

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018
Meeting #826**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Mary Becker, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, John Weedman and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were not present. Chief O'Halloran gave a presentation at about 7:50 p.m.

Citizen Jon Braatz was in attendance. Citizen Renee Miller joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Mary Becker asked to modify the Consent Agenda and pull the landscape report from the Consent Agenda to discuss items in detail and move the landscape report to new business item 10e.

Motion by Becker to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by Shelor Sexton. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Podrebarac to approve the agenda. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.

Old Business:

49th Street Barrier - Jon Braatz received a cost estimate of \$2,225.00 for steel fencing which would be located between rock-faced pillars proposed as a barrier along 49th Street near the creek. Braatz considered a wrought iron fence, but fence companies do not want to work with wrought iron any longer. Braatz estimated the total project cost to install the barrier at about \$15,000.00. Braatz said that the 811 dig inquiry results showed Google Fiber is underneath where the barrier will be erected. WaterOne still needs to come out to determine if there are lines that could interfere with the project. Braatz will discuss the project with John Sullivan and Eddie McNeil. O'Bryan will provide Braatz with their contact information. The SHPO will be contacted later.

New Business:

Ed Gogol BZA Appointment - Schwach reported that David Welty was retiring from the BZA. Schwach would like to appoint resident Ed Gogol to the position and asked for council's consent. **Becker moved and Shelor Sexton seconded to appoint Ed Gogol to the BZA effective after the September BZA meeting, if any. All in favor. Ed Gogol is appointed to the BZA.**

49th St. Island -Becker reported that the stone work around the 49th street island is deteriorating. Flag island also has a small section of deterioration. Braatz agreed to get quotes for those repairs when he gets quotes for the 49th Street barrier which also involves stonework.

Boxwoods - Becker reported that Ritter can remove about twelve dead boxwoods at no cost and can replace them for a sum of \$25.00 each, for a total of about \$300.00. **Becker moved to encumber up to \$300.00 to have Ritter remove the dead boxwoods and replace with new boxwoods. Sexton Shelor seconded. All aye. Motion carried.**

Tree Trimming - Villasi reported that he trimmed the limbs overhanging the sidewalk at 2000 West 50th St. and 2004 W. 50th St. Shelor Sexton and Villasi have not had the opportunity to trim the overhanging limbs at 4929 Glendale Road due to the rain.

50th and State Line Road tree - Villasi reported that there are dead tree limbs on the Elm tree near the fountain. Harp Tree company assessed the tree and determined it would need to redirect traffic or do some temporary traffic control in order to trim the tree. The cost would be \$650.00 to trim, shape and clean up the tree. This tree is located on privately owned property at 1900 West 50th Street. Shelor Sexton will talk to homeowner at 1900 West 50th St. to discuss the tree.

Active Shooter Training - Chief O'Halloran presented the Council active shooter training.

Happy Bottoms Proclamation – Schwach said September 24th - 30th, 2018, is Diaper Need Awareness Week, and Happy Bottoms requested the City to issue a proclamation.

Suicide Prevention Proclamation - Schwach reported that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and the City was asked to issue a proclamation.

Podrebarac moved and Becker seconded to sign a proclamation for Diaper Need Awareness and suicide prevention awareness. Schwach asked City Clerk O'Bryan to put a brief article in the newsletter about each proclamation.

Informational items – no action to be taken

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Discussion of a Master Plan for The Green - Schwach reminded council that it had previously agreed to create a master plan for The Green once the stormwater and streets repairs are completed. Schwach asked council for their thoughts on the use of The Green - whether it should continue being used as is or make changes such as adding structures or anything else. Becker, Podrebarac, Shelor Sexton, Villasi and Weedman prefer The Green as currently used--passive green space.

Shelor Sexton said citizen Dwayne Benton created the space to be used for contemplative purposes. Becker added that she wants to look at adding additional lighting and improving accessibility to The Green. Citizen Miller agreed that the way the space has been used historically still applies. She likes the openness of The Green and is not in favor of adding more to The Green. Schwach said that next spring council will look at planning for The Green as a passive green space.

Johnson County Recycling Program – O’Bryan reported the Johnson County Recycling Program will roll out later this week. The first social media posts will be sent out this week. There will be posts each week, ending in late October. The County will post the information on NextDoor starting Friday, September 14, 2018. There are two additional posts scheduled this year.

The County, with help from the Merriam staff, has developed a flyer that will link back to the Johnson County website with more information about recycling. They are working on either mailers or door hangers for the residents of the participating cities - Gardner, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Olathe, OP (North and South of 435), Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Spring Hill and Westwood Hills.

Motion to adjourn by Podrebarac. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.