



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

SOMETHING NEW PROPOSED IN THE HEART OF WESTWOOD

On June 8th, the City Council approved both a purchase agreement with the Shawnee Mission School District for the old Westwood View Elementary School and a separate but related purchase agreement with Karbank for the City-owned property along Rainbow Blvd. between 50th & 51st St. Even though the title of the old Westwood View site will be in the City's name, Karbank would pay for it. The acquisition of all properties involved in this proposed development and any demolition costs are to be covered by Karbank. Assuming all requirements are met during the due diligence period, the sale of the City-owned Rainbow lots to Karbank and the purchase of the old Westwood View Elementary School by the City will close in January 2024.

What's next if this sale and purchase close?

The City will lease the building back to the School District through July 2024, which will allow the building to continue to operate as a temporary site for Rushton Elementary and for district staff to clear the building of all

educational materials.

Karbank will own all the property along Rainbow Blvd. between 50th St & 51st St., which will also include a portion of the former Westwood View site to allow Karbank enough room to create their intended office/mixed-use development.

At least 3.5 acres of the former Westwood View site will be dedicated to the development of a new park. The current Dennis Park site is less than one acre, so the City's official parkland will almost triple in size as a result of this plan. All programming and development of the new parkland would be the responsibility of the City and would be paid for by the property tax revenue generated by the value of the development Karbank will build. This will likely occur through the issuance of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) GO (General Obligation) Bonds – allowing the City to fund creation of the park immediately. The bond payments would be paid by the annual property tax increase generated by the Karbank improvements to the Rainbow Blvd. properties. *(continued on Page 2)*

DEVELOPMENT CALCULATIONS

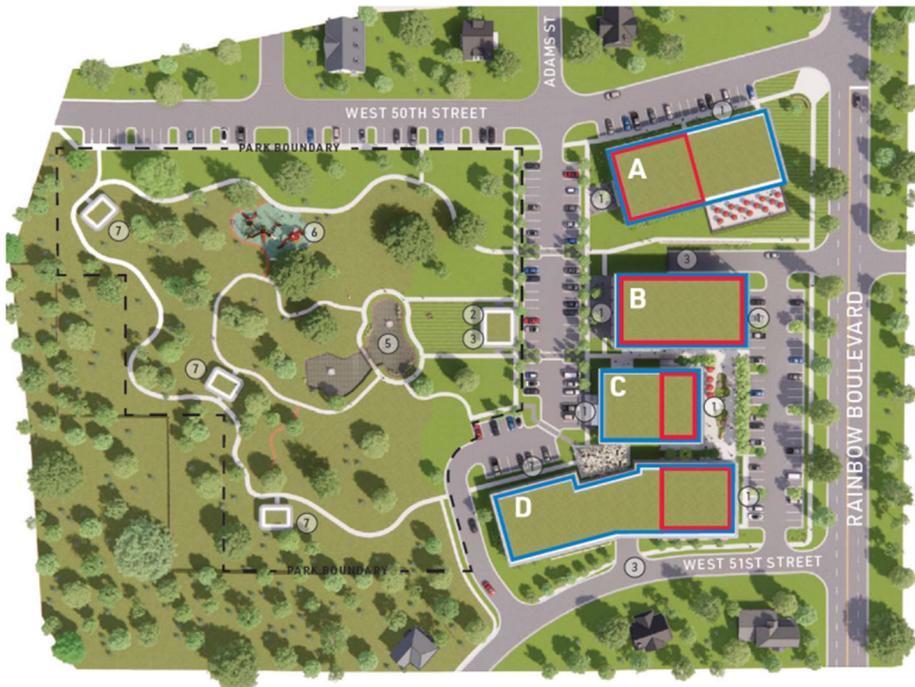
BUILDING	OFFICE	RETAIL / GALLERIES	COMBINED TOTAL
A (2 Stories)	20,800 ft ²	5,600 ft ²	26,400 ft ²
B (3 Stories)	18,240 ft ²	11,120 ft ²	29,360 ft ²
C (3 Stories)	16,640 ft ²	3,120 ft ²	19,760 ft ²
D (3 Stories)	36,000 ft ²	5,500 ft ²	41,500 ft ²
	91,680 ft²	25,340 ft²	117,020 ft²

KEYNOTES

1. ENTRY POINT
2. PUBLIC RESTROOMS
3. GARAGE ACCESS
4. PARK ACCESS
5. WATER FEATURE
6. PLAYGROUND
7. SHELTER

GENERAL NOTES

- PARK AREA: 3.5 ± ACRES
- STREET PARKING: 57 SPACES
- OFF-STREET PARKING: 119 SPACES
- GARAGE PARKING: 191 SPACES
- TOTAL PARKING: 367 SPACES



*Developer exploring addition of residential units to top floors of Buildings B, C, and D.
* Preliminary park concepts only. Final park design and amenities to be determined.



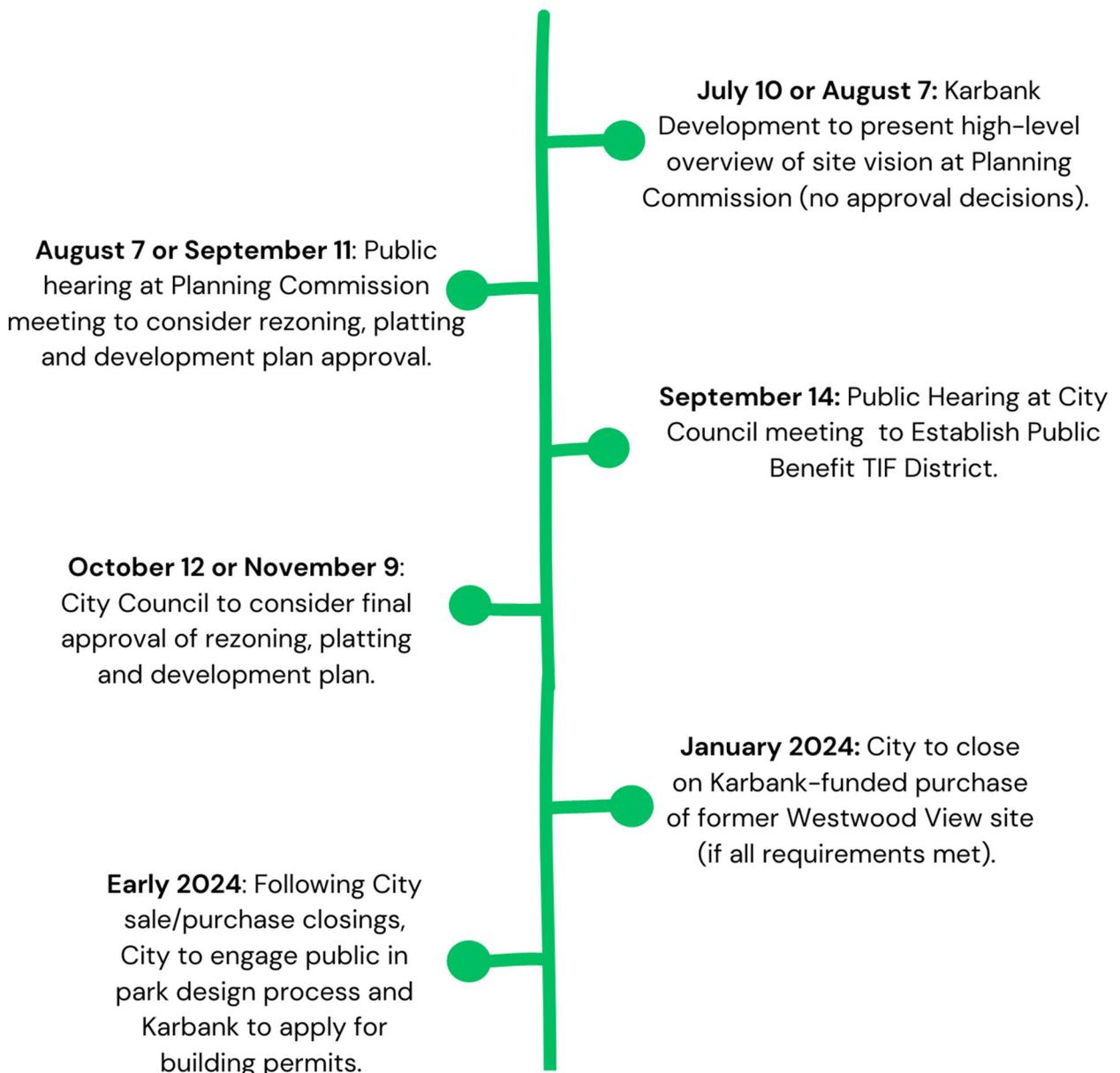
(Something New Proposed in the Heart of Westwood continued from page 1) Karbank is proposing a two-to-four building development along Rainbow Boulevard, primarily for office or limited retail or restaurant purposes.

Throughout the remainder of 2023, the City will be working closely with Karbank Real Estate, elected and appointed officials, and the public to ensure that the development applications and site plans that are submitted align with community desires. It is anticipated that plans will be approved by November 2023, to allow the land purchase agreements to close in January 2024.

We need your input!

The Karbank and City Park proposal is an opportunity for the community to actualize the vision articulated in the 2022 Facilities Assessment and Feasibility Analysis, the 2021 Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel, and the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. It's critical that the specifics of this development are shaped by public input and aligned to community vision and goals.

In the coming months, there are several key steps in the approval process where public input is essential. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the Planning Commission presentations; the plans presented by Karbank at these meetings will look different than the plans shown in March now that the due diligence period has started post purchase agreement approval.



FEATURED STILES GALLERY

ARTISTS

The Stiles Gallery is dedicated to the memory of Art Coordinator Shirley Stiles. For almost ten years, Ms. Stiles arranged for a monthly display of works by different artists to hang in the art gallery in Westwood City Hall. Ms. Stiles was an accomplished artist and each Friday would meet at City Hall to paint and share techniques with a circle of fellow artists and friends.

Kathy Butler, Ms. Stiles' daughter, continues the work of showcasing local area artists. Thank you, Kathy, for your dedication to the Gallery and for helping make Westwood beautiful!

Keaton Nelson - July 2023

This show is a very special one at the Shirley Stiles Gallery. Keaton Nelson is the great grandson of Shirley! Keaton Nelson is a 15 year old, self-taught, artist who specializes in acrylic pours and digital art. He's been dabbling in mixed media, block printing, and murals for his school. Keaton began sketching when he was two years old and developed a love of all art forms. His original passion is pencil and charcoal work-cartooning and still life.

Keaton is originally from Kansas City, Kansas and he and his family of seven now reside in Ouray, Colorado. In Ouray, Keaton has expanded his art knowledge by taking sculpting lessons and meeting weekly with his Art Partner to expose him to different mediums.

Keaton was the student artist for The Ouray International Film Festival in June 2022. He produced a mixed media piece inspired by Spirit of the Peaks by director Conno Ryan. He titled it, The Spirit of the Peaks, in homage to the documentary about the Utes and the indigenous connections to the land and its uses. You can watch the documentary for free on YouTube.

Keaton has entered his acrylic pours and mixed media in four local art shows and has won first place ribbons in both shows for his work titled Paramesium and second place and the Student Achievement Award for The Spirit of the Peaks.

Keaton's future plans include continuing his art journey in different mediums. He would like to attend the Kansas City Art Institute or California Institute of the Arts to become a Disney Animator.

Jill Sullivan - August 2023

Photography has been a part of Westwood Resident Jill Sullivan's life over the past 40 years., and she uses art it to tell her story. In late June, 2021 a story on NPR came

titled, "Awe appears to be Awfully Beneficial". This story spoke to Jill and helped her focus. Jill believes that just a few AWE moments can change you and the focus of others as you share. Jill urges you to try this out when viewing her photos. Look at it closely and then at a distance at a glance some AWE is subtle and fleeting in your thoughts. Not every picture will give you AWE! Everyone's AWE is different.



In her conceptual view, Jill shares her awe. All of the photos on display in the Stiles Gallery were taken in the City of Westwood with a camera and a cell phone.

Through covid 19 Jill found herself living more and more inside finding the negative energy, with awe she was able to get back her positive view on life and beauty. Check out NPR "Awe appears to be Awfully Beneficial. Find your AWE!

Lawrence Zhang - September 2023

Lawrence Zhang came from Beijing, China. He is a senior artist who loves painting, photography and graphic design.

He began to paint under the study of a great artist, Mr. Lee Mer when he was only seven years old, giving him a good foundation. He was apprenticed to five famous painters to learn the art of painting.

He is good at sketch, watercolor, gouache and oil painting, especially Chinese Water color painting.

He has received numerous national and international awards held by the National Art Museum of China, International Painting Art Exhibition of Kobe, Japan.

After he immigrated to the States, he studied photography in the Photo Academy of Los Angeles for four years and worked as a professional photographer for five years. He is a member of PPA (Professional Photographers of America).

He has more than forty photographic works selected by the international photography show. Some of them are award-winning works.

Lawrence loves art. He has been a professional photographer and graphic designer Working in the United States for over twenty years.

SUMMER PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

Summer is here and it is time to get outside and enjoy the warm weather! We hope you can join us for some or all of the events below!

- **July 15th @ 7:30 p.m.—Movie at the Pool:** Woodside is honored to welcome all Westwood Residents to attend “Movie Night” on Saturday, July 15. The Family Pool will close to Woodside members at 7pm and reopen to Westwood Residents at 7:30pm. Residents are allowed to bring their own snacks and beverages (non-alcoholic). However, alcoholic beverages will be for sale for those 21+ who wish to consume responsibly. This free event is open to all Westwood Residents, not just Pool Pass holders. For safety reasons, the Adult Pools and baby pool area will be closed and no unaccompanied youths under 16 will be allowed entry. There is no smoking/vaping allowed and all are requested to bring your own towel. Entry to the event will be through the Pool House gate. Movie is TBD and will begin at dark!
Pool Pass Not Required to Attend
- **July 20th @ 7 p.m.—Music in the Park:** Join us at Joe D. Dennis Park on Thursday, July 20th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a music in the park event. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments. This casual event encourages neighbors to get together and enjoy live music and each other’s company.
- **July 28th @ 5 p.m.—Woodside Family Night:** Woodside welcomes all Westwood Residents to Woodside Family Night on Friday, July 28 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Residents will enjoy food specials and family entertainment (face painting + glitter tattoos and a few special kid-friendly guests) while listening to live music by local band – Champagne.
Pool Pass Not Required to Attend
- **August 4th @ 5 p.m.—Woodside End of Summer Party:** Woodside invites all Westwood Residents to its End of Summer/Back to School Party on Friday, August 4th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents will enjoy food specials and family entertainment (face painting + glitter tattoos and a few special kid-friendly guests) while listening to live music by local band – 2 Proud 2 Beg. **Pool Pass Not Required to Attend**
- **August 6th @ 4 p.m.—Sprinklers and Squirt-guns Event:** Grab your squirt toys and come cool

off at Joe D. Dennis Park during a Sprinklers and Squirtguns event! This event will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Big sprinklers and slip ‘n slides will be set up and we’ll have buckets of water to refill squirt toys.

FALL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

A Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 16th. Those who are interested in participating can register at <http://bit.ly/2mpkHF7> or by contacting Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550. The City will advertise this event online, and participants are welcome to do any additional advertising as they see fit. A listing of participants will be available on the City’s website and at City Hall.

GO GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR RETURNS TO NE JOCO

Join us on Saturday, September 23rd for Go Green 2023! Go Green will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway Street in Mission.

This FREE family-friendly Environmental Fair aims to show you how each small step you take can help reduce your carbon footprint at home, school and work and save money while doing so. Local businesses and non-profits will provide information and items to help you live a more sustainable life. The event will include a performance by Eco elvis, and a fashion show, as well as children’s activities.

Go Green 2023! Is brought to you by the Cities of Fairway, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Westwood and Westwood Hills.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING & RECYCLING EVENT

A paper shredding and recycle event will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 9 a.m. To noon at 9001 W 67th Street in Merriam. Proof of Westwood residency is required to participate. More information will be available on the City’s website once details are confirmed.

OKTOBERFEST IS OCTOBER 7TH

Please join us on Saturday, October 7th in Joe D. Dennis Park for Westwood’s annual Oktoberfest celebration! This event will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will there will be fun for all ages! There will be a live musical performance by One Blue Light, and dinner will be provided to attendees. More details about this event will be shared on the City’s website once they are confirmed.



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