

## Approved Quotes from the Roy Blunt Luminary Park Team

### Quinton Lucas

Mayor, [City of Kansas City](#)

"Kansas City parks, playgrounds, and our public spaces belong to everyone. Peter and Veronica Mallouk are putting that belief into action and changing lives and joy in Kansas City for generations. The generous investment of the Mallouks and partnership with Variety KC doesn't just build a playground; it sends a message to every family in this city, particularly those raising children of all abilities that they belong here, and belong in the heart of the city and our region. We are grateful for their extraordinary gift and even more excited about what it says about the future of this city."

### Mario Vasquez

City Manager, [City of Kansas City](#)

"Thank you to the Mallouk family for their generous donation. This support shows what strong community partnership can help make possible. Roy Blunt Luminary Park is an important part of downtown Kansas City's future, and this investment helps ensure it will be a more inclusive and welcoming space for families, children, and residents."

### Bill Dietrich

President & CEO DTC CD Board Member, [Downtown Council of Kansas City](#)

"As the Mallouk Family's commitment illustrates, the response from the private sector has been incredibly encouraging. We've had strong interest from potential investors who see Luminary Park as more than just a green space, they see it as an opportunity to reimagine what it means for our community to be inclusive. That enthusiasm gives us great confidence in our ability to expand private fundraising and bring even more partners to the table."

### Jon Stephens

President & CEO, [Port KC](#)

"Roy Blunt Luminary Park is a transformational project that will strengthen Kansas City's downtown core and improve the heart of our city by creating a beautiful outdoor space for generations of Kansas Citians to enjoy. This incredible donation by Peter and Veronica Mallouk will bring to life a world-class playground area and make such a positive difference for families throughout our community. Generations of joyous memories will soon be made. I thank them both for their vision and contribution."

### Tim Dunn

Chairman & Chief Investment Officer, *JE Dunn*

"The Mallouk Family's generous contribution is a powerful reflection of their deep commitment to our community. Their leadership sets a meaningful example, inspiring others to invest in a shared vision for Luminary Park as a welcoming, vibrant space for all. We are profoundly grateful for their partnership and the lasting impact it will have for generations to come."

### Nathan Elliott

Managing Principal, [OJB](#)

“Our mission is rooted in the belief that the public realm should serve as a bridge between the community and the natural world. This project is a testament to our commitment to transforming urban landscapes into vibrant ecosystems of discovery, delight, and civic engagement. We don’t just build parks; we cultivate spaces for meaningful change. Knowing that this park will serve as a center for belonging for every child and resident who visits—providing a sanctuary for all, regardless of background—is what truly defines our success and makes this work so vital for the future of Kansas City.

**Meghan Talarowski**

*Executive Director, Studio Ludo*

"Roy Blunt Luminary Park will be a model of innovation in inclusive play design, inspiring wonder, imagination, and social connection for all ages and abilities. We believe that everyone deserves a great place to play, and are excited about supporting Kansas City families to create a lifetime of treasured memories in this park."