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## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Don Davis Room, City Hall

Meeting Date: October 4, 2023

Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.

Meeting Attendance: Council Member Mike Gay, District 2; Council Member Kevin Carrico, District 4; April Carney, School Board Member District 2; Edi Wohlgemuth, Executive Director of Cornerstone Classical Academy; Cindy Pearson, School Board Member District 3; Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks and Recreation and Community Services

Audio Link:

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Meeting Convened: 10:05 A.M.

### I. Welcome

Council Member Mike Gay called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the noticed meeting.

### II. Personal Introductions

Each attendee stated their name and what organization they represent.

### III. Meeting Priorities

Council Member Mike Gay explained the comment portion of meeting and opened up conversation to seek a resolution for Cornerstone Classical Academy's athletic practice location. Councilman Kevin Carrico reminded the group of the PUD for Cornerstone Classical Academy and its sensitive nature.

### IV. Open Conversation

Edi Wohlgemuth reviewed Cornerstone Classical Academy's history, growth, and desire to partner with the city and Brookview Elementary to help rehab Brookview park, which needs improvements.

Councilman Gay asked Daryl Joseph to elaborate on the dynamics of the park itself, and joint use.

Daryl Joseph discussed the following:

- a. Joint use
- b. Improvements
- c. Brookview ownership and Partnership
- d. Ensuring the park is a valuable asset for the community
- e. Demand

Councilman Gay recapped the property and agreement for the city to utilize it. Daryl Joseph agreed and commented on usage.

Cindy Pearson spoke about the process of a facility use agreement, need for fields, and waiting lists.

Daryl Joseph spoke about uses at Brookview and asked Edi Wohlgemuth about the time of day the park will be needed for school activities. Edi Wohlgemuth stated the times are flexible and spoke about the following:

- a. Partnership
- b. School sports teams
- c. Brookview usage

Daryl Joseph mentioned space and parking challenges with Brookview and how the park will be modified through removals, space planning and asked PUD related plans regarding recreational facilities.

Edi Wohlgemuth spoke about the plans of Cornerstone Classical Academy. Daryl Joseph offered Beachwood Park as a short-term solution and discussion began on multipurpose use, availability, and timeframe.

Councilman Carrico stated that both parks welcome improvements and spoke on the need for public use as well. Daryl Joseph commented regarding Brookview as a whole and creating a plan which fits the purpose of the park. Discussion began regarding field regulation concerns from Edi Wohlgemuth to which Councilman Gay replied stating his confidence in Daryl Joseph regarding regulations and the importance of parks for our youth.

Councilman Gay opened the floor for public comment.

Don Waters and Ben James expressed traffic and safety concerns due to Cornerstone Classical Academy pick-up line.

Joe McClure expressed his concern about the zoning and PUD.

Councilman Carrico reminded those in attendance that the PUD will have public comment opportunities and Edi Wohlgemuth gave comments on safety concerns.

#### V. Thanks

Council Member Gay thanked all those in attendance for seeking solutions to Cornerstone Classical Academy's need for a sports activity location and expressed his hopes that more dialogue regarding solutions that are beneficial for everyone and improve the quality of life for all will continue to be had.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:53 AM

Meeting Summary Completed by Bethany Bryan, ECA District 2

The written meeting summary minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, please listen to the attached audio link.

The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services:

20231004 Minutes Noticed Meeting CM Gay and CM Carrico

20231004 Sign In Sheet Noticed Meeting CM Gay and CM Carrico

20231004 Noticed Meeting CM Gay re Cornerstone Classical Academy

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