

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMAN WORKSHOP
MAY 20, 2013**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pat Kelly called the special meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Council Room of City Hall located at 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144 and immediately led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Pittman performed roll:

Alderman Harper	Present	Alderman Leahy	Present
Alderman Wynn	Present	Alderdwoman Manestar	Present
Alderman Robertson	6:09pm	Alderdwoman Saunders	Present
Alderman Kramer	Absent	Mayor Kelly	Present
Alderman Toohey	Present		

Members present constituted a quorum. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Frank Albrecht, Finance Director Gina Jarvis, and Deputy City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Recreation Center Next Steps

Updates were provided that the process to renovate the recreation center started over 4 years ago; it was determined that major improvements/maintenance and ADA compliance was needed. At this time, a survey was completed, after which GBA Engineering was hired to do an analysis; a report was produced in 2011 but the Board has been unable to come to a consensus on how to proceed. Last year the conversations were restarted and it was agreed to conduct an additional survey, and the time has now come to determine the best approach to make necessary improvements to the city's recreation center. The major issue in the 90's was the condition and size of locker rooms (back when the Blues used the ice rink for practice); another issue was the 2 separate entrances to the recreation center. The architectural firm proposed a concept to renovate the locker rooms and enclose the patio area but no action was taken.

It was suggested to create a 5 year plan allowing the project to be funded from general revenue or a small COP. Also, with the passage of the county parks tax in April, there will be an additional \$3million in grant funding in which the city may apply.

Discussions continued regarding Aldermen comments of:

Keeping the foot print of the current building for historical value and leaving the ice rink as part of it while creating a town center and make necessary repairs. The community center would be more the athletic center and ice rink, the town center

could be city hall, library, and meeting rooms for congregation, and to not sell city property.

A substantial amount of money is needed to make repairs, spend a little more for a new building. It's been identified that people will support a community center and the current facility cannot sustain it. Going back to the previous plan as it includes all things discussed, which would not be a duplication of the PARC, but an addition to the market. Residents seem satisfied with PARC co-op agreement but the Heights is always crowded and they may be looking to do some expansion depending upon decisions made here.

Previous discussions of the town center in the comprehensive plan meant a sense of place in the community; referring to the intersection of Brentwood Blvd, Eulalie, & Litzinger, which would also be recognized by major landscaping improvements and some trademark (town clock/water feature). There was also an idea to create a brick area, allowing residents to purchase bricks which would also help fund the project and improve the veteran's memorial in front of city hall.

It would not be cost effective to complete the project in phases; it would be better to complete it at once (based on the GBA study). It was also suggested to allocate those funds that supplement the PARC agreement to the project.

Revenue from the ice rink covers expenses, however, there have been an exodus of teams caused by the uncertainty of the building. Residents may be required to pay more for a facility in Brentwood than what is currently being paid to the Heights.

It was announced that in the survey recently conducted by residents, the ice rink did not rank in the top 4 things to keep in the building; 76.6% said they would be willing to keep the ice but not willing to pay very much to modernize it, and 84% were supportive or very supportive to modernize it. Questions were also asked if Richmond Heights and Maplewood would be asked to pay to use Brentwood's facilities as Brentwood pays to use the Heights. Walking tracks were strongly supported and should be considered.

After discussing a direction for the ice rink in renovation plans, Alderwoman Manestar made a motion to keep the ice rink. Motion seconded by Alderman Harper. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – yes; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – absent; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

Alderman Leahy made a motion to maintain the Richmond Heights PARC agreement. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Manestar. After discussing contract terms and anticipated costs, Attorney Albrecht advised that it is not a good idea to vote on something to affect an existing contract; the motion and second were withdrawn.

Mayor Kelly requested the Board meet to discuss this further beginning at 6pm before the next Board of Aldermen meeting; Staff was asked to find the previous plans and reintroduce to the board along with GBA recommendations of improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Wynn made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 6:55pm. Motion seconded by Alderman Harper. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved as submitted the 24th day of June, 2013.

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator