

KSA Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT - Sports Groups

Rick Trevino announced that Adult Softball will begin the first weekend in February. He requested that a sign be placed on the KSA Community Board at the corner of Kingwood Drive and Woodland Hills regarding the softball program

PARK STEWARDS - Deer Ridge Park

Dee Price gave an update regarding Deer Ridge Park.

1. There were 2 new picnic tables installed by the gazebo.
2. The asphalt greenbelt on the west side of Woodland Hills Drive near Deer Ridge Park has been repaired. There was a dispute as to who owned that greenbelt, and no one stepped up, so KSA Parks paid for the repairs. There has been positive feedback from the residents since the work was completed.
3. Update on pickleball court: The slab was placed on the week of November 16, and the posts were placed the week of November 27. There has been a delay in the delivery of light fixtures and fencing. The acrylic on the surface has been put on hold also, as there needs to be 5 consecutive days of 55 degrees or higher of night temperatures. Contractors are thinking sometime in March to install the acrylic surface.
4. Dredging of the Duck Pond has been completed. The debris from the pond has been hauled off by Mayoral Trucking. Dee Price also reported that the bulkhead work done by John Randolph has been completed and looks great.

East End Park

Maryanne Fortson reported that the Alligator Alley Boardwalk re-decking project has been finished.

Dog Park

The dog park negotiations are ongoing. Humble ISD is ready to move forward; it seems that KSA lawyers are being very careful that the exchange is done properly. KSA Parks has been trying to reach out to Friendswood for clarification regarding the purchase, but has not been successful so far. Carol Atwood, who represents Royal Shores, has a contact at Friendswood and will relay the information to Ethel McCormick.

KSA ENTRANCES

Kingwood Drive/Loop 494 - Construction work on 494 is now complete, and TXDOT is not on site right now. The City of Houston and Union Pacific are now working on changing over to the new traffic signals. After their work is completed, TxDOT will return and repair the sidewalk and re-sod where needed. Then the job will be complete.

Kingwood Drive Irrigation - The new irrigation system work on Kingwood drive has begun. Entergy needs to provide the address for the transformer to complete the electrical connection for the south lake and fountain. Once the electricity has been connected, Lake Pro will fix and/or refurbish the fountain.

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Kingwood Drive Power Washing -There was discussion regarding power washing and applying sealer to the entrance walls (?) Even though the powerwashing was completed approximately 3 months ago, Chairman Chris Manthei said that the sealant should have been applied immediately after the powerwashing so that debris wouldn't settle into the walls. He suggested power washing again and then immediately applying the sealant. Dee Price will look into it. Dee also suggested that we redesign the "K" at the entrance. Instead of the green groundcover, there would be perennial seasonal flowers planted twice a year, to spruce up the entrance. Also, the Parks direction sign on Kingwood Drive has been repaired.

Northpark Drive - The contractor has begun moving trees to clear the area where the detention ponds will be located. While the contractor was digging, oil was found in the soil on the northside of Northpark/69. TxDOT has located a permanent spot for the oil contaminated soil, and the contractors should complete the removal of the soil by the end of January.

Entergy needs to move a transformer and power lines that were built in the wrong place. This will affect the Exxon Station at Northpark and 69. Before Christmas, an agreement was made between the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority and Entergy to pay \$711,000.00 to move the transformer and power lines. After Christmas, Entergy doubled its fee to \$1.4 million. Negotiations are ongoing. . . For more information regarding the progress of the Northpark Projects (T-1013 and T-1014) visit www.reduceflooding.com. KSA Parks Committee member Bob Rehak created this website as a result of all the damage that occurred during Hurricane Harvey. It is quite an extensive website that includes progress updates on various flood mitigation projects in the area, reporting on the various government agencies involved in funding and implementation of projects, plenty of aerial shots of the Harris County and City of Houston after Hurricane Harvey, etc.

FINANCIALS

1. Total Parks Committee Budget for 2023: \$595,790.00
Total Parks Committee Expenditures for 2023: \$549,640.00
Total Parks Committee Budget Underrun for 2023: \$46,150.00
2. Balances for Capital Reserve Fund and Parks Improvement Fund:
Total Capital Assets Reserves Fund: \$1,447,990.00
Total Park Improvement Fund: \$654,485.00
3. KSA Parks Foundation Fund Total: \$18,523.83
Trees for Kingwood Fund Total: \$195.14. The Trees for Kingwood Foundation has signed an agreement wherein they will be part of the non-profit organization, Trees For Houston. \$8,375 was spent in December to plant 100 trees donated by Aspen Utilities for all the damage occurring in Kingwood during utilities installation.

FUTURE EXPENDITURE

1. There was discussion regarding the \$46,150.00 underrun from the 2023 Budget, whether it should be returned to the community associations or deposited in the Park Improvement Fund. There was a motion brought on the floor to deposit the funds in the Park Improvement Fund. I asked if this vote would determine the placement of the funds, and Dee clarified the vote for me. A yes vote to deposit the funds in the Park Improvement Fund would take the recommendation to the KSA Board Meeting to

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be held in February, wherein a final vote would be taken. The Committee voted yes, with 1 no vote, to deposit the funds in the KSA Park Improvement Fund.

2. Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 of the Park Improvement Reserve Funds (\$654,485.00) will be used to finish the pickle ball court construction. The remaining \$550,000 needs to be available for the dog park. Dee Price related that there are buildings on the site that need to be torn down, removed, and a new dog park put in its place. Putting the numbers together for this project will not begin until the land purchase is final. This is why the Committee voted to move the \$46,150 to the Park Reserve Fund in anticipation of the dog park costs.

MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL RACES- November 2023

Bob Rehak reported that KSA Board Members met with newly elected Mayor John Whitmire, newly elected Council Members Fred Flickinger (District E, Kingwood) and Twila Carter (Houston City Council At-large Position 3). All three expressed their thanks to the Kingwood community for supporting them in their races.

The KSA Parks Committee voted unanimously to elect Chris Manthei as Committee Chairman and Dee Price as Vice Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted,

Debra Knebel