

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024
Meeting #895**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on April 8, 2024, in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall.

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Rosemary Podrebarac at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Adam England, Karen Sexton, John Weedman, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr was present. Chief Curtis Mansell was present.

Citizens Mary Bunten and Mike Coffman were in attendance. Hallie O'Bryan joined at 7:29 p.m. and Steven Platt joined at 7:36 pm.

Motion by Sexton to approve the agenda. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion by England to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.

Old Business

The Green Pathway Update

The city is waiting for Rosehill to submit the following information:

ROW Permit

Detailed information with specifications for the new curb cuts, altering the existing curbs, the new ramps, and the walking path for ADA compliance.

Building Permit

The walkway dimensions and the location of the new curb cuts. The width and exact location of the walkway relative to the property lines must be detailed on the plans.

Sexton reported that Rosehill's John McLenon and Public Works Director John Sullivan met to discuss the ROW permit. Building Official Nick Finck wants to see a sample of the stone material to ensure ADA compliance.

49th St. Pedestrian Barrier/49th St. & State Line Monument Repair

Weedman provided the Council with the bids he received for both projects.

Alliance Masonry Restoration & Preservation Services
\$29,077.40

A&D Masonry and Concrete, LLC
\$19,110.00

Rosehill previously bid the amount of \$14,500.00 for the bridge wall and \$2,625.00 for the monument repair, for a total of \$17,125.00.

Weedman moved and England seconded to enter into an agreement with Rosehill for construction of the pedestrian barrier and the repair of the entryway at 49th Street and State Line and to encumber up to \$7,000.00 for the build and repairs.

The Foundation will pay the costs for the path on The Green and up to \$11,000 of the costs for the pedestrian barrier. **All aye. Motion carried.**

75th Anniversary Update

Ideas for the Anniversary celebration were discussed. There will be more discussion at future council meetings.

Ideas submitted for this year's 75th anniversary celebration:

- Assortment of candy from the City's birth year delivered to each home (maybe delivered by the Council/Mayor/Clerk):
 - Junior Mints and Smarties were born in the same year as WWH. The City would love to do something with Annedore's - a custom chocolate "75" but distribution to the homes in the summer heat may prove difficult with chocolate.
- Plan a re-introduction to the "Citywide Help Day"
 - We ask for volunteers to help our city residents with whatever they need help with.
- Ice Cream Social on/at The Green
 - Similar to the July 4th celebration. The City of Westwood is also celebrating its 75th this year on June 8th, 2024, with a parade and an afternoon of fun with a cookout style dinner, ice cream, music, balloon artists, and a photo booth, all topped off with a foam party and slip n' slide for the kids!
- A design contest for a logo for official Westwood Hills 75th Anniversary merchandise. Residents can submit designs and the winner(s) get a prize. We'd announce the contest, take submissions for a month or so, and vote at a Council meeting or online poll on winners. The city would need to work with a store on an e-commerce website such as RedBubble. The city could use the existing logo or have a community contest for the logo to be printed on the merchandise.

New Business:

Boxwood Encumbrance Request

Brian Ritter, the city gardener, advised that ten boxwoods on the 49th Street Island died. Brian suggested taking the mature boxwoods from the entrance bed on the NE corner of 49th St. & Rainbow and using them to fill in the 49th St. Island. He will plant the new, smaller, boxwoods in the Rainbow bed.

Sexton moved and Weedman seconded to encumber up to \$1,000.00 to purchase and plant ten boxwood plants. All aye. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

Resident Mary Bunten suggested a city-wide cleanup day. Bunten suggested meeting at The Green on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at nine a.m. to get organized and distribute supplies. The group would then split up to cover all the city streets.

Resident Hallie O'Bryan suggested East's volunteer group (SHARE) can request volunteers via their Instagram site.

Side note: Steven Platt mentioned that the KCMO Parks Department uses a volunteer release form. He also suggested a fall clean-up day with a dumpster for residents to dispose of trash. Mike Coffman volunteered his driveway to store the dumpster.

Sexton moved and England seconded to encumber \$100.00 for the supplies to clean up the neighborhood on April 20, 2024. All aye. Motion passed.

Informational items – no action to be taken

Steven Platt inquired about code enforcement for property maintenance at the vacant house on State Line.

Budget Workshop - Council members present discussed their availability for Saturday mornings in May.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.