

3/28/23

Wayne Dennis Committee
Anthony, KS 67003

Dear Committee Members,

Recent inquiries into the will of Wayne Dennis have brought the realization that part of Mr. Dennis' wishes for the construction of a committee of citizens that would offer suggestions to the Commission concerning expenditures, is that said committee members would not serve longer than a three-year term. Becoming aware of this desire of Mr. Dennis was something to really evaluate because the Commission is equally aware of how difficult it can be at times to have volunteers to serve on boards and committees and how grateful we are for that service.

After great consideration and legal consultation, the Commission does feel it is important to honor the wishes of Mr. Dennis and to make certain that any benefactor considering leaving a gift of this nature to the city would have faith in our discharge of following their requests even and especially long after they are gone. Due to this, the City Commission has decided to follow Mr. Dennis' request by honoring the 3-year service term. We would ask you as committee members to join us in supporting this effort. In doing so, we would like to provide respectful notice of a start date as of May 1st. On this date, Wayne Dennis Committee members' terms will expire for those who have served greater than 3 years. Remaining members are welcome and encouraged to stay on board until they have completed a three-year service.

Until May 1st, we encourage you to maintain business as usual as we welcome any funding suggestions you may have. We also encourage name suggestions for any new committee members you may be aware of that could be interested in serving and always bringing that new perspective that was apparently important to Mr. Dennis to maintain. Please remember, the

number of "10" citizens serving is just a maximum number, not a requirement. The Committee can continue to meet and provide suggestions after May 1st even if there are only two members.

Please understand once again how thankful we are for your service. Please be fully aware that this is not about wanting to eliminate any service but simply trying to more appropriately honor the requests as closely as possible of the person who left this gift to our community. The Commission truly does understand once again how difficult it can be to have volunteers. It is not decided at this time if the Commission will revisit the ability for committee members to repeat terms in the future if we are faced with no volunteers, as we know can happen. The decision made today is simply to follow the will and open the opportunity for others to serve as Mr. Dennis wanted. Further discussions depending on the outcome of that effort could be evaluated later.

For now, we wholeheartedly thank you once again for your service and hope you will join us in the encouragement to be good stewards of the funds left in our care and share your joy of service with others in hopes that other citizens will consider serving in the same way.

Please let me or any City Commission member know if you have any questions. We truly appreciate you and look forward to continuing in united efforts for the greater good of our community together!

Respectfully,

Cyndra Kastens, CFM
City Clerk/Administrator

Committee List Review:

Terms expiring May 1, 2023 – Sherry Warner, Justin Ricker, Tony Duran, Shirley Moore, Erin Albright

Terms expiring November 2023 – Crissa Cox, Dedra Rathgeber, Heather Reames