

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF SHAWNEE SPECIAL CALLED SESSION November 2, 2017

The Board of City Commissioners met in Special Called Session at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, 1700 West Independence, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law. Mayor Finley presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance and a quorum was declared.

Richard Finley
Mayor

Dub Bushong
Commissioner Ward 1

Ron Gillham
Commissioner Ward 2

Absent
Commissioner Ward 3-Vice Mayor

Absent
Commissioner Ward 4

Absent
Commissioner Ward 5

Ben Salter
Commissioner Ward 6

Absent: James Harrod, Darren Rutherford, Lesa Shaw

The Call for said meeting was entered upon the records by the City Clerk, said Call being as follows:

NOTICE OF A CALLED SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

You and each of you are hereby notified that by virtue of a call issued by me on this 25th day of October, 2017, a Special Called Session will be held of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Shawnee, Oklahoma at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, 1700 West Independence, Shawnee, Oklahoma at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of November, 2017, and you are hereby notified to be present at said meeting. The purpose of said meeting will be to hold a public meeting to discuss park planning efforts, including, but not limited to, the consulting landscape architect firm, CLS and Associates, presenting preliminary drawings for Weigant Park and Optimist Park, but also including Boy Scout Park, KidSpace Park, Woodland Park, and other downtown park planning options.

Witness my hand this 25th day of October, 2017.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Phyllis Loftis
PHYLLIS LOFTIS, CMC
CITY CLERK

/s/ Justin Erickson
JUSTIN ERICKSON
CITY MANAGER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF POTTAWATOMIE, SS.

I received this notice on the 25th day of October 2017 at 9:38 a.m., and executed the same by delivering a true and correct copy thereof to the Mayor and to each of the Commissioners of the Board of City Commissioners for the City of Shawnee, Oklahoma as follows:

A read verification was not received from Mayor Richard Finley via email.

A read verification was not received from Commissioner Dub Bushong via e-mail.

A read verification was received from Commissioner Ron Gillham via email at 10:45 a.m. on October 30, 2017.

A read verification was received from Commissioner/Vice Mayor James Harrod via e-mail at 7:39 p.m. on October 26, 2017.

A read verification was received from Commissioner Darren Rutherford via email at 12:33 p.m. on October 31, 2017.

A read verification was not received from Commissioner Lesa Shaw via email.

A read verification was received from Commissioner Ben Salter via e-mail at 1:53 p.m. on October 25, 2017.

/s/ Phyllis Loftis

Phyllis Loftis, CMC, City Clerk

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SHAWNEE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE HEART OF OKLAHOMA EXPOSITION CENTER, 1700 WEST INDEPENDENCE, SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA. THE PURPOSE OF SAID MEETING WILL BE TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PARK PLANNING EFFORTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSULTING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FIRM, CLS AND ASSOCIATES, PRESENTING PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS FOR WEIGANT PARK AND OPTIMIST PARK BUT ALSO INCLUDING BOY SCOUT PARK, KIDSPACE PARK, WOODLAND PARK, AND OTHER DOWNTOWN PARK PLANNING OPTIONS.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY SECTION 4, ARTICLE IV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA IS HEREBY CALLED TO MEET AT THE HEART OF OKLAHOMA EXPOSITION CENTER, 1700 WEST INDEPENDENCE, SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA AT 6:00 P.M. ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PARK PLANNING EFFORTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSULTING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FIRM, CLS AND ASSOCIATES, PRESENTING PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS FOR WEIGANT PARK AND OPTIMIST PARK BUT ALSO INCLUDING BOY SCOUT PARK, KIDSPACE PARK, WOODLAND PARK, AND OTHER DOWNTOWN PARK PLANNING OPTIONS.

Witness my hand this 25th day of October 2017.

/s/ Justin Erickson
JUSTIN ERICKSON, CITY MANAGER

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Phyllis Loftis
PHYLLIS LOFTIS, CMC, CITY CLERK

THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, COUNTY OF POTTAWATOMIE, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, MET IN SPECIAL CALLED SESSION AT THE HEART OF OKLAHOMA EXPOSITION CENTER, 1700 WEST INDEPENDENCE, SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M., PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. MAYOR FINLEY PRESIDED AND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Bushong, Gillham, Finley, Salter

ABSENT: Harrod, Rutherford, Shaw

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

City Staff in Attendance: Justin Erickson, City Manager
Joe Vorndran, City Attorney
Lisa Lasyone, Senior Deputy City Clerk
James Bryce, Director of Operations
Geoff Garner, Deputy Director of Operations
Kerri Foster, Recreation Manager
Rachel Monday, Recreation Program Coordinator
Kerri Quarry, Executive Assistant
Randal Wiley, Municipal Judge

Media in Attendance: Vicki Misa, Shawnee News Star

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Public meeting to discuss park planning efforts, including, but not limited to, the consulting landscape architect firm, CLC and Associates presenting preliminary drawings for Weigant Park and Optimist Park but also including Boy Scout Park, KidSpace Park, Woodland Park, and other downtown park planning options.

Director of Operations, James Bryce, introduced Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric with CLS and Associates.

Ms. Scothorn presented the plans for the two newly added parks, Optimist Park and Dean Weigant Park. The proposed plans for Optimist Park would include, but are not limited to, a spray park, large playground, new restroom, shelters, resurface the parking lot and basketball court, and a new walking path.

Ms. Scothorn then presented the plans for Dean Weigant Park. She said that the proposed plans include, but are not limited to, two small bridges to connect at the creek, a trail to extend into the park and becomes a walking trail, spray park and added parking and bus parking. She also stated that it would have access to the Heart of Exposition Center (Expo). The playground would also be made American with Disability Act (ADA) accessible.

Ms. Scothorn and Mr. Patric then discussed the following parks and what, if any, changes were made between the last public hearing and today's public hearing: (1) KidSpace Park; (2) Boy Scout Park; (3) Celebration of Life Park; and (4) Woodland Park.

Numerous citizens in attendance asked questions and voiced concerns regarding parking, traffic and ADA accessibility. They also made suggestions that included more tennis courts, lower basketball goals and certain types of playground equipment.

City Manager Justin Erickson stated that Staff and the consultants would take the feedback from the meeting and review the plans for each park. He expected the plans would be presented to the City Commission in late November or December.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned by power of the Chair (6:49 p.m.).

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Lisa Laszone

LISA LASZYONE, CMC, SENIOR DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Richard Finley
RICHARD FINLEY, MAYOR