



City Administrator's Report

August 2026

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Katherine Carttar, City Administrator
Date: August 13, 2026
RE: Administration Department

Administrative Department Updates:

1. Grant Announcement
 - a. Variety KC awarded Westwood's Joe D. Dennis Park as second recipient of the Ten Parks Project Grant.
 - b. Specific amount will depend on final design but anticipating an estimated \$3 million award.
 - c. The City of Westwood is required to contribute a 20% local match, approximately \$650-750,000.
 - d. The design process with reimagine the entire park, including the former church site, to be a fully inclusive and accessible playground and public space.
 - e. The next steps will include budget discussions regarding the 20% local match, opportunities for community input, and the commencement of the design process.
2. Hunt Midwest Community Engagement Meeting Overview *(Summary Attached)*
 - a. Hunt Midwest held a community engagement meeting on July 15, 2026, 4-7pm
 - b. Over 75 people attended with 55 attendees providing feedback via written comments, verbal discussions, and dot-voting exercise.
 - c. The feedback revealed consistent priorities centered on architectural quality, neighborhood compatibility, open space, walkability, and integration with the surrounding community.
 - d. Top Findings:
 - i. Strong support for The Green
 - ii. Strong support for public improvements and longevity of Joe D. Dennis Park
 - iii. Strong support for traditional architecture
 - iv. Strong support for brick and stone materials
 - v. Contemporary architecture consistently underperformed
 - vi. Attached housing acceptable with property architecture and scale

Building Permits – July 2026

The following is a snapshot of select building permits of note issued in July 2026:

Residential:

New Construction: 0

Additions: 0

Alterations: 0

Demolition: 0

Commercial:

New Construction: 0

Additions: 0

Alterations: 1

- 2000 W. 47th Place (temporary structure)
- 1900 W. 47th Place (renovation of office space)

Demolition: 0