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## Mayor Highberger & City Commission

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed and acted on numerous issues which I'd like to bring to your attention. We will meet next on May 10<sup>th</sup> to finalize additional items however I felt it important to forward this information to you in a timely manner. You will receive the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at a later time.

1. Approval has been granted for purchase of 6-acres of land west of Mary's Lake and we encourage obtaining an easement for a trail across the HyPer Technology property on south Haskell Avenue to connect the Haskell Rail-Trail to the Prairie Park and trails around Mary's Lake.
2. We approved the conceptual master plan for the greenbelt park east of Langston Hughes Elementary School, which will be presented to you at a later time for your consideration.
3. As requested at your March 30<sup>th</sup> study session, we reviewed and concurred with a list of park capital improvement projects for you to consider if a "Second Generation" bond issue is initiated. We feel strongly that because there are many more parks and recreation projects than can be met, we recommend that all the sales tax resources go toward these important improvements instead of utilizing some of the sales tax for the after school program or to other organizations. The parks and recreation staff provide a wide variety of after school programs and should be involved with that program to lessen competition for limited facilities.
4. As requested we reviewed the possible acquisition of the "old sale barn" property east of Hobbs Park and listened to neighborhood representatives of the rail-trail project. Because it has some historic value and would provide a connection from the Burroughs Rail Corridor Trail to Hobbs Park, we felt this was an opportunity which may be lost if purchase of it was not pursued.

I appreciate the two new members appointed to the Board and look forward to working with them on future issues.

Sincerely,

Sharon Spratt, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

cc: Fred DeVictor  
Mike Wildgen

