April 29, 2023

Via Email (lozburn@wedesignpools.com)

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Re: Arbor Villa Park Pool

Dear Lauren:

In advance of the neighborhood meeting in Arbor Villa Park, on May 9 from 4:30 – 6 p.m., I wanted to present the position of Armour Hills Homes Association ("AHHA") with respect to the future of Arbor Villa Park Pool ("Pool") for your benefit, as a consultant to the City of Kansas City, Missouri in connection with the Kansas City Parks Aquatic Master Plan ("Aquatic Master Plan"), and that of the residents of Armour Hills and the surrounding community.

First, though, it is important to understand the unique, shared and interconnected history of Arbor Villa Park ("Park"), including the Pool, and Armour Hills. The Park and Armour Hills were developed at the same time by JC Nichols in the 1920s, with the Pool in existence as early as 1930. As the Park and the Pool were intended to be an amenity to Armour Hills, they were maintained by Armour Hills. While the Park has always been public property per the plat document, control of the Park was not formally transferred to the City of Kansas City Missouri Parks & Recreation Department Parks ("KC Parks) until 1949[1], after which it was maintained by KC Parks. Attached are relevant articles from the Kansas City Star documenting this shared history.

Throughout most of the 100 year history of Armour Hills and the Park, the Pool has been an important and popular asset and feature of the surrounding community, to the point that in the 1950s there was even a plan to replace the Pool with a larger pool. When maintenance and upkeep of the Park and the Pool suffered, AHHA, in 1981, once again assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the Park under an agreement with KC Parks, with the neighborhood assuming the costs beyond the amount contributed by KC Parks. Even when the agreement terminated, AHHA continued to provide or obtain financial and other support to and for the Park and Pool (e.g., AHHA funding of an extended pool season and security for special events and July 4th, successful application for PIAC funds for many improvements and upgrades[2].)

Over the last decade, rumors circulated in the neighborhood that the City wanted to convert the Pool to a spray park because of water costs and the position of the City's Health Department, which we understand considers fill and drain wading pools such as the Pool, which do not filter and recirculate the water, as

1 https://kcparks.org/places/arbor-villa-park/
2 See the attached PIAC request letters.

creating a health risk. As there was no support by AHHA, based also on input from the neighborhood, for a spray park, AHHA proactively sought PIAC funding to convert the Pool to a more sustainable model with water storage and treatment to address the City's concerns. In 2000, PIAC funding was approved for an improvements study ("Study") with respect to the Pool to be prepared by the City's consultant—your company—which recommended that the City move forward with funding efforts for the improvements. Subsequent requests for PIAC funding to implement the study's findings and recommendations were not approved and our understanding has been that KC Parks did not support those findings and recommendations.

Without any notice to AHHA and notwithstanding the shared 100 year history of the Park, the Pool and Armour Hills, KC Parks decided to not re-open the Pool for the 2020 season and the Pool has remained closed ever since. After unsuccessfully seeking additional information from the City, also in light of the numerous inquiries by concerned families in the neighborhood and the surrounding community, AHHA was able to obtain information from our Councilpersons' offices, which confirmed that the Pool was closed indefinitely. While the initial closure was likely part of the City-wide closure of pools due to the pandemic, the reasons for the indefinite closure have never been formally communicated to AHHA. It should be noted that no health or other safety incident occurred in the lead up to such decision but instead the decision and timing appears to be related to the Aquatic Master Plan.

AHHA's Position and Commitment

AHHA supports the findings and recommendations in the Study, which permits the Pool to continue as a neighborhood wading pool while addressing the City's concerns, and does not support the conversion of the Pool to a spray park or other use. As mentioned above, the input AHHA has received from over the years from families not just in Armour Hills but those in the surrounding community has been consistently in favor of maintaining the Pool as a neighborhood wading pool. Many have shared that multiple generations of their families have enjoyed the uniqueness of a neighborhood wading pool for young children.[3]

As discussed above and in the PIAC request letter, AHHA is willing to partner with KC Parks to share in the costs associated with the implementation of your Study's findings and recommendations in order to facilitate their implementation, which could also be part of a return to an agreement whereby AHHA maintains the Park and incurs costs beyond those currently incurred by KC Parks. Prior and current partnerships between AHHA and the City demonstrate the willingness and ability of AHHA, which at 1,062 homes is one of the largest and most active homes associations in Kansas City, Missouri, to be a successful partner. The current partnerships include the shared maintenance of certain areas of the Trolley Track Trail and the maintenance of all public green space in Armour Hills (other than the Park,) at AHHA's sole cost.

We look forward to continued dialogue regarding the Pool and to be invited as active participants in the shaping of its future in the Armour Hills neighborhood.

[3] In fact, the Pool is one of only two such wading pools left in the parks system, as mentioned in the Aquatic Master Plan. There were multiple other wading pools as of the 1950s, with plans for more. A 1957 Kansas City Star article stated "The plans for a junior wading pool for Loose Park would call for a facility the same as the unit at Seventeenth and Jarboe and other locations in the park and boulevard system."

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Sincerely,



Gino Serra
President

Cc: Mayor Quinton Lucas

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Councilman Kevin McManus

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Articles and ads from the Kansas City Star

1924

For the sites, we selected a portion of the most beautiful ground in Armour Hills, only a block from Arbor Villa, the wonderful playground, recreation and community center under the control of the Armour Hills Homes Association, to which every owner automatically belongs. There are fine big yards for the little tots' sand pile or the grown-ups', croquet court and abundant space for flowers.

1930

Arbor Villa, the playground for children to Amour Hills, and for that reason is very desirable for a family with small children. There is a wading pool in Arbor Villa, tennis courts, slippery slides, and other playground equipment. This house is a bungalow type with two bedrooms and bath on first floor and large bedroom on second. Price $8,950, on terms if desired.

1957

Replacing present small pool at Arbor Villa park, sixty sixth terrace and Main, with a large pool.

1981

Members of the Armour Hills Homes Association in Kansas City have taken over maintenance of the one-acre Arbor Villa Park, near 66th and Main streets, because they believe they can provide better upkeep than the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Armour Hills group transforms eyesore into showplace

By Mary Ann Luther, Staff Writer

Cradled in a corner encompassed by Armour Hills homes is an acre of closely clipped green, as meticulously manicured as the houses that tower over the triangle of grass. Arbor Villa Park, bounded by East 66th Terrace, Main Street and Edgevale Road, wasn't always the idyllic island on which families now congregate. Two years ago weeds, broken glass and vandalism marred the area. Greg Bates, 111 E. 65th Terrace, is the president of the Armour Hills Homes Association, a team of nearby property owners that has helped revamp the park. Mr. Bates first approached the city Parks and Recreation Department with members of the group in the summer of 1980, asking to keep the park's wading pool open past season at the association's expense. The group was unsuccessful but not discouraged. Members began to collect other complaints about the park: a biweekly mowing schedule that allowed tail grass and weeds to proliferate, and biweekly trash pickup, which many residents said was not enough. "We did not think we were getting a true response from them," Mr. Bates said of the department. Eventually, by last May, an agreement was worked out: the property owners promised to maintain the park and the department agreed to pay them $2,800 a year to do it—the same amount it had been spending. "We had to invent the wheel, 'cause we'd never done it before," Mr. Bates said. Jerry Darter, parks and recreation director, said the metamorphosis of the park has been "pretty dramatic." "This was one way we could cooperate with no additional expense to the city," Mr. Darter said of the contract. "Primarily the reason for the improved appearance was the efforts of the homeowners themselves." If the job can be done for less than $2,800, the surplus will go toward park improvements. Mr. Bates said the association has invested an additional $1,000 or so of its own money in the park. Although the association hires a subcontractor to mow, spray, fertilize, seed, trim and collect garbage, neighborhood volunteers usually pick up litter daily. The residents seem happy with the results. They "feel more like bending over and picking up trash- than we did a year ago when we could blame it on the parks department," Mr. Bates said. Ivey Cena, 6633

Edgevale Road, agreed. "I think (the department) felt there was a lot of concern here," she said, "a lot of caring.

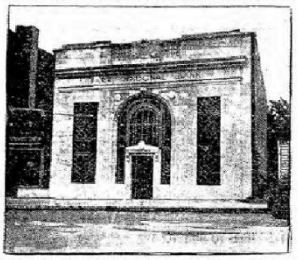
1983

The city pays the Armour Hills Homes Association $2,800 a year to maintain Arbor Villa Park, a 1.1 acre grassy island at the intersection of Edgevale Road and Main Street.

[Reference to AHHA being the first and only neighborhood group to take over maintenance of a nearby neighborhood park and a discussion of a study to be done on the park]

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NEW HOME OF THE PARK NATIONAL BANK, 6th& TROOST AVENUE.



This building, just completed, will be occupied tomorrow by the Park National Bank, which will move from the southwest corner of Forty-eighth street and Troost avenue. It is a brick structure with terra cotta front. The bank erected the building on a 50-foot frontage at 6th Troost Avenue, which it leased for twenty-five years. H. B. Paynter is president. The building was designed by the Wilmond Architectural Company.

NEW BLUE VALLEY PLAN

A 240-ACRE TRACT SOUTH OF 95TH IS PREPARED FOR INDUSTRY.

J. W. Dana Heads Development Company Which Will Lay Out Plats Sites and Homes Districts on Land West of the Blue.

Another section of the Blue Valley is to be brought under systematic development for industries, following subplans announced in The Star Friday by officers of the newly incorporated Blue Valley Development Company.

The company is taking title to 240 acres of land west of the Blue River between Thirty-ninth and Forty-seventh streets. The tract extends from the Missouri Pacific, Kansas City Southern and Fifteen tracks westward to include about sixty acres of wooded hills overlooking the valley.

The level valley land will be laid out in industrial sites of from three to fifteen acres, while on the wooded hills a residential section is planned with winding streets, boulevards and parks. The frontages of these homesites will vary from forty to 150 feet.

The land was assembled, last fall by J. W. Dana, who is president, general manager and majority owner of the new company. Associated with him are W. D. Frost, Dan C. Brown, E. A. Torpin, Jay C. R. Hewlett, Marshall Dana and C. M. Hillis.

"The district in the hills is designed to be a select housing section for superintendents, foremen, heads of departments and skilled workmen employed in the industrial district," Mr. Dana explained. "There is a traffic way laid out on less than 5% per cent grade leading from this industrial district to Parish Creek to Fortieth and Kenilworth. There is another traffic way on a level grade along the edge of the bluff leading from Leeds to Forty-seventh street, skirting the west side of this industrial district and intersecting the Parish Creek traffic way."

CHURCH BUILDS ON FIFTY-FIRST.

South Prospect M. E. to Have New Building on Monopoly Corner.

Excavation began last week at the northwest corner of Fifty-first street and Montgall avenue for the new building for the South Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The church now is using a temporary frame structure adjoining the church site. The Rev. W. D. Gilley is the pastor.

The first unit of the church will be ready for occupancy by September, according to present plans. This will be a raised ground floor with exterior walls of stone. The superstructure will add two stories to the height of the building. It will be a Gothic type building with a tower. The church will be completed next spring. Ernest C. Bostrom is the architect.

Manhattan Building Bought by a New York Investor.



When this 3-story office building was erected thirty-six years ago with fronts one on both Main and Delaware streets, most of the ornate details were concentrated in the Delaware facade. And the main entrance was put there, for at that time the builder, George Thom, thought the popular belief Delaware was to be the important street. The accompanying photograph shows the Delaware side of the building, which extends across the narrow block to Main street just north of Eighth street.

When Walter Douglas of New York bought the building a week ago, the Delaware entrance was only a "back door" for the more important Main street entrance. The Delaware entrance now does not contain even a directory of the building.

When the structure was designed, it was intended for a hotel. The owners, however, changed his mind, and the plans were revamped for an office building, originally termed the Hotel Building.

In the sale a week ago, when the purchase price was announced as supposed, a Santa Barbara, Cal., subdivision was accepted as part of the purchase price. Two years before the building was sold for a consideration announced as $125,000.

Changes in the Business Districts.

Three leases were made last week:

Office suite in a building at the northwest corner of Ninteenth and McGee streets leased from C. A. Bridges, owner of the building, to Dr. M. W. Vardaman for three years, lease negotiated by the Kingsley-Conover Realty Company.

A 5-story and basement building, northwest corner of Thirteenth street and Grand avenue, leased from the Midland Realty Company to Swanson Trunk Company. Possession will be given about May 1, 1925, with a rental of $18,000 a year, negotiated by Dale Harrison with Ben W. L. Sherman Investments Company.

Boyd Richcourt leases at 6010 Walnut.

Boyd L. Richcourt, member of dancing, has leased a house at 6010 Walnut street for a South Side dancing studio. The first floor, formerly used for a music studio, contains one large room. Harry E. Kirk, formerly in Meyer Beach, owns the property.

Lease Part of Cody & Olmstead Space.

The Nisley Company, Inc., which is opening new shoe shops for women in Kansas City, Louisville, Rochester and Buffalo, has leased ground floor and basement space at 1018 Walnut street. The new storeroom is being partitioned off from space which the Cody & Olmstead Jewelry Company will continue to occupy at 1021 Walnut street. This division of the ground floor was planned when the jewelry company obtained additional space on other floors of the building several months ago. The lease last week was negotiated by the Schoenberg Realty and Investment Company.

Home and Mortgage Sales.

These homes and building sites were among those sold last week:

Agnes avenue, 3106—A 10-room brick and frame house, bought by Mrs. Mary Bell Wells through W. Ronald Orr for $7,250, sale by W. A. Donaldson with the Emil J. Schutzel Real Estate Company.

Ref. street, 4518—A Westwood park dwelling, bought by C. E. Maxwell, with the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, for $7,650, sale by Paul Hamilton, with the J. C. Nichols Investment Company.

Rockhill boulevard, 4246—Brick residence bought by William Robert Howard from Grant Shaeffer for $12,250, sale by the Earl C. Haller Real Estate Company.

Bellefountain street, northeast corner of Thirty-seventh street—Seven residences bought by Mrs. Theodosia Powell Smith from the Bigham Building Company for $14,000.

Knowlton avenue, 3646—Bungalow, bought by E. V. Byrne from C. P. Masterton for $7,250; sale by Jean A. Keogh of the John J. Cregin Realty Company.

Monrovian avenue, 3600—Seven stores and apartments, bought by Walter Magee from the trustees of the United Star Theatre company, for $12,850, sale by Perry W. Burton, jr., with the J. C. Nichols Investment Company.

Locust, 3722—Residence, bought by William Ferguson from Charles L. Carter, each a member of the real estate firm of Strain & Carter, for $14,000.

Walnut Street, 4125—Stucco bungalow, bought by John W. Perry from the firm of Jesse H. Kelley & Son, builders, for $12,000.

Virginia Terrace, 6414—Dutch colonial type residence, bought by Glenn R. Dunkelberger from Frank B. Rose for $13,750; sale by Max Stockton with the Fidelity Realty Company.

Ward Parkway, 6401—A 2½-story stucco residence, 50 by 100 feet, on the east side of Ward Parkway, bought by J. Lamont, proprietor of the Rosedale Theater, from William M. Hall for $27,500.

West Pine Crest Street, 421—Stucco bungalow type residence, bought by Miss G. Ethel Hall from Mrs. Ella Mae Hall, sale by the Vivian G. Gilfillen Realty Company.

East Forty-eighth Street Terrace, 21—New Armour Hills residence, bought by Carl E. Boyles from W. M. Porter for $14,000.

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Paving on Van Brunt Is on 1957 Program

The paving of one of two proposed runways of the Van Brunt boulevard extension south and westerly from Thirty-fifth street to Benton boulevard, about three miles, has been placed on the park department construction program for this year.

Numerous other park and boulevard projects, including a junior wading pool in Loose park and the widening of Meyer boulevard from Troost avenue to the Paseo are suggested for the 1957 program filed recently with the park board by its engineering and planning staff, headed by Holland Wheeler, assistant superintendent of parks.

Two Other Problems.

The report said the Van Brunt project was scheduled for 1956 but had to be abandoned because of the construction of a large main in the center parkway which will divide the two roadways of the extension. It said the water main work was expected to be completed in April.

This would leave two problems to be solved before paving could be started. They are the construction of storm sewers to serve the Vineyard Park addition and the vacating of Hardesty avenue from Thirty-eighth to Thirty-ninth street. Both matters are expected to be taken up soon by other city authorities.

The cost of the paving of the one runway has been estimated at $324,000. Bond money will be used to pay for the project.

The 1957 Program.

Other improvements in the planning stage for 1957 or under construction:

A new utility and comfort station for Lykins square, the cost of which has been estimated at $9,500. With the destruction recently of the Lykins Community center by fire, the utility and comfort stations should be constructed as soon as possible, the report stated.

The plans for a junior wading pool for Loose park would call for a facility the same as the unit at Seventeenth and Jarboe and other locations in the park and boulevard system, except for a utility building and comfort station. The latter facilities already are provided in the park. The cost of the new pool has been estimated at $26,000. The present pool is inadequate.

New comfort stations in the grotto area of the Swope park zoo, $9,500.

Reconstruction of foot bridge spanning Brush creek at Central.

A granary for the African veldt at the zoo.

Rehabilitation of roof and resiazing of the main zoo building.

Regrading and resurfacing of sidewalks in flower beds east of the main shelter building in Swope park.

Rehabilitation of bridges over Chestnut trafficway at Cliff drive and the Paseo at Seventy-seventh.

Resurfacing of four miles of boulevards with asphaltic concrete and sealing with liquid asphalt and chat of five miles of boulevards.

Replacing heating system at the Swope park greenhouse.

Replacing present small pool at Arbor Villa park, Sixty-sixth terrace and Main, with a large pool.

Study to Be Made.

Frank A. Theis, park board president, and George Fuller Green and Jerome Cohen, other members, said a study of the report would be made.

Upon completion of the acquisition of land for a park and boulevard system in Kansas City, North, Gentry Harris, chief engineer, draftsman and planner, will begin studying and planning a park and boulevard system in the annexed area east of the city and the areas south and north which will become a part of the city in 1958 and 1959.





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Rezoning in Longfellow upsets some residents

By Dunstan McNichol
staff writer

There is no sweat and blood on a zoning map.

No one gives up a car or calls off a summer vacation to pay for a CSa2, and there is no hint of sacrifice in a simple R2b.

But when the numbers on a zoning map are translated into the properties and neighborhoods they represent, the tensions and the emotions brought on by many zoning changes are easier to comprehend.

"I do get mad. I get so mad I could cry," Alberta Lyons said. "When you start having nightmares about your involvement, that is depression."

Mrs. Lyons' R4 triplex will become illegal if, as many residents of the Longfellow neighborhood wish, the area is rezoned R2b, allowing only single- and two-family homes.

Longfellow, stretching from Gillham Road to Troost Avenue and from 24th to 31st streets, two years ago became only the third city neighborhood to attempt a large-scale rezoning.

Like leaders in the two communities that preceded it—Westport and the so-called 49-63 area—organizers of the Longfellow rezoning effort say they are trying to solidify the residential character of their neighborhood.

And they are finding that the specter of rezoning chills some people whose property is affected.

"It's been a very painful, difficult issue for the neighborhood to work out," said Clare Dygert, executive director of the Longfellow Community Association, "because it really touches on the fundamental issues: How do we see ourselves?"

Most voters in a September 1979 election on the question apparently agreed with rezoning proponents, who insisted that permitting predominantly residential and small apartment dwellings would benefit Longfellow.

And in two successive community-association elections where candidates have made rezoning a major issue, slates of candidates opposed to the redesignation never succeeded.

"All of a sudden we envision a trend toward a more stable population of the neighborhood," said Dwight Hartwick, Longfellow association president. "The spot zoning that has taken place over the years has re-

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The Rev. Earl Abel, above, pastor of the Palestine Baptist Church, which has served as a catalyst for unifying the Palestine neighborhood. Milton Gatlin, right, works on a house at 3813 E. 36th St. as part of the area's revitalization. **(staff photos by Dan Seifert)**

Church a focal point of life in Palestine

Neighborhood's residents work to renovate area

By Dunstan McNichol
staff writer

Even if you read the smallest print, you won't find the Palestine neighborhood listed on many maps.

That is because, in the strictest definition, the neighborhood does not exist.

To city officials and others concerned with administering many of the government programs that traditionally aid city residents, the area between Linwood Avenue and 39th from Indiana Avenue to Jackson Avenue is part of the massive Oak Park neighborhood.

Regrettably, for residents of the 56-block area they themselves call Palestine, the area lies just east of the part of Oak Park the city has targeted for special federal funds and development.

In Palestine development has been left in the hands of the residents who, until recently, could count on government agencies for little more than loan assistance and paint from the city paint-up program.

But with a $3 million, membership-funded church nearing completion in the heart of the self-proclaimed neighborhood, pride in the community is growing and the attention of the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance has been caught.

Palestine, which takes its name from the Palestine Baptist Church that has been a community focus since its founding in 1968, is a tightly packed area of tidy, two-story houses.

In the northwest corner, where Indiana Avenue meets Linwood Avenue, hulky Central High School pins the neighborhood to the hilly terrain.

Rows of small, separate houses, wedged close to one another, line the neighborhood like stitching, and in the community's interior, where the residential housing continues, a vacant lot, or some larger, tree-filled yards, fill in the neighborhood.

This, to the residents, is Palestine. It is, 1970 census figures reveal, a working-class community with income predominantly low and with a population that is more than three-fourths black.

Palestine's church, however, distinguishes the community from the many neighborhoods it resembles.

"The church has become a hub for the neighborhood," Palestine's pastor, the

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A block club is founded to foil crime

Southside woman organizes neighbors

By Mary Ann Luther
staff writer

When her husband's truck — parked plainly in sight — was vandalized in July, Zoe Ann Crane was angry. In September, when the radio was stolen from her car, which was parked in her driveway, she decided she had been taken advantage of two times too many.

"I just felt personally I wanted to do something about it," says Mrs. Crane, a worker at the General Motors Leeds assembly plant who lives at 7125 Woodland Ave.

So Mrs. Crane took the suggestion of the police officer who wrote the larceny report on her radio. She decided to form a block club, so residents could watch out for each others' property.

"We're never here to talk to each other at the same time and that's why we formed a

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Armour Hills group transforms eyesore into showplace

By Mary Ann Luther
staff writer

Cradled in a corner encompassed by Armour Hills homes is an acre of closely clipped green, as meticulously manicured as the houses that tower over the triangle of grass.

Arbor Villa Park, bounded by East 86th Terrace, Main Street and Edgevale Road, wasn't always the idyllic island on which families now congregate. Two years ago weeds, broken glass and vandalism marred the area.

Greg Bates, 111 E. 85th Terrace, is the

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Rev. Earl Abel, said recently as he toured the classrooms, offices and spectacular sanctuary of the huge, brick structure. "This is the way it used to be; here it has come back to that."

Money for the new church building came from Mr. Abel's congregation and from neighborhood residents who contributed even though they are not Palestine Church members.

"I feel very secure and very safe being in this community where Palestine is," said Mrs. Blanche Mantooth, the president of the Monroe Avenue Block Club. Mrs. Mantooth, like many Palestine residents, moved to the area more than 20 years ago.

When the woman first arrived in town, the Palestine Baptist Church did not exist. Today, for Mrs. Mantooth and for other residents, the church is the heart of the community.

"We're just happy to have a minister who takes an interest in the community and in civil affairs," said Gertrude Jones, a Monroe Avenue resident since 1955 and a member of the Palestine Church since the days the congregation met in the local YMCA. "It's more or less a community center church."

Workers at the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance, a non-profit body formed to help neighborhoods help themselves and to facilitate the procurement of government dollars for community organizations, say they agree with neighbors who view the huge church as a stabilizing influence.

"The church, with us, has to be the key," said Tony Salazar, executive director of the alliance. "In my way of thinking, that church is really an anchor there."

The stability, which area residents attributed to Mr. Abel's own powerful convictions, the many youth programs offered at Palestine and the pastor's willingness to let groups from outside the church use the building's facilities, has engendered, residents say, a widespread desire to keep up the neighborhood.

It is a desire that manifests itself in tidy lots, bright dashes of fresh paint and a community, those who live there say, that is relatively free of crime.

"People are concerned about their environment and their neighborhood," Mr. Salazar observed. "Those are the kinds of things we like to build on."

On their own the people of Palestine have elicited $1.2 million in loans from local banks to build their new church.

With the alliance's help, the community can look forward to further development throughout the neighborhood.

So far, although they just entered the area several weeks ago, Mr. Salazar's group has installed a full-time advisor, Jackie McGee, who works out of the church.

The alliance also has bought up an abandoned house, which soon will be fixed up and sold at cost. Future plans, however, still are being formed, Salazar said.

In the neighborhood, however, the future already has been envisioned in the shadow of the new church.

"It can't go anywhere but up," Mrs. Mantooth proclaimed. "With that church there we just can't go down."

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president of the Armour Hills Homes Association, a team of nearby property owners that has helped revamp the park. Mr. Bates first approached the city Parks and Recreation Department with members of the group in the summer of 1980, asking to keep the park's wading pool open past season at the association's expense.

The group was unsuccessful but not discouraged. Members began to collect other complaints about the park: a biweekly mowing schedule that allowed tall grass and weeds to proliferate, and biweekly trash pickup, which many residents said was not enough. "We did not think we were getting a true response from them," Mr. Bates said of the department.

Eventually, by last May, an agreement was worked out: the property owners promised to maintain the park and the department agreed to pay them $2,800 a year to do it—the same amount it had been spending.

"We had to invent the wheel, 'cause we'd never done it before," Mr. Bates said.

Jerry Darter, parks and recreation director, said the metamorphosis of the park has been "pretty dramatic."

"This was one way we could cooperate with no additional expense to the city," Mr. Darter said of the contract. "Primarily the reason for the improved appearance was the efforts of the homeowners themselves."

If the job can be done for less than $2,800, the surplus will go toward park improvements. Mr. Bates said the association has invested an additional $1,000 or so of its own money in the park.

Although the association hires a subcontractor to mow, spray, fertilize, seed, trim and collect garbage, neighborhood volunteers usually pick up litter daily.

The residents seem happy with the results. They "feel more like bending over and picking up trash than we did a year ago when we could blame it on the parks department," Mr. Bates said.

Ivey Cena, 6633 Edgevale Road, agreed. "I think (the department) felt there was a lot of concern here," she said, "a lot of caring."

Department may try time-lapse survey in pilot study of Armour Hills park

By Mary Ann Luther
staff writer

"Success breeds success" is an adage that may be verified if a $7,000 survey planned by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Armour Hills Homes Association is as satisfying as their maintenance contract for Arbor Villa Park.

Resulting from the apparent effectiveness of their first agreement, in which the department pays property owners to maintain the park at the intersection of East 66th Terrace, Main Street and Edgevale Road, a "desire to further improve the facilities in the park" has developed, says Jerry Darter, director of the department.

With the help of professional park surveyors and area property owners, the department and association members are planning to employ a novel idea: assessment of the park based partly on time-lapse photography.

"It's new in Kansas City," says Mr. Darter. "We have never done it before."

After years of studying how the public uses Kansas City parks, the results did not deliver the degree of involvement, information or input the department needed, said Rusty Corwin, division superintendent of design and engineering. So he continued to look for better ways to gather information.

In 1981 Mr. Corwin met with Fred Kent, director of Project for Public Spaces Inc., a New York-based corporation of designers and social scientists who use time-lapse photography, systematic observations and specifically designed surveys to learn how people use public spaces.

Now the department is seeking several places in which to employ the project and Arbor Villa is the pilot park, partly because of its small size and close proximity to several schools, but largely because of its active neighborhood association.

Although the association's board of directors approved the survey plans, an agreement with the department has not been signed yet, Greg Bates, president of the association, said. Association members began soliciting donations towards their $3,500 goal — half the ultimate cost — earlier this month. When the association's money is collected, an agreement then can be reached, he said.

Burglary prevention week

Members of the Governor's Crime Commission and the insurance industry have launched a statewide campaign, led by Gov. Kit Bond, to help combat residential burglaries. Gov. Bond designated this week as "Home Burglary Prevention Week."

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part by conversations with HUD officials and did not necessarily result from the audit, he said.

However, the audit, presented to the city in March, did echo or bolster some concerns raised during those earlier discussions, he said.

Some audit criticisms illustrate the problems inherent in the city's decision to promote neighborhood self-determination, said Mr. Smith and Janice Blansit, the community liaison division coordinator for the department. They contended the problems cited by the auditor, including the apparent conflict of interest and the loss of buying power because of spending delays, were outweighed by the long-range benefits of the decentralized system: increased neighborhood pride, self-help and cohesion.

The audit, conducted by the Office of Inspector General, covered the period April 1, 1975, through Oct. 31, 1980, when the city received $31.7 million under the Community Development Block Grant program.

Among its findings:

- Sloppy accounting.

The audit found at least $2.5 million in discrepancies between sets of records, including a $1.3 million difference between records documenting funds available to neighborhood groups.

Mr. Smith disputed the $1.3 million figure and said independent auditors are investigating. He said the federal auditor did not *understand* the bookkeeping system; the independent auditor has been asked to devise another method.

- Lack of progress.

During the first five years of the program, about $8.6 million, or 30 percent of available funds, was not spent. That figure includes $2.4 million earmarked for neighborhood groups. The delays were partly from weak leadership of some neighborhood groups and partly because the city faltered in establishing a capital improvements program, Mr. Smith said. More than 50 percent of the funds for capital improvements, or $7.6 million, went unspent.

"Capital improvements is not an easy thing to administer. We made a lot of mistakes," he said, adding that the program is "working in spades right now" with more than $1 million in capital improvements under way last year.

Almost $1 million of the $7.6 million has been reallocated for this program year, Mr. Smith said. Neighborhood groups were instructed to obligate an additional $1.7 million by Oct. 1, and he said the city is checking to see if they complied. The rest of the money is being held for contingencies or will be reallocated if long-pending projects die.

- Conflict of interest.

"Our review of the selection process in ten neighborhood groups indicated one group did not make impartial selections," the audit reported.

Mr. Blansit said selection committees composed of at least five members of a neighborhood group selected recipients for $2,500 grants by scrutinizing preliminary applications, weighing needs and other factors and awarding points accordingly.

"The whole thing is a judgment call," she said. "They (neighborhood groups) do the best they can with what they have. That's really what neighborhood decision-making is all about."

In one neighborhood, 221 persons applied for 36 grants in 1979 and 1980. Three members of the five-member selection committee in 1979 and four members in 1980 received grants. The only selection committee member to serve both years also received grants both years, community development records show.

According to the audit, while 57 percent of the applicants in those years received grants, 100 percent of the selection committee members who applied received grants.

Also, the audit reports, "In three cases, persons previously denied a grant received one as a member of the selection committee."

Mr. Smith said the apparent conflict was "coincidental," that the committee members who received grants did not vote on their awards and that the city had no policy regarding such decisions. It does now.

The policy says in part: "Neighborhood groups will be encouraged to avoid placing persons requesting grant assistance on the Selection Committee . . . the appearance of conflict of interest may be grounds for rejection of the selection committee's recommendations."

U.S. forces preparing for maneuvers in Mideast

By The Associated Press

Cairo, Egypt—American aircraft have begun arriving here for joint military maneuvers scheduled to begin Nov. 14, a source close to the maneuvers said today.

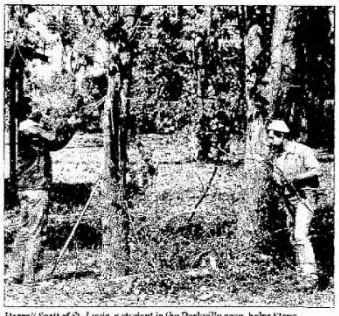
Heavy equipment, communications equipment began arriving in Egypt Monday, said the source, who declined to be identified. The airlift will involve 650 U.S. transport planes and will continue until the exercises officially begin with a parachute jump by the 82nd Airborne Division, the source said.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said in Washington Monday that the United States had reached agreement with Oman, Somalia, Sudan and Egypt for the month-long exercises, code-named "Operation Bright Star."

It is the second overseas test of the Rapid Deployment Force, designed to protect U.S. interests in the oil-rich Middle East.

Last November about 1,400 American military men took part. This year about 4,900 military personnel will be involved in the Egyptian phase of the maneuvers, the source said.

About 250 Americans from the Army, Navy and Air Forces will take part in joint maneuvers with Sudanese forces in Sudan, the source said. An unspecified number of U.S. Naval and Marine units already in the Indian Ocean area will train with Oman's land and air forces.



Darrell Scott of St. Louis, a student in the Parkville area, helps Steve Richardson of Lawson, Mo., an employee, clear brush at English Landing Park. Volunteers have taken the completion of the park into their own hands. (staff photo by John W. Switzer)

Volunteers

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"Now it's gotten to the point that by the time it's finished the city won't have to have spent much or time . . . (But) I guess I'm a romantic," she said. "I really believe that people wanted in on personality involved. Part of the small-town atmosphere is feeling needed, being involved."

In other small cities in the metropolitan area, leaders say volunteers are finishing projects that might have been postponed eternally or never initiated—hoeing, mowing, clearing brush, paving roads.

And while volunteer efforts still are the exception, city officials say more citizens are recognizing the need to give help.

Some leaders of civic groups also have noticed an increase in willingness to volunteer.

But even in a metropolis, residents have become involved.

Members of the Armour Hills Homes Association in Kansas City have taken over maintenance of the one-acre Arbor Villa Park, near 58th and Main streets, because they believe they can provide better upkeep than the city Parks and Recreation Department.

At Greenwood in southern Jackson County, five citizens saved the community $6,000 to $8,000 this summer by donating trucks and spending two to three weeks resurfacing roads and digging drainage ditches, city administrators said.

In Riverside, leaders say a citywide cleanup would not have been possible without the help of citizens who call themselves Pride and Progress. The group has potted plants, cleaned streets, painted bedsteads and next spring will take over a project to establish a small park.

"When we started Pride and Progress, we had no money, no treasury. Then we started gathering canisters and recycling first-rasers," said it. Lee Rothberg, a member of the Riverside Board of Aldermen. "It's just an effort to plug in citizens when state and federal funding isn't there."

In Kearney, volunteer firefighters, residents and former city leaders late last month completed the city's only operational fire station. Mayor Vic Davis estimated that volunteers saved the city about $200,000 by donating carpeting, ceilings, floor tile and other materials. He said the station cost about $300,000, compared with estimated costs of $500,000 without the free help.

"If we want to make capital improvements, we have to tighten our belts and pitch in. I get real emotional about this," Mr. Davis said, "because I really believe that the only way for a community to make great strides is through community help."

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their pre-tax corporate profits to charitable causes.

When Robert A. Long, outgoing chamber chairman, accepted his Mr. Kansas City 1981 award for outstanding civic contributions, he waxed both pragmatic and philosophical about the price of personal involvement.

He said, he said, "stunted a lot of rumor" with his family in his more than 20 years of civic boosterism. The inconvenient, the accountant said, had cost him more than it had made him money.

Yet, long ago, he chose to bury the guilt and commit himself to a perhaps utopian goal: a better city.

Why?

"Because I am reminded of a quote from Tennyson: 'I am a part of all I've met.'"

And, addressing the more than 800 persons grouped around candlelit and decorated tables, Mr. Long concluded: "You all are weavers of the fabric that goes into Kansas City."

The coming year will call for busy weavers.

The chamber's agenda for action, which is only one of many civic group's, is long one. It calls for leaders and followers, thinkers and do-ers.

A few years ago, perhaps, those would have been mere words on paper, words spoken by a handful of the city's elite over a fine steak dinner and then forgotten for much of the rest of the year.

In the past year or so, though, the proverbial grassroots have grown. Eighty-five percent of the chamber's membership, for example, is composed of small businesses. Typically, the leadership posts have gone to executives of the city's big corporations; the average small-business man just paid his dues and wondered what the chamber was doing for him.

But, reflecting a national change in small-business sentiment, the chamber is, for the first time, emphasizing programs for small business.

Promotions of the Midwest's agricultural blessings will continue. So, too, will campaigns to attract air traffic to Kansas City International Airport. And the revitalization of a flagging Downtown is crucial. But small-business activism takes hold.

"Small business keeps things ticking," Mr. Bourk emphasized, adding that the chamber must add that all-important economic sector with more services, while small-business representation must respond with greater involvement.

Can it work? It is a question that national budget director David Stockman has been pondering for months. Are people ready to assume roles they've left to government for decades?

Will Kansas Citians continue to sit back and wait for the concept of Hallmark and Bober, the time of committed people like Bob Long? Or will they pitch in?

The answer may come in the shrugs of Downtown Inc. with the chamber, the approval of which was announced at the banquet dinner.

For many years, the typical Downtown businessman has joined Downtown Inc. and directed his scarce discretionary dollars to its budget because he was concerned about trash collection, burn-lying in his alley and dying potted trees on his sidewalk. Though rich without faults, it was an organization that seemed to answer its most visible and most pressing needs.

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At next year's annual meeting the city may be able to show just how strong that initiative is.

Floods damage Texas counties

By The Associated Press

Dallas—More than a dozen homes and businesses were evacuated along the rising Trinity River after more than 9 inches of rainfall in some areas of north Texas, authorities said.

The heavy rains were estimated to have caused more than $1 million in damage to highways, J.H. Stone, district engineer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation said Monday.

Officials in Tarrant County west of Fort Worth estimated 15 homes and 15 commercial buildings were evacuated in a flood plain of northwest Dallas, and said the water probably would be water deep before the river crested.

Most of the residents in that area left voluntarily, police and fire officials said, although firefighters aided through the area in a boat and helped one stranded resident leave his area.

Ten streets were closed Monday night by the high water.

It was the second time this year homes in the area were threatened or damaged by high water after heavy rains, but officials said flooding the week of Oct. 13 was more severe than that from Saturday's rains.

"We had water five to 10 feet deep in homes along the shore of Eagle Mountain Lake west of Fort Worth) after the Oct. 13 rains," said Bee Hickey, Tarrant County water district supervisor.

Striking British autoworkers defy stewards, agree to pact

By The Associated Press

Birmingham, England—Striking British Leyland autoworkers voted today to accept a new contract and end a three-day walkout that had threatened the future of the state-owned company, unofficial results showed.

By shows of hands at mass rallies, a majority of workers at the country's only remaining British-owned carmaker chose to end the strike for more pay, defying their shop stewards.

By midday, plants representing 30,780 workers voted for the revised pay offer, while factories representing 13,350 were against it.

With 14,000 votes outstanding, shop stewards were meeting to verify votes taken at the outdoor mass meetings at the company's 28 plants. Union officials said votes from all plants would be added together and the majority would decide whether the strike is to continue.

The remaining 6,000 British Leyland workers were ineligible to vote because their plants are scheduled to close.

Shop stewards had voted Monday 208-12 to reject the contract and urged strikers to follow suit.

Sir Michael Edwardes, the company chairman, had said Saturday that if there were no further disruptions and strikers returned to work he would withdraw his threat to liquidate the company and fire strikers without notice or layoff pay.

The revised company offer provides for an improved minimum weekly productivity bonus of $7. It does not increase the offer of a 3.5 percent raise. The union wanted a 17.5 percent pay hike. The average worker earns about $135 a week.

British Leyland lost more than $416 million last year. The British government, which has buoyed the company with $4.5 billion in subsidies since 1975, has refused to provide more money or to intervene in the dispute.

British economists say a British Leyland closure could cost up to 1 million jobs. Unemployment in Britain is already at its highest level in 50 years at nearly 3 million, or 12.4 percent of the work force.

Trudeau appears ready to yield parts of rights bill

By The Associated Press

Ottawa—In a last-ditch attempt to win provincial support, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau appears ready to give up major parts of the bill of rights he is trying to incorporate into a new Canadian constitution.

In opening negotiations Monday with the 10 provincial premiers, Mr. Trudeau also offered a compromise on how the constitution might be amended.

Premier Richard Hatfield of New Brunswick, one of the two premiers supporting Mr. Trudeau, proposed that the bill of rights be split in two.

He said one half, including minority language rights, economic mobility rights and fundamental freedoms, would become effective as soon as the constitution is brought home from Britain.

The remainder, including legal rights and the section dealing with rights against discrimination, would become effective three years later. But a negative vote against the second half by six provincial legislatures would kill it.

Mr. Trudeau called the proposal a "significant concession," and the 11 leaders spent the day behind closed doors throwing it out along with the proposed compromise on the amending formula.

The Canadian constitution is the British North America Act of 1867, the act of the British Parliament that united the provinces in the Canadian federation. The Canadians have left it in British hands because they were unable to agree on an amending process.

Mr. Trudeau proposed that amendments require the approval of six provinces, including Quebec and Ontario, two other eastern provinces, and two in the West. Most of the provinces objected to Quebec and Ontario having a veto.

Mr. Trudeau offered to make it easier for the provinces to trigger a national referendum to choose between his amending formula and any alternative that at least six provinces agree on.

Premier William Davis of Ontario offered to negotiate a new formula and said he would give up the veto that Mr. Trudeau's plan would give his province.

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ernment buildings require a bond equal to the price of the building.

The bonds, intended to ensure a project will be completed, are sold by insurance and bonding companies "and they're the ones making the money off the deal," said Dale Baumgardner, Jackson County executive.

Jackson County's new jail will cost nearly $30 million, but because of the statute, the contractor, I.E. Dunn Corporation Co., is bonded for more than $50 million, officials said.

Mr. Baumgardner said the bonding requirement could add nearly $100,000, but that may not be the only cost. He figures the price of the bond scared away many potential bidders.

"There just aren't that many contractors around who can walk in and put a performance bond that size," he said.

"The small contractor, especially minorities, get pushed out of the picture."

And the more bidders are eliminated, "the more chances you take of losing taxpayers' money," Mr. Baumgardner said.

He estimated the statute could have cost Jackson County $300,000 by reducing the number of bidders.

Although there is much speculation about why the law was passed, no one knows for sure. County officials just know they want it eliminated.

To that end, the Missouri Association of Counties recently endorsed a bill to amend the statute. The bill, which would set bond rates at 100 percent of the building cost, will be introduced in the General Assembly Jan. 5 by Sen. Phil Snowden, a Democrat from Gladstone, who will take an emergency measure to the bill.

If it is approved, it will become law as soon as the governor signs it.

"It's too late to come (Jackson County) any good," said Mr. Baumgardner, "but if it is approved, it will sure help Clay County."

Mr. Broomfield said state legislators are "appalled that such a statute is still on the books," and he believes the law will be amended.

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and the loser in the World Series still is consoled with heavy cash because he's first in his league.

But others who come in second are less heralded. We refer to them as also rans or second-rate. A piece of new but flawed clothing is labeled drawn as a "second." In dog shows, livestock judging and ice taking, the winner gets a blue ribbon, but for second place you earn red. As in red-faced.

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Astronauts

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the huge external tank with 526,000 gallons of volatile fuels for the spacecraft's three main engines.

The astronauts' faithful were flown in Gene Demaycel from Houston Monday. They will watch the liftoff from a viewing site at the Kennedy Space Center.

The two astronauts are to pilot the spacecraft for 6 days, 4 hours and 20 minutes—more than twice the duration of the first mission. They have a flight plan that is suitably more ambitious than the first, as they conduct tests carefully designed to further stretch the limits of the ship's capabilities.

A total of four test flights are slated before Columbia starts satellite-carrying missions late next year.

After 36 circuits of the globe, the shuttle is to return to Earth Monday, landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., at 10:40 a.m. Central time.

and Alan Bean on Apollo 12 were the second crew on the moon or that Louis XIV of France was the king with the second-longest reign in history.

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Turks sentence an ex-premier

By The Associated Press

Ankara, Turkey—A military court today sentenced Ownet Ecevit, a former premier, to four months in prison for criticizing Turkey's ruling National Security Council.

Mr. Ecevit told reporters after the trials: "It is forbidden for me to write and say anything on the problems of the country. There's nothing that I can do."

Legal experts said Mr. Ecevit's four-month term cannot be appealed to a higher military court.

The Social Democrat leader was charged with violating a ban on critical remarks directed at the armed forces and comments on the political future of the country. Mr. Ecevit had met correspondents at his home Sept. 30 and criticized Gen. Kenan Evren's assertions that political parties were closed because they did not look after Turkey's interests. General Evren heads the security council.

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Study under way to scrutinize design of Arbor Villa Park

By Cassandra Burrell
staff writer

The Armour Hills Homes Association again is making big plans for a small neighborhood park.

The first and only neighborhood group to take over maintenance of a nearby neighborhood park has embarked on another novel project: Its members want to reshape Arbor Villa Park, a 1.1-acre grassy island at the intersection of Edgevale Road and Main Street, into a "people place."

They have asked the Project for Public Places Inc., a nationwide park design consulting firm, to study the park.

The $7,000 park redevelopment study is being jointly financed by the neighborhood and the city, said Ivy Cena, chairman of the neighborhood's park committee. The neighborhood association and the city each contributed $3,500. To raise the money, residents asked for donations from their neighbors and from businesses and corporations throughout the city.

Mrs. Cena said about 25 Armour Hills neighbors have volunteered to do much of the research legwork. Recently a team of surveyors began canvassing the neighborhood asking what changes nearby residents would like to see in the park.

Project for Public Places staff members plan to teach volunteers to chart pedestrian traffic, conduct other surveys at the park and operate cameras set up to examine park activity through time-lapse photography.

It's too early to report on preliminary results of the first round of surveys, Mrs. Cena said, but residents have been concerned about the reluctance of the elderly to visit the park and the danger of fast-moving traffic on Edgevale Road and Main Street for small children walking to and from the park.

There currently is no money set aside for implementing study recommendations, said E.F. Corwin, city Parks Department architect. City officials may consider putting aside money for the park in next year's capital improvements program or asking voters to approve a city-wide bond issue, he said. Or they may apply for a federal grant.

So neither residents nor city officials are absolutely sure that the study will result in improvements when it is completed in December.

"We have no guarantee," Mrs. Cena said. "We're doing a lot of work on a lot of faith."

The park redevelopment project is a natural outgrowth of the concern Armour Hills neighbors have tried to foster about the park during the last three years, Mrs. Cena said.

Three summers ago, the park was deserted most of the time and troubled by vandalism and trash. In an effort to improve its appearance and make it more useful to the community, the association volunteered to take over responsibility for its maintenance.

The city pays the association $2,800 a year to pick up trash, mow grass, trim shrubbery and kill weeds there, said Mark McHenry, Parks Department supervisor of parks management.

The association also initiated Wednesday evening park events, including picnics, dancing and ball games.

Volunteer tornado spotter loses bid for 70-foot tower

By Robert C. Trussell
staff writer

A Kansas City amateur radio operator who serves as a volunteer tornado spotter for the National Weather Service will not be allowed to erect a 70-foot tower he says he needs to communicate with the weather service.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment ruled last week that Larry Robinson, who lives in the 8400 block of East 92nd Terrace, could not erect the tower because it violated regulations of the Fairwood Homes Association.

Mr. Robinson, who is one of a network of radio operators who provide information for the weather service and other public entities, said he needed the tower to provide clear radio communications between his home and weather service facilities at Kansas City International Airport.

Homes association regulations restrict antennas of any kind to no more than five feet above the highest point of a house roof.

Donald Pierce, an attorney representing the 621-member homes association, said the main objection was that approval of Mr. Robinson's request would open the way for "a neighborhood full of antennas."

Mr. Robinson had erected the antenna briefly but took it down after the association informed him he was violating the restriction. He later met with the neighborhood officers and showed them a video tape of weather service facilities but did not win approval.

"We do recognize there is some service," Mr. Pierce told the board. But he questioned whether the tower needed to be 70 feet high. The association did not want to set a precedent, he said, because it would encourage other amateur radio operators who just wanted "to talk to Aunt Mabel in Harrisonville."

Mr. Robinson gave the board several letters of support from emergency preparedness officials and said his role as a tornado spotter was important to the neighborhood because there are no civil defense sirens in the area.

He also said the neighborhood is about five miles north of the path of the catastrophic Ruskin Heights tornado of 1957.

Dan Lawrence, coordinator of Amateur Radio Emergency Services, a group of radio operators that works closely with the Kansas City emergency preparedness office during bad weather, said a high frequency antenna in Mr. Robinson's area would be important for gathering weather reports from surrounding counties to the south, east and west.

Tom Hogan, director of emergency preparedness for Kansas City, said Mr. Robinson had participated in a weather service training program for tornado spotters.

"He surely is not trying to be a nuisance," Mr. Hogan said.

Mr. Robinson insists, "I'm doing a public service. There's no charge for this. It's strictly volunteer. I couldn't believe any community would be so ignorant. . . ."

He said he will probably try to sell the antenna, which is resting on its side in his yard.

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Despite objectors, 49-63 area leaders agree to clean neighborhood fountain

By Cassandra Burrell
staff writer

Some directors of the 49-63 Neighborhood Coalition have agreed to spend one day a week cleaning a new neighborhood fountain at 58th Street and Lydia Avenue.

But some may not abide by the agreement.

The coalition is responsible for maintaining the fountain under contract with the city Parks and Recreation Department.

Under a plan approved by a majority of the coalition's board of directors last week, the fountain will be cleaned once a week by a board member.

Some board members protested, saying the city had pressured coalition officers into signing the contract when it was drawn up a year ago. Some said they didn't have enough time to do the cleaning.

Board members Michele Wiziarde and Cheryl Thompson said despite the vote, they wouldn't clean it. "I feel as if I'm being trapped into this," Mrs. Thompson said.

And some suggested that since the group does not have enough money to pay someone else to clean the fountain, the coalition should default on the contract and force the city to take over maintenance.

The $32,000 fountain was designed and constructed by sculptor Will Nettleship. He completed it in July. Mr. Nettleship and some members of the coalition have visited the area periodically to water plants and sweep away garbage until the group could develop a regular maintenance routine.

The fountain is one of a handful of city-owned properties that are maintained by community groups rather than the department, said Mark McHenry, supervisor of parks management for the city.

The city pays the Armour Hills Homes Association $2,800 a year to maintain Arbor Villa Park, a 1.1 acre grassy island at the intersection of Edgevale Road and Main Street. And other neighborhoods have contracts with the city to care for such things as neighborhood markers and sculptures that mark the boundaries of some neighborhoods.

City officials have said the maintenance agreements are designed to help neighborhoods develop a stronger sense of community. They also give community groups an opportunity to contribute to the costs of caring for public property.

But Margaret Lee Bardgett, president of the coalition, said her group was wary of such an opportunity and probably would not have signed the contract if it were not for "so much pressure from the city."

She said coalition members were afraid the city would refuse to allocate money to build the fountain if the group would not sign. The city agreed to build the fountain in 1979, she said, and asked the group to maintain it in 1982.

Coalition members resented the "pressure," she said, and worried that the group might not be able to afford liability insurance, as required by the contract. They also worried about being sued should someone be injured at the fountain.

Under the arrangement, the city does not pay the coalition for maintenance.

But Mr. McHenry said he was not aware of any pressure.

He said that the city has legal recourse against any group that does not live up to a contract it has signed. "If a neighborhood has signed a legal and valid contract and said that it would live up to its conditions, then hopefully it will keep its word."

If a group simply refuses to comply, the city would have to begin its own maintenance, he added. "That's city-owned property. So yes, we would have to maintain it."

Ms. Bardgett said the coalition plans to begin asking for donations for a maintenance fund from people who will attend fountain dedication ceremonies next month. "Hopefully we'll get enough to pay some neighborhood teen-agers to do it."

Neighbors' suit seeks more than $1 million for homes on Park damaged by flooding

By Cassandra Burrell
staff writer

Sixteen people who rent or own homes in the 6000 block of Park Avenue have filed a lawsuit seeking more than $1.2 million from builders of the nearby Citadel Center housing project.

The residents contend that construction at the site caused their homes to flood this spring.

MBI Corp., the developer of the Citadel project, and Tri-City Construction Co., a subcontractor, are named as defendants in the suit, which was filed Sept. 29 in Jackson County Circuit Court.

The residents charge that MBI and Tri-City are responsible for basement flooding in homes on Park Avenue on May 1. They say the flooding caused $64,000 in damage to household appliances, clothing, rugs, dishes, furniture and other personal items.

In their lawsuit, the neighbors are seeking $64,000 in actual damages and $1.2 million in punitive damages from the two firms. The plaintiffs' homes are located just east of the Citadel project, which is on 63rd Street east of the Paseo.

In the lawsuit, they charge that because of negligent and inadequate grading and elevation of the property, "natural drainage was changed and surface water could not drain as it formerly did." They say their basements were flooded to depths of several inches with water, chemicals and mud.

The flooding filled some homes with an "intolerable odor" and caused a "health menace," according to the lawsuit.

The Citadel project is expected to eventually contain 378 units, including apartments, houses, condominiums and duplexes, and cost $32 million. Citadel Center houses will cost $65,000 to $85,000.

Residents suing the two firms are: John McHenmrey and Mary Jack, 6032 Park Ave.; P.G. Paxton, 6038 Park Ave.; Lula B. Murrell and Yvonne Black, 6035 Park Ave; Isaiah Freeman, 6031 Park Ave.; Herbert and Lorraine Dennis, 6027 Park Ave.; Gloria Walker, 6029 Park Ave.; Mary Rucker, 6044 Park Ave.; Carolyn Hill, 6042 Park Ave.; Joe and Minnie Langford, 6018 Park Ave.; Florence Paris, 6016 Park Ave.; Joyce Cole, 6012 Park Ave.; and Naomi Jones, 6006 Park Ave.

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PIAC Request Letters

Public Improvement Advisory Committee Request Process (PIAC) - 6788

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Request Details

PIAC Number:	350777
PIAC Year:	35
Organization Represented:	Armour Hills Homes Association
Organization Represented Other:	
Department:	Parks
Problem Location (Street Address, Intersection, etc.):	66th Terrace and Main Street
Describe the Problem or Request:	Please see attached document. Armour Hills is requesting funding to support improvements to the wading pool in Arbor Villa Park that will address water conservation and water quality.
Council District:	District 6
Neighborhood:	ARMOUR HILLS
Estimated Total:	662,200.00
Estimate Date:	11.20.2017
PIAC Status:	Rejected

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Stacey Johnson-Cosby, PIAC Representative
John Sharp, PIAC Representative

RE: 2018 PIAC Request, Armour Hills Homes Association Priority #3

Dear Councilmen and PIAC representatives,

Since 2010, the Armour Hills Homes Association (AHHA) Board of Directors has led an on-going process to identify the goals and objectives for our neighborhood. This planning process supports a dynamic list of projects that is used to align the AHHA budget and develop annual programming. In 2013, this process culminated in the development of a capital improvements program to address deferred maintenance throughout the neighborhood and plan progressive repairs and improvements to both neighborhood property and public spaces. This coordinated effort will target key amenities that are fundamental to neighborhood quality and invest resources thoughtfully with an eye toward the future.

Arbor Villa Park, as a neighborhood park, functions as the centerpiece of the Armour Hills Neighborhood. It is not only a gathering place, but is used regularly by children and adults alike for play, exercise, and relaxation. As such, the Armour Hills Board of Directors regularly contributes to its upkeep, programming, and maintenance. This ongoing partnership includes extending the swim season each summer; providing additional mowing, leaf cleanup, and litter patrol services; supplying pet waste bags for dog walkers; and taking an active role in protecting the park from vandalism and other damage.

In early 2013, a mini-makeover plan was developed jointly by the City of Kansas City Parks & Recreation Department and the Armour Hills Homes Association. The plan set out to increase access for individuals with physical disabilities; provide activities for older children and adults; install new benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles; and complete deferred maintenance at the entrance arbor and landscaping.

Over the past three years, Armour Hills has been fortunate enough to receive funding for significant portions of the mini-makeover. With the support of the PIAC committee, work has been completed to improve accessibility throughout the park; reconstruct the tennis court; add benches, permanent picnic tables, and trash receptacles; introduce exercise equipment; and renovate the playground. Currently, construction is underway to restore

the arbor over the entrance and several areas of landscaping that have been lost to severe drought and aging plant material.

Through these improvements and additions, Arbor Villa Park has seen an increase in both the frequency and number of users, including new visitors who didn't previously use the park on a regular basis.

As part of the 2018 PIAC process, the Armour Hills Board of Directors is requesting funding for an additional improvement - to convert the existing drain-and-fill wading pool to a more sustainable model with water storage and treatment. Previously part of long-range planning, this conversion will be necessary to efficiently operate the pool as the cost to provide safe water to City residents increases.

This request is supported by the Parks & Recreation Department as they evaluate the impact of new funding obligations required for water use at each park and aquatic center. The improvements being considered would install an underground storage tank to retain water each day and equipment to both pump the water to and from the tank and treat the water as is typical in most swimming pools. The water filtration and treatment functions will address general concerns with water quality in manually-treated pools to ensure young swimmers can safely enjoy Arbor Villa Pool for years to come.

Armour Hills continues to pursue an active partnership in the PIAC process. If funding is allocated, AHHA will assist the Parks Department to identify additional funding sources, leveraging the long-term commitment of both the Association and neighborhood homeowners to quality public park areas like Arbor Villa.

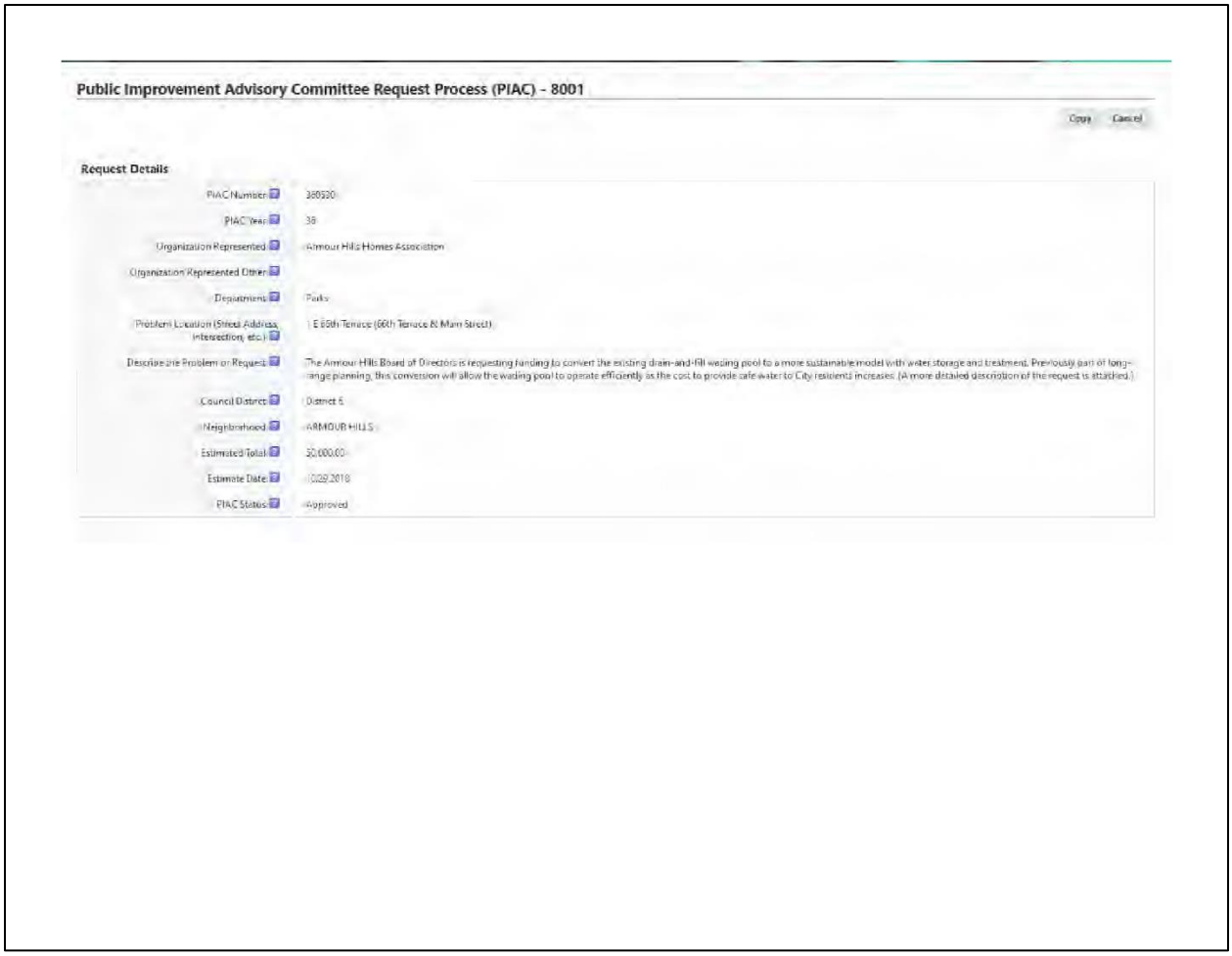
Thank you for your time and consideration of this project. If you have any questions regarding this submission or the Armour Hills Neighborhood in general, please contact me at any time.

Kindest regards,

Tiffany Moore

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Public Improvement Advisory Committee Request Process (PIAC) - 8001

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Request Details

PIAC Number	380920
PIAC Year	38
Organization Represented	Armour Hills Homes Association
Organization Represented Other	
Department	Parks
Problem Location (Street Address, Intersection, etc.)	E 65th Terrace (66th Terrace & Main Street)
Describe the Problem or Request	The Armour Hills Board of Directors is requesting funding to convert the existing drain-and-fill wading pool to a more sustainable model with water storage and treatment. Previously part of long-range planning, this conversion will allow the wading pool to operate efficiently as the cost to provide safe water to City residents increases. (A more detailed description of the request is attached.)
Council District	District 6
Neighborhood	ARMOUR HILLS
Estimated Total	50,000.00
Estimate Date	0/09/2019
PIAC Status	Approved

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PIAC # 360530

August 12, 2018

Cm. Scott Taylor, 6th District At-large
Cm. Kevin McManus, 6th District
Stacey Johnson-Cosby, PIAC Representative
John Sharp, PIAC Representative

RE: 2019 PIAC Request, Armour Hills Homes Association Priority #1

Dear Councilmen and PIAC representatives,

The Armour Hills Homes Association (AHHA) Board of Directors facilitates an ongoing process to identify the goals and objectives of our neighborhood. This planning process supports a dynamic list of projects to align our annual budget and inform programming. Through the development of a capital improvements program, a coordinated effort has targeted deferred maintenance and needed improvements in areas fundamental to neighborhood quality to thoughtfully invest both private and public funds.

Arbor Villa Park, as a neighborhood park, functions as the centerpiece of the Armour Hills Neighborhood. It is not only a gathering place but used regularly by children and adults alike for play, exercise, and relaxation. As such, the Armour Hills Board of Directors regularly contributes to its upkeep, programming, and maintenance. This ongoing partnership has included extending the swim season; providing additional leaf cleanup and litter patrol; supplying pet waste bags for dog walkers; and taking an active role in protecting the park from vandalism and other damage including off-duty police patrol during the July 4th holiday.

In early 2013, a mini-makeover plan was developed jointly by the City of Kansas City Parks & Recreation Department and the Armour Hills Homes Association. The plan set out to increase access for individuals with physical disabilities; provide activities for older children and adults; install new benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles; and complete deferred maintenance at the entrance arbor and landscaping.

Armour Hills has been fortunate enough to receive funding to complete the original mini-makeover plans. With the support of the PIAC committee, work has been completed to improve accessibility throughout the park; reconstruct the tennis court; add benches, permanent picnic tables, and trash receptacles; introduce exercise equipment; and renovate the playground. Restoration of the arbor entrance and several areas of landscaping were completed during the summer and fall of 2017.

Through these improvements and additions, Arbor Villa Park has seen an increase in both the frequency and number of users, including new visitors who didn't previously use the park on a regular basis.

As part of the 2019 PIAC process, the Armour Hills Board of Directors is requesting funding for an additional improvement - to convert the existing drain-and-fill wading pool to a more sustainable model with water storage and treatment. Previously part of long-range planning, this conversion will allow the wading pool to operate efficiently as the cost to provide safe water to City residents increases.

This project would install equipment to treat the water during use as is typical in most swimming pools and construct an underground storage tank to retain water for reuse each day. A small pre-fabricated building would house the pool equipment, a single restroom, required rinse-off stations, and storage for lifeguard tools and pool toys.

This request is supported by the Parks & Recreation Department as they evaluate the impact of funding obligations required for water use at each park and aquatic center and addresses Health Department concerns regarding water quality in manually-treated pools to ensure young swimmers can safely enjoy Arbor Villa Pool for years to come.

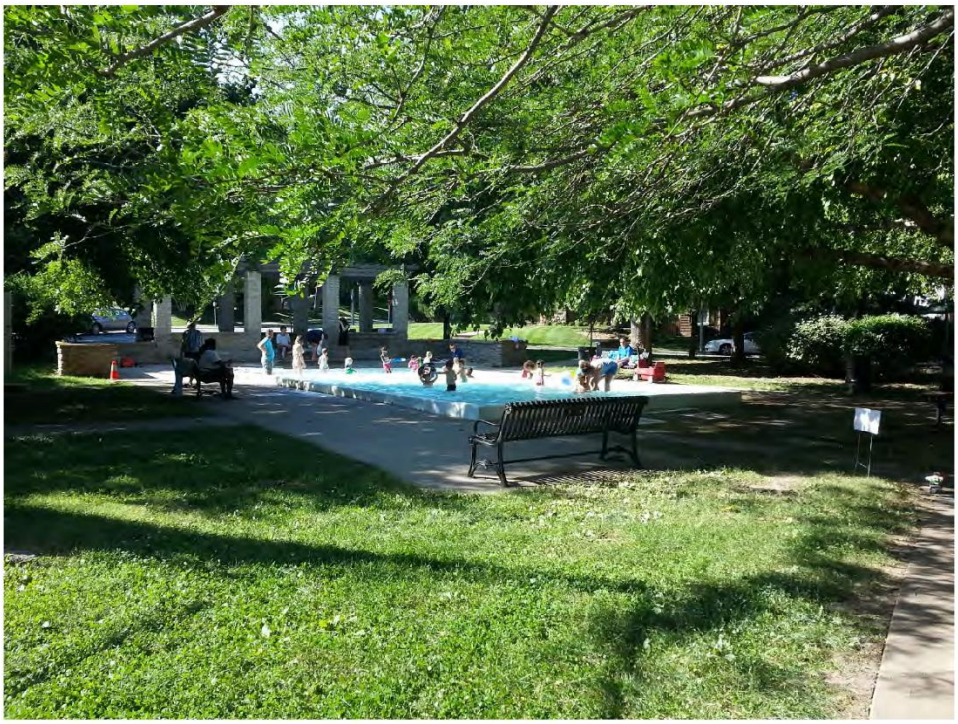
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Public Improvement Advisory Committee Request Process (PIAC) - 9255

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Request Details

PIAC Number:	370730
PIAC Year:	37
Organization Represented:	Armour Hills Homes Association
Organization Represented Other:	
Department:	Parks
Problem Location (Street Address, Intersection, etc.):	1 E 66th Terrace (66th Terrace & Main Street)
Describe the Problem or Request:	The Armour Hills Board of Directors is requesting funding to convert the existing drain-and-fill wading pool to a more sustainable model with water storage and treatment. Previously part of long-range planning, this conversion will allow the wading pool to operate efficiently as the cost to provide safe water to City residents increases. [A more detailed description of the request is attached.]
Council District:	District 6
Neighborhood:	ARMOUR HILLS
Estimated Total:	816,750.00
Estimate Date:	10.14.2019
PIAC Status:	Rejected

ARMOUR HILLS HOMES **ASSOCIATION**

September 8, 2019

Cm. Kevin McManus, 6th District
Cwm. Andrea Bough, 6th District At-large
Mr. John Sharp, PIAC Representative
Ms. Melanie Miller, PIAC Representative

RE: PIAC Request #370730, Arbor Villa Pool

Dear Council and PIAC Representatives,

The Armour Hills Homes Association (AHHA) Board of Directors facilitates an ongoing process to identify the goals and objectives of our neighborhood. This planning process supports a dynamic list of projects to align our annual budget and inform programming. Through the development of a capital improvements program, a coordinated effort has targeted deferred maintenance and needed improvements in areas fundamental to neighborhood quality to thoughtfully invest both private and public funds.

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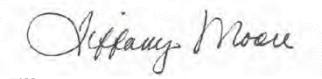
Additionally, funding was granted in fiscal year 2020 to study current conditions and future operations of the wading pool to develop a plan for a safe and sustainable pool in Arbor Villa Park.

This request seeks funding to implement findings in the study addressing sustainable wading pool operations and recommendations from the Health Department to ensure safe water quality for swimmers.

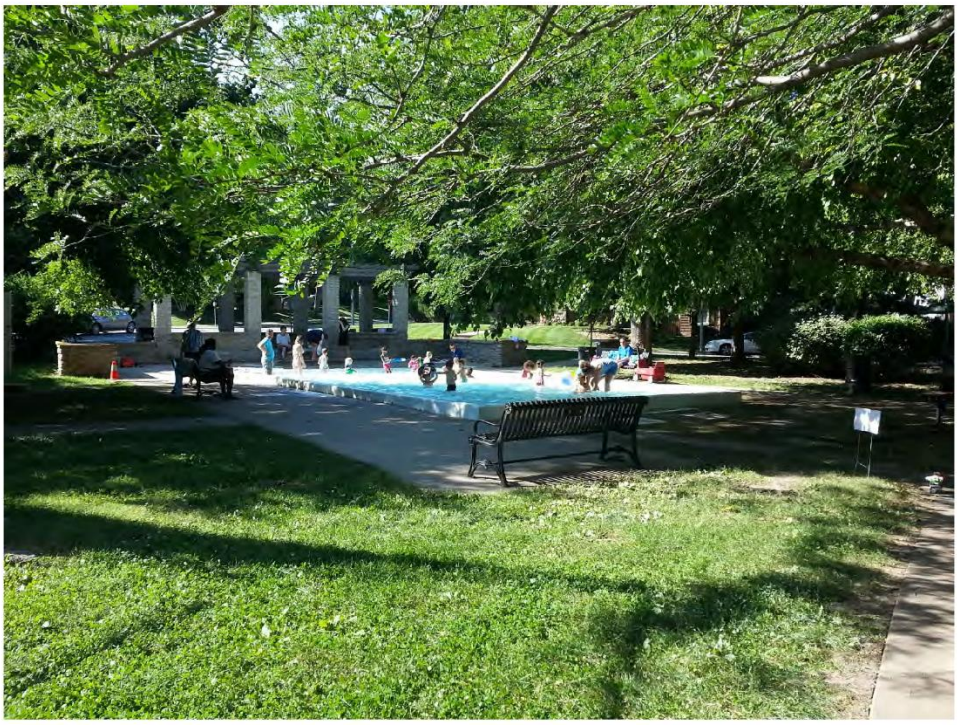
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Thank you for your time and consideration of this project. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at any time.

Kindest regards,



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July 30, 2019

Mr. Scott Overbay
Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation
Via email: Scott.Overbay@kcmo.org

Re: Arbor Villa Pool Improvements Study

Dear Scott:

We have completed our review and assessment of the Arbor Villa Park Pool. This letter report summarizes our findings and recommendations. No original construction drawings were available for the pool for review. Our findings are based on on-site review of the existing facility.

Understanding

Based on our review of the facility and discussions with City staff, below is a summary of the current facility.

1. Pool shares existing park space with a dry playground and tennis courts.
2. No fence surrounds pool area.
3. Pool is filled and dumped daily during operation.
4. Current fill-and-draw operation limits hours facility can be open.
5. Pool basin is approximately 800 sq. ft and holds approximately 9,500 gallons.
6. Pool basin is filled through a pipe cast in pool wall.
7. Pool appears to drain directly into sewer system without cross-connection protection.
8. Facility currently does not include restrooms or showers.
9. Pool basin includes a paint coating.
10. Small storage shed sits south of pool basin.

We understand the community hopes to get funding to renovate the facility to allow for the recirculation and treatment of pool water in lieu of the existing fill-and-draw operation. Additionally, we understand the community's goal to provide operation acceptable to the Health Department in hopes of not requiring a perimeter fence. The KCMO Health Department Regulations for Swimming Pools and Bathing Facilities requires a barrier to exclude unauthorized entry to the facility. Initial thoughts are to provide a below grade storage tank such that when the facility closes the pool basin can be emptied into the storage tank, leaving the pool basin empty. The mechanical systems would be set up such that the water volume in the storage tank can be recirculated during off hours while the pool basin remains empty. WEAD has initiated correspondence with

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the Health Department to see if operating the facility in this manner will be a consideration.

This letter report includes a summary of the anticipated improvements and costs, estimates of operation costs for the existing and improved facility, an analysis of these costs, a summary of future equipment replacement costs, and recommendations. The costs provided only cover the differences in operations from the existing and improved systems. We do not anticipate staffing expenses will vary significantly from its current conditions assuming the labor involved in filling and draining the existing pools is similar to the maintenance required for the new systems.

Improvements and Costs

Improvements to the facility presumably include the following:

1. Pressure sand filters
2. Recirculation pump
3. Chemical controller
4. Chemical feed pumps
5. Water level controller
6. Exhaust fans
7. Water heater
8. Emergency shower/eyewash station and backflow preventer
9. Pool process piping
10. Concrete deck removal and replacement
11. Main drains
12. Skimmers
13. Pool egress – ladder
14. Pool egress – ramp or stair
15. Pool basin recoating – sandblast and repaint
16. Building including a family restroom with shower, mechanical room with below grade pump pit, chemical room, and storage room
17. Water storage tank below building to store pool basin water volume off hours
18. Utilities

See exhibit drawing attachments 1 and 2 for the presumed improvements above. An estimate of probable construction costs associated with these improvements is $500,000 to $550,000.

Existing Facility Operation Costs

The approximate wading pool volume is 9,500 gallons. Assuming a water charge of $4.70 per cubic meter and that no wastewater charges are incurred, this water use equates to

approximately $170 per day. According to city staff the pool is open for 63 days during the season. Water costs figure to approximately $11,000 over the season.

Improved Facility Operation Costs

Differences in operations between the existing and improved systems include the following:

1. Water requirements to fill pool and maintain water loss caused by evaporation and splashout.
2. Water requirements for new restroom.
3. Electrical costs associated with recirculation and chemical treatment equipment.
4. Cost of chemicals to maintain chemical balance in pool basin.

An estimate of probable cost associated with operational expenses (not including lifeguard staffing) over a 63-day pool season is $3,000.

Analysis of Costs

The operational cost difference between the existing and improved facility is approximately $8,000 per season. Given the estimate of probable cost for the improvements, the cost recovery period for the newly constructed work would likely extend beyond the usable life of the facility. The opportunity for additional programming, rentals, etc. through the proposed improvements could also help with cost recovery.

Future Replacement Costs

Components such as pool coatings, filters, and pumps have varying life expectancies. This life expectancy depends heavily on each component being properly maintained. Lack of routine maintenance can significantly reduce the life expectancy of each component. A replacement schedule for the various components to best equalize expenditures over the next 20 years can be as shown below. To cover these future replacement costs, approximately $7,500 could be set aside per year beginning at year one.

Component	Life Expectancy	Replacement Costs at End of Life Each	Replacement Year
Basin Coating	10 years	$17,000	8
Recirc Pump	10 years	$5,000	9
W.L. Controller	10 years	$3,000	9
Controller	10 years	$7,000	10
Water Heater	10 years	$16,000	11
Feed Pump (2)	15 years	$2,500	13, 13
Exhaust Fan (3)	15 years	$8,000	14, 15, 16
Filter (2)	15 years	$5,000	17, 17

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Recommendations

We recommend the city move forward with funding efforts for improvements at Arbor Villa Park Pool. Improvements will allow for a more environmentally conscious and more modern facility that is safer for pool patrons.

An additional consideration could be to replace the existing pool with a sprayground. A sprayground could be a useful option to provide enhanced water recreation to the neighborhood. Additionally, a sprayground requires fewer staffing expenses. Lifeguarding would not be required as the facility would not have standing water to create a drowning hazard. Spraygrounds vary greatly in scale and cost, however, we anticipate the probable construction costs associated with the improvements discussed in this report would be sufficient for a sprayground at the site comparable in size to the existing pool.

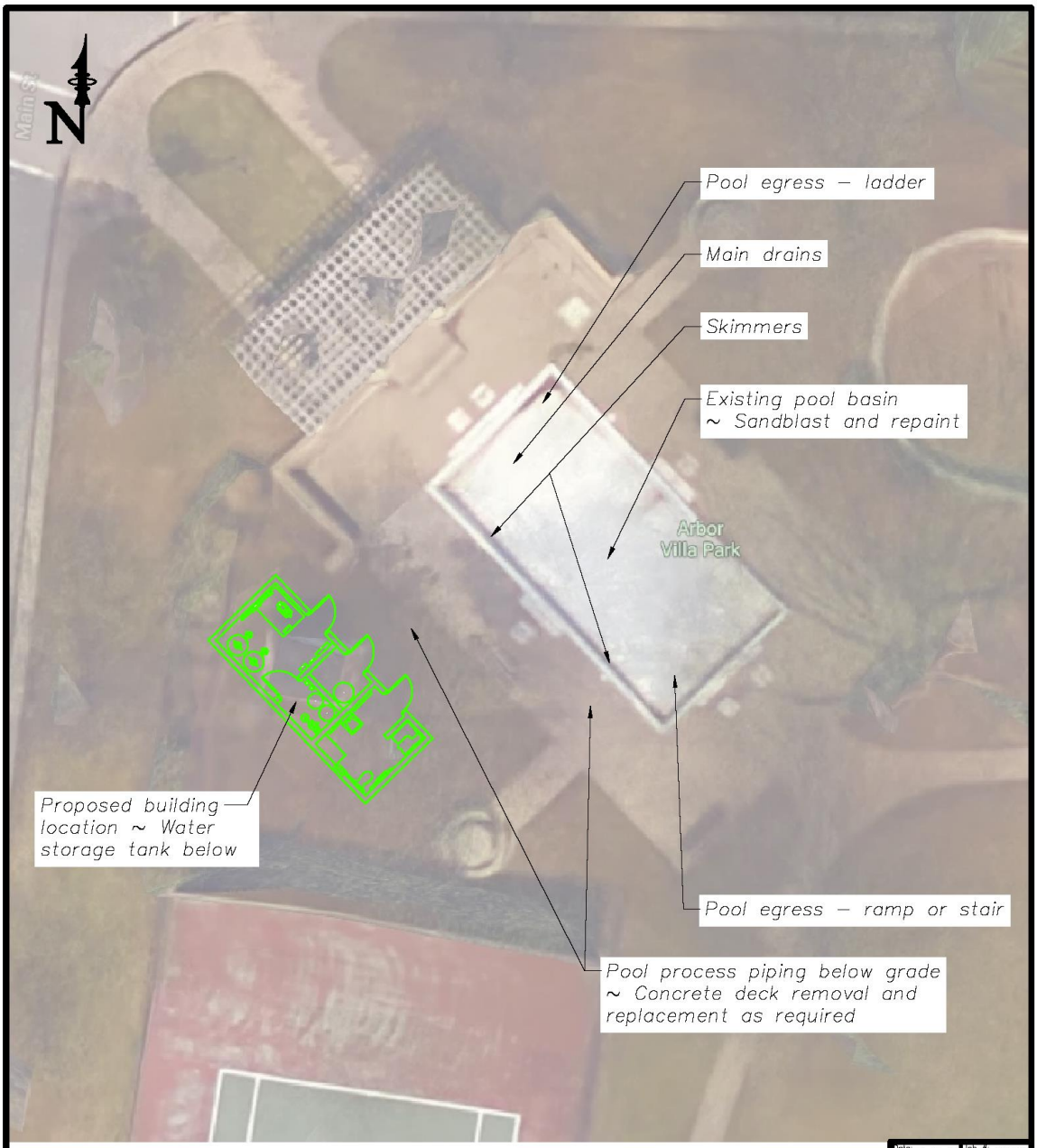
Please review the above and let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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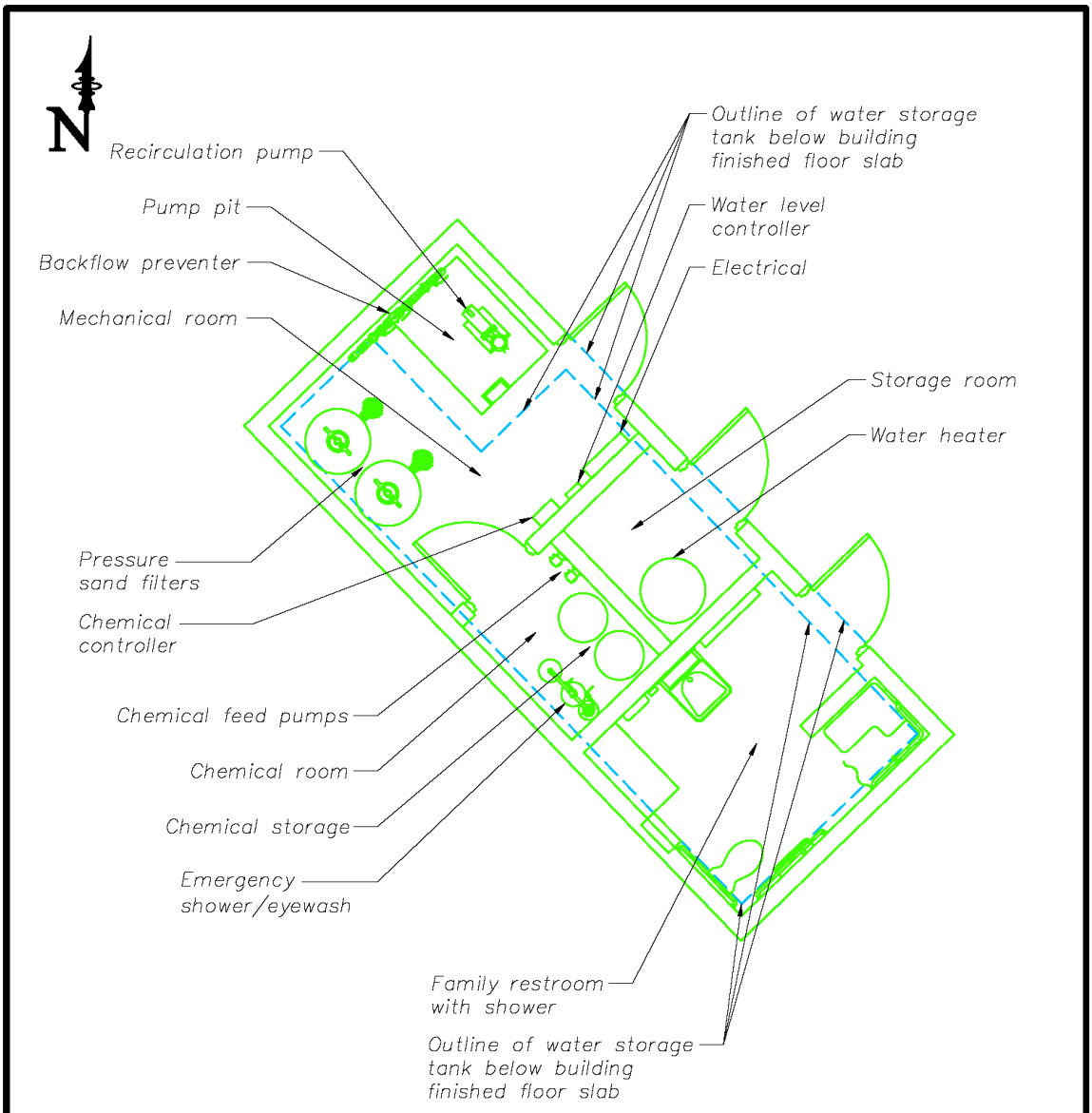
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