty of parking associated with the apartment complexes. He stated that the narrower street will assist in slowing traffic and will be helpful to crews plowing snow in the winter.
- Work has begun for the installation of the traffic signal at Johnson Drive and Woodson. Boring for the conduit is 75% complete; they will then move to connecting the power. The signal poles and arms have been ordered and, once they arrive, will be installed quickly. Once operational, there is a procedure for turning on the signal which includes a flashing yellow signal for a set time to allow drivers to become accustomed to the new signal.
- Flat work is wrapping up on the Mill & Overlay Program. There are still some ADA ramps to be installed, but the program is on schedule.

Councilmember Gibbs asked if there is an update on KDOT removing the dead tree in the right-of-way on Shawnee Mission Parkway. Mr. Belger stated that staff has spoken with KDOT and they are aware of the tree, but it has not yet been removed. Ms. Smith stated that there are several dead trees, but KDOT has agreed that the one in question is their responsibility. Councilmember Gibbs stated that there is also a dead tree on Lamar near 61st Terrace. Mr. Belger will notify Neighborhood Services of this. Councilmember Gibbs also asked when the crosswalk will be installed near the Post Office. Mr. Belger stated it will be completed soon (delayed due to rain).

Ms. Humerickhouse stated that Community Center staff toured other community centers in Johnson County and came away with some great ideas for our facility. Brian Sullivan has been completing painting at the center, and she noted the entrances to the meeting rooms that now include a teal stripe with large room names included. She stated that Mr. Sullivan does an amazing job.

Ms. Smith reported that Johnson County Wastewater is currently working to fully restore service to Roeland Park Townhomes, and stated there will be detours in the area while work is underway.

Meeting Close

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting of the Community Development Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Sumrall

City Clerk