

MINUTES

Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force
City Hall Community Room
7651 E Central Park Avenue
Bel Aire, KS
August 14th, 2023 at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: At 6:03 pm, Sean Matheny, Chair, called the meeting to order. Opening Prayer was led by Lisa Bellecci.

PRESENT: Lisa Bellecci, Gary Breault, Marty Couey, Chad Crittenden, Carolyn Gunzelman, Judy Schroeder, Mark Schroeder, Connie White

ABSENT: Butch Amey, Logan Schrag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From July 10th Meeting: Motion to Approve by Gary Breault, 2nd by Marty Couey. **MOTION Approved 9 - 0**

Meeting Schedule: Next Meeting: **Monday, Sept 11, 2023; 6:00 pm**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update from meeting with Anne - Atty, Ken - Garver, Marty - Public Works. It was determined that the best way to grade was to move the test rock to the center of the road. That was done and it has started to move again to the edge. The Task Force had requested that the road be sprayed with water before the test rock was laid down, and they did. That allowed for the rock to "embed" somewhat on the roadway. COMMENTS from neighbors: "everybody likes it", "I haven't heard anyone complain", "It's not as bad as it was." "Rock didn't break down, less dust - not as fine as it was and it doesn't carry as far in the air, and the rock stayed on the road." We consider the test section a Success! New rock will be laid down on all the other roads in question when the Task Force gives our recommendation to the City Council.

Discussion of presenting information on another option for the future if residents are still dissatisfied with dust. Marty Couey will put together information to be submitted regarding this future option.

Motion by Carolyn Gunzelman to instruct the chairperson to write a recommendation on using the present test rock for all roads in question, to be presented to the Task Force at our next meeting. 2nd by Judy Schroeder. MOTION CARRIED 9 - 0.

Proposed Implementation and Maintenance of gravel roads - As people see potholes, call the City to come out and they will fix it as they have in the past. Essential maintenance (pulling rock to the center and leveling) will be done every 60-90 days .

Recommendations for drainage repair and maintenance. Chair Matheny reported that the Task Force was asked to name the "hot spots" to be first addressed: i.e., 37th Street & Harding, 39th

& Harding, 40th & Harding, and Parkwood & 39th. Issues include that pipes be checked for capacity to move the volume of water; to look at the need for a concrete retaining wall; that a dam be installed over a drain so branches will not clog; that culverts are large enough and turn enough so they aren't crushed. Chair Matheny reported that the city wants to regularly clean culverts and ditches on a scheduled cycle, in some kind of "master plan". Discussion: what the Hot Spots are; if a culvert is functional, clean it out and move down the road. If the culvert is crushed or has a negative grade, pull it up and put in a new one.

MOTION by Carolyn Gunzelman to instruct Chair Matheny to write a recommendation, using input from individual Task Force members (sent to him by Sept 1st), for a 5-year plan for drainage repair and maintenance to present to the Task Force and be reviewed at our next meeting for eventual recommendation to the City Council. Judy Schroeder seconded. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Presentation by Sean Matheny of other meeting topics: a) Big trucks (UPS, Amazon, etc.) speeding and tearing up the road; b) Speed limit reduced from 30 to 20 mph would require a petition from 51% of residents, (of all of Aurora Park), agreeing to it. This can be proposed at any time by a group of concerned citizens.

Discussion of continuing the Task Force past the anticipated October ending.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION to adjourn by Connie White. Seconded by Gary Breault. MOTION CARRIED: 9 -0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm
