



Regular Meeting of the Park Commission
City of University City
February 28, 2012
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Caryn St. Clair called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Other members present were:
William Field
Ed Mass
Karen Palmer
Andrea Riganti, Director of Community Development
Richard Wilson, Director of Public Works/Parks
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation

Excused Absence: Karen Dille, Gwendolyn Gaines-Beckwith, Linda Peoples

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2012

Ms. Palmer indicated the Department Report should be amended to read – Ms. Riganti suggested looking to a special appeal/hardship policy. Ms. Palmer moved approval as amended, Mr. Field seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Citizen's Comments - none

Department Report

Ms. Riganti reported on the following:

- Park Commission member list has been revised.
- Lifeguard Certification program has changed from Starguard to American Red Cross beginning the 2012 Heman Pool season
- Upcoming Special Events: 5/19/2012: Quest U City in conjunction with National Kids to Parks Day, University City was first city in Missouri to register to participate, begins at 9:00 am and includes a scavenger hunt for youth incorporating all University City parks, planned honeysuckle clearing for adult participants and ends with May Movie in the Park to be held at Millar Park; 3/3/2012: University City will be hosting Celebration of Diversity at Centennial Commons, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Wilson reported:

- Council approved study grant for Millar Park
- Irrigation system planned for two athletic fields
- Planting replacement trees along Olive Blvd.
- Flynn Park project has been delayed due to Wilson Avenue delinquent sewer invoices; conflict correct and construction to resume.

Ms. St. Clair raised question regarding the incorporation of historical information on Mayor Ackert would be included in the Ackert Walkway signage. Mr. Wilson indicated the City will provide the signage to be included. Ms. Riganti added the design firm has been hired, but the signs have not been created.

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Mr. Wilson gave an overview of the tree removal/replacement at Ruth Park Golf Course.

Council Liaison Report - none

Individual Park Reports

William Field – Ruth Park Golf Course: winter is taking its toll, but greens look great; Metcalfe/Ackert Parks: no changes.

Karen Palmer – Both Kaufman and Mooney Parks – look good.

Caryn St. Clair – Ruth Park Woods – many trees down; Heman Park – looks good, water leaking from old red water fountain, may not have been winterized.

Old Business

a. Creve Coeur and Ruth Park Golf Agreement

Ms. Palmer moved to accept the extension. Mr. Field seconded. Vote taken – all approved.

b. Heman Pool rules/policies – Music Policy for Heman Park Swimming Pool

Mr. Field moved to end music at Heman Pool. Ms. Palmer seconded. Vote taken – one in favor (Field), three against (Mass, Palmer, St. Clair). Motion failed.

Ms. Palmer moved to accept staff recommended music policy for Heman Park Swimming Pool. Mr. Mass seconded. Vote taken – three in favor (Mass, Palmer, St. Clair), one against (Field). Motion passed.

c. Discussion – Ruth Park Driving Range Lights

Mr. Wilson indicated one staff person is in direct contact with architect and will provide Park Commissioners both reports and documents for March meeting. Mr. Mass requested consideration be given to reduce and/or lower lights installed on the current poles.

New Business

Commercial Advertisement at Ruth Park Golf Course

Mr. Field indicated the notice date to discontinue commercial advertising for the golf course is approaching.

Ms. St. Clair indicated staff will research and report their findings to the Commission.

Other Business

Ms. Palmer gave an overview of Park Foundation's upcoming fund raiser.

Adjournment

Ms. Palmer moved to adjourn. Mr. Field second. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:16 pm.