

City of Fairway Visioning Public Forum

May 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Notes

- There were approximately 20 attendees, not counting the Governing Body and staff.
- Mayor Wiley opened the Forum with brief remarks and a powerpoint presentation. The presentation is posted on the City website.
- The forum was then opened to attendees for comments.
- **General Comments** from forum attendees *and* forum comments emailed to the City from those not able to attend are listed below *by topic* (topics are underlined).
- For detailed comments, please listen to the audio of the meeting posted on the City website.

City Hall - location

In favor of a permanent solution.

Indian Mission would not be set up for employees.

Concern over the corner of SMP and Mission Road. Take into consideration that is a gateway to the City. Make some kind of deal with the church and make something that would be attractive.

Churchill would be an obvious location. Cost of the building has been an issue. This should be investigated as a possibility.

Stroud's building?

Westwood City Hall – rental space?

Include City Hall in the Park Master Plan. It is a central location and we already own the property. Would probably restructure the current master plan.

Is there an issue with the current lease space?

Leasing City Hall is great.

Park and Pool Master Plan/ Support of the Park

Must have a City Park. Make sure infrastructure stays strong and clean.

The Park is a vital and central location to the City.

What is the trailer/POD facing Mission Road?

Can the dumpsters be moved? They are occupying prime parking spaces at the pool.

Concern about fiberglass liner around the pool.

Support for the Park. Gathering place and identifier of the city. Move forward with the Master Plan.

Additional meeting spaces are important.

Could pool be enclosed for year round operation?

Improve the pool.

Public Works Projects

New facility for public works is needed.

Do not think we need to improve public works space.

Shawnee Indian Mission

It is a Park for a certain portion of the Community. Anything we can do to keep it up – it's valuable to neighborhood.

Interested in how the City will contribute to the Mission. West building is closed and needs to be renovated. Would like more detail on the renovation.

Explore ways to partner with the Mission. Can arborists work with the Mission to protect and care for their trees?

Could the Mission have displays like the Kansas City Museum?

Stormwater

Stormwater is one of the toughest issues because we cannot fix it on our own.

Regularly scheduled Floodplain Committee Meeting is now the last Thursday of the month.

Has to be a plan to retain water upstream. There should be money set aside for an expert on this issue.

Warning system?

City should have an expert to represent Fairway's interests.

Taxbase that is vulnerable.

Are there plans for the Creek? Would like to keep streambeds natural.

Revisions to Chapter 15, Development and Zoning/City Codes

There are currently more rental properties in Ward 4 than other areas of city.

How can we help Ward 4 redevelop and attract the type of families who will maintain their own homes?

Change the codes in Ward 4 to not be as restrictive in setbacks and allow for bigger homes to be built.

There are different characteristics in each Ward.

Need to keep an eye on homes that are being torn down. See if it will improve the Ward. Concern over large homes built on small lots.

Building Code modifications are needed.

Building code revisions would revitalize Ward 4.

Logical thing is that people are going to start building in Ward 4.

In each of the Wards as they contribute to the stormwater runoff - could utilize water retention strategies. Add this to Ch 15 revisions.

Make a requirement to have businesses enclose their property adjacent to homes with a privacy fence to decrease noise and nuisances.

Block loses power during storms. Can a master plan be created that buries power lines?

Concern over enforcement of the City Codes. Who contacts residents about violations? Don't let beautiful community go down hill.

Google Fiber

Would like Google Fiber in Fairway.

Transit Issues

Lack of public transit. There is currently no bus stop in Fairway.

Addition of bike lanes?

Police Department

Excellent Police Department.

Trees

A number of trees have been taken down in the city. Need more attention to how and why we take trees down.

- The City Council provided general comments at the end of the meeting. Refer to audio for those comments.