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TO: University City Parks Commission
FROM: Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
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SUBJECT: University City Swim Club Request

The University City Swim Club a non-profit association has requested the use of the Heman Park Swimming Pool for their Swim Club practices Monday through Thursday during the weeks of July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2020. Per their request the Swim Club would like the exclusive use of three lap lanes during the pools general open swim hours between the hours of 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm.

The University City Swim Club has utilized two lap lanes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Heman Park Swimming Pool for their Swim Club practices during the pools general open swim hours in the past, however, due to the fact that they have held their practices during the pools general open swim hours we have received complaints from other patrons of the pool. Although the amount of complaints are minimal, most of these complaints are geared towards the number of lap lanes used by the Swim Club thus preventing the general public from using the lanes, as well as complaints in regard to safety and why the Swim Club has been allowed to have practices during the pools general open swim hours.

The University City Swim Club has been provided free access for their program in the past. This free access for participants is in direct conflict with current policies in that we charge for any person who enters the pool during the general open swim hours.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is unlikely that the Heman Park Pool would open for the 2020 season, and if it were to open, the operations of the pool would be greatly changed due to CDC guidelines, St. Louis County Health requirements, and staffing challenges. However, it is staff's recommendation that if the University City Swim Club were to be allowed to continue to use the pool during general open swim hours for their practices, they should adhere to the following:

- 1) Limited use of laps lanes;
- 2) All participants, coaches, instructors, parents, siblings, spectators etc. be charged the daily rate. (Passes could be created that only would be active during swim club scheduled practices);
- 3) Provide necessary liability insurance to the City;
- 4) Provide necessary proof of workers comp. insurance to the City.
- 5) Provide documentation that 75% of participants are University City residents.