

**MEETING OF THE
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL
212 SW 9th STREET
JULY 6, 2022**

Chairman Burk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jay Burk; Lou McConnell; Katie Jackson-Seeley; Ted Symuleski; Dwight Tanner; Annette Wiseman-Vaughan

ABSENT: Barry Ezerski; Mary Ann Hankins; Addie Smith; Kerry Sweeney

OTHER PRESENT: Richard Rogalski, Deputy City Manager; Greg Gibson, City Attorney's Office; Christine James, Parks & Recreation Director; Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk's Office, Kim McConnell, Lawton Constitution; Via phone: Darran Scott, Kimley-Horn

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. New Business

- A. Receive a presentation regarding the Final Concept for the redesign of Shepler Park and take action as necessary.

Darran Scott with Kimley-Horn gave presentation over the final concept for the Shepler Park Redesign. The final design concept is available to view in the City Clerk's Office.

Chairman Burk asked Scott to explain what type of grass will be used on the event lawn.

Scott stated the event lawn will be done with a higher level of turf, and the underdrains will take the water away to avoid standing water and mud that was an issue in the past. For areas with higher traffic, there is also an option to do grass pavers to reinforce the grass. He does not advise any vehicular traffic on the event lawn, but there are access points on each side to unload supplies.

Chairman Burk stated this area is currently only used one weekend a year, which is a shame because it's a beautiful area. He stated we now have the Farmer's Market, and the goal is to create an outdoor venue on the South end where the old City Hall used to be. The walkway will connect Shepler Park, the Farmer's Market, and the new venue. He also stated that once the old municipal court is torn down, that space can be used as well for parking or a green space. There is a natural incline between Shepler Park and the area where City Hall used to be, so it would be perfect for an area similar to Scissortail Park in Oklahoma City.

Symuleski asked the distance between Gore Boulevard and the walkway around Shepler Park.

Scott stated it is probably 40 or 50 feet.

Symuleski stated he is concerned that Arts for All vendors will want to set up tents in that area.

Rogalski stated the area won't be set up for that. It is separated from the event space.

Chairman Burk stated when the old police station is torn down, it could be another grass area Arts for All could use just right across the street. He stated he doesn't see people wanting to setup on the berm side because it would be too difficult to work around.

Rogalski stated the Farmer's Market already has hundreds of people show up on Tuesday nights. The City has actually put picnic tables in Shepler Park for people to sit out. This redesign will be a huge deal, and he is very excited.

Chairman Burk stated the goal is to start working on this after the next Arts for All. He would like to have everything ready in May and begin work in June.

Rogalski stated what we have right now are the concept and the cost. From here, we start raising money. Once enough of the money has been collected, then you can start on the design.

Chairman Burk stated if Council approves this design, he would like to have signage made to put in the park so people can see what we are going to do. People will really get behind this once we can start getting it out there.

Rogalski reviewed the costs. He stated the cost includes the 15% contingency but not the design. The total for that is \$1.9 million. He stated with the design, it will be a \$2 million project, more or less.

Motion by Symuleski, **Second** by Wiseman-Vaughan, to approve the Final Design Concept for the redesign of Shepler Park and direct staff to send the Final Design Concept to City Council for approval. **AYE:** McConnell, Jackson-Seeley, Symuleski, Tanner, Wiseman-Vaughan, Burk **NAY:** None. ***Motion Passed.***

- B. Consider approving plans and specifications for the City Hall Lighting Project and take action as necessary.

Rogalski stated MA+ has been retained for this project, and for the cost of \$5,000.00, they have produced a 4-page set of architectural drawings and a 202-page spec book. This is a very tight set of documents to bid the project. LETA has already approved the conceptual design, and these documents will allow us to bid the project.

Chairman Burk asked if there was an estimated cost for this project.

Rogalski stated they are hesitant to give a price because of inflation. There is a meeting scheduled next week with Scot Vaughan, the engineer who is retained by the City for the City Hall Renovations, and the architect from MA+, who is also the architect for the City Hall Renovations. The architect is advising that we also involve the construction manager.

Chairman Burk stated that McMahon has provided \$40,000.00 for this project and they are asking for an update.

Rogalski stated if the plans are approved today, he will send them to McMahon so they can see where we are in this process.

Symuleski asked if this will need to go before Council.

Rogalski stated no because it is a LETA project that LETA is funding. He stated they can present it before Council just so they know we are going to bid this project.

Chairman Burk stated this is for the up-lighting around the building and to light the dome.

Motion by Tanner, Second by Jackson-Seeley, to approve the plans and specifications for the City Hall Lighting Project. **AYE:** McConnell, Jackson-Seeley, Symuleski, Tanner, Burk, Wiseman-Vaughan. **NAY:** None. ***Motion Passed.***

2. Discussion

Chairman Burk stated he is very grateful for all the work Rogalski has done for LETA, and he will be greatly missed.

3. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.