

Call meeting to order on May 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM:

Roll Call: Mary Benton ☒ Lloyd Colston ☒ Joni Curl ☒ Karla Gallegos ☐ Paisley Howerton ☒ Charles Jennings ☒
Ian Kuhn ☐ Andy Paton ☒ Cody Richardson ☐

Staff present at the meeting included Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson and Principal Planner Josh White. Also present at the meeting was Landon West representing the Arkansas City Recreation Center, Kerri Falletti representing Cowley First, and Citizen Harrison Taylor who was also representing the Tree & Beautification Advisory Board (Commissioner Howerton is also a member of that board).

1. Public Comments:

There were no comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda.

2. Consent Agenda:

Jennings made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Colston seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

3. Comprehensive Plan-Economic Development Wrap-Up

White led a discussion on goals for Economic Development. He asked that Planning Commissioners give him some goals that they wanted to work on. Planning Commissioners had at the last meeting requested measurable goals. After discussion, a list of measurable goals was created. White said he would work them into the Chapter and would bring the Chapter back for review at a later meeting.

4. Comprehensive Plan-Parks & Recreation

Lawson led a discussion on parks and trails. Discussion of an effort to dispose of the little used park was also held in response to a goal from the 2013 plan. Only one park, Brock Park was disposed of. It now is the site of a Habitat for Humanity home and a vacant lot that likely will also go to Habitat for Humanity or perhaps for another housing project. Landon West of the Recreation Center briefly talked about some of his organization's concerns. He will be invited back next month to discuss more of their programs. Colston left the meeting in progress at 6:58pm but a quorum was still in place.

5. Other Items:

Lawson shared the results of the most recent FlashVote survey on budgeting. He said a housing survey will go out next week.

6. Adjournment:

Howerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Curl seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Paton declared the meeting adjourned.