



Independence FIFA World Cup Advisory Committee Minutes

September 16, 2025 10:30 AM

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WELCOME

Eileen Weir welcomed fellow Independence FIFA World Cup Advisory Committee members to the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Chair Eileen Weir, Vice Chair Carlos Cabrera, Mark Adams, Joyce Constance White, Charline Gray, Justice Horn, Amy Jolley, Angie Judy, JJ Kuntz, Jeff O'Neill, Cindi Rogers, & Michael Young. City staff present were Lydia Calderon, Morris Heide & John Mayfield. Also present was Maila Yang from Visit Independence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from August 12, 2025

JJ Kuntz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2025. Randall House seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY UPDATES

1. New Committee Members

John Mayfield shared that the City Clerk had distributed forms to members of the committee to fill new and alternate committee positions. Eileen Weir stated that Mayor Rowland and Councilmember Vaught have appointments to make to the committee.

2. Alternate Committee Members

3. Food Truck Policy

John Mayfield shared that staff is working on a temporary Food Truck policy. John will bring

back an update to the Committee at the next meeting on October 14th.

4. Short Term Rental Policy

John Mayfield shared that staff has a tentative draft of a temporary Short Term Rental ordinance that is anticipated to be in front of the City Council for its consideration by the end of the year.

Members of the Committee received a copy of the draft. Independence is ahead of most communities in the region when it comes to a short term rental policy in conjunction with the World Cup.

5. Blood Drive

John Mayfield shared that he is working with City staff for a presentation from Morgan Welch from the Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City for a blood drive competition opportunity. Staff is working towards a November 10, 2025 Study Session date.

6. Website

7. Calendar of Events Approval

Eileen inquired about the Calendar of Events approval process for community events to be held in Independence during the World Cup period. Eileen would like to share these events with the MARC calendar. John Mayfield is looking into this and will provide Eileen with an update as soon as possible.

FIFA UPDATES

Eileen announced that KC 2026 has extended its volunteer recruitment date to early October. Members were encouraged to inform their networks about this extension. Eileen shared that KC 2026 will be hosting a KC 2026 Community Events & Activation Network event on September 30th at the Kansas City Public Library.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Eileen shared that Allison Calvin, the new Executive Director of the recently formed Visit Independence CVB will be at our next meeting to discuss efforts to promote the World Cup and community events.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 p.m.