

MINUTES

Aurora Park Gravel Roads Task Force
City Hall Community Room
7651 E Central Park Avenue
Bel Aire, KS
April 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sean Matheny called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Lisa Bellecci led an opening prayer.

Members PRESENT: Butch Amey, Lisa Bellecci, Gary Breault, Marty Couey, Chad Crittendon, Carolyn Gunzelman, Logan Schrag, Judy Schroeder, Mark Schroeder, Connie White

Absent: None

INTRODUCTIONS: None necessary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From March 13th Meeting. **Motion to accept the minutes as written** was made by Logan Schrag. Gary Breault seconded. **Motion Carried: 11 - 0**

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Chair Matheny suggested once a month vs every other week. **Next meeting set for May 22nd at 6:00 pm.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update on Motion to Invite from last meeting: Gary Breault was tasked with inviting the Public Works Director and the City Engineer to our Task Force meeting this evening to inform us what are the deciding factors for grading the road and for putting down more rock. Gary made the invitation through City Manager Ty Lasher who told Gary he did not want them to "have to go through that", but he was willing to meet with Gary himself. At that point, Gary was told most of our questions had already been answered. Chad Crittenden noted that some of the questions had not really been answered and reported sending a few more questions this morning to the City Manager, for which he has received a reply. The concern is determining what the roads need for dust suppression and prevention of wash boarding.

Chad went to the South West Butler Quarry in Augusta, and Northridge Sand on Maize Road to get samples and prices of alternate gravel. Marty Couey spoke to personnel from Wichita about what they actually use.

B. Task Force Next Steps: We are making the following two immediate recommendations:

1. Recommend testing a different gravel = There was some discussion about whether we want the city to use two different kinds of gravel on two test areas and see which holds up better. We decided on one test gravel in one area. The size of the test gravel was also discussed, with a decision that 1-1/2" would be too big, possibly causing damage to vehicles. The outcomes we will look for are dust suppression (we will take before- and after- pictures, same area, same time of day) and longevity of the new material.

The test gravel is "Hard Rock" in the 1" size from Northridge Sand at 6033 N. Ridge Road, Maize, KS, at \$31.50/ton, (Chad thought they would give the city a price of \$29 or less). This particular rock is from Eastern KS. We would like this rock laid down on Harding from 37th Street to the north side of 40th Street.

2. Recommend: Immediate change to the road grading schedule on the test area once the test gravel is laid down: Basically, we **DO NOT WANT GRADING on the test area**, until the Task Force says the experiment is concluded.

MOTION to accept the Two Recommendations was made by Gary Breault. Seconded by Logan Schrag. **MOTION Carried: 11-0.**

Note: At the next meeting, we will make recommendations regarding drainage improvements. We will start with the Garver drainage recommendations.

C. Update on status of KDOT Local Program Opportunities

Lisa received encouragement from a person at KDOT about a possible grant idea. Lisa will follow up on this, matching demographic needs in Aurora Park with the grant's parameters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marty Couey suggested we also look at the possibility of speed bumps on the dirt roads to reduce dust. This will be taken up at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION TO ADJOURN Logan Schrag made a motion to adjourn. Chad Crittenden seconded. **MOTION carried: 11-0** at 7:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Same place: Bel Aire City Hall Community Room.