



Regular Meeting of the Park Commission
City of University City
March 27, 2012
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Caryn St. Clair called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Other members present were:
Karen Dille
William Field
Ed Mass
Karen Palmer
Linda Peoples (arrived at 6:49 pm)

Andrea Riganti, Director of Community Development
Richard Wilson, Director of Public Works/Parks
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation
Lynn Ricci, Council Liaison

Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2012

Ms. Palmer indicated that the last paragraph on the first page should be amended to read: "Ms. St. Clair raised a question regarding..."

Ms. St. Clair indicated that under New Business/Commercial Advertisement at Ruth Park Golf Course the second sentence should be revised to read: "Ms. St. Clair *asked if staff could ...*" Mr. Field moved approval as amended, Ms. Dille seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

Citizen's Comments – none

Mr. Nick Wnuk of Facility Control Systems gave a presentation of the plans for the Loop security cameras. The City is installing several security cameras in the Loop. One proposed location in Epstein Plaza. A pole would be installed near an existing tree and would house a security camera. Park Commission and City Council approval is needed to proceed with that location. It was decided that since the item was not specifically identified on the posted agenda, that a consensus vote be taken to indicate support for the location. A formal vote on the request will be taken at the April 12, 2012 Park Commission meeting. The agenda will reflect this action. Unanimous consent was provided for the project.

Department Report:

Ms. Riganti reported on the following:

- Advertisement at Ruth Park Golf Course – staff has until July to make a decision on whether or not to continue to have advertising on benches and other locations at the Golf Course. Staff will provide additional information to the Commission.
- FY 12-13 Budget will be present to Park Commission at the April 24th meeting
- Ackert Walkway signage – Great Rivers Greenway will work with the City on the installation of replacement signage for the walkway.

Mr. Wilson reported:

- Park Maintenance - The unseasonably mild weather has caused the need for full scale mowing. Water service is being returned to all park restrooms, drinking fountains, and irrigation systems.
- Olive Blvd. - The replacement of 65 missing and/or dead trees along the Olive Blvd corridor has been completed. There are a few trees along Olive which were healthy at the time of inspection last year, that have since died. The plan is to replace these trees in April/May.
- Mooney Playground - The project is completed. A new ADA accessible drinking fountain was installed; the grounds have been repaired, seeded and strawed. When all cancelled checks for the work are received, the City will then seek grant reimbursement from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

- Flynn Playground - The concrete work near the playground has been completed; brick pavers installed at the amphitheater, the playground equipment and poured in place safety surface installed. Concrete walk installation, ground repair/seeding, park bench installation, and tree plantings are still required before closing out the grant with the Municipal League. The playground was opened this morning, and the MSD issues with the BMP have been resolved.
- Municipal Grant Round XII – the grant was submitted for planning activities at Millar Park.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Ricci reported:

- Draft of FY12-13 budget has been presented to Council with a \$400,000 surplus.
- Directors are presenting their budgets to Council; Council has met with both Police and Fire Departments
- New Fire Dispatching system is being discussed.
- Moving forward with new firehouse; zero will be taken from reserves.

Individual Park Reports

William Field –Metcalf/Ackert Parks: unable to visit; Ruth Park Golf Course: looks very good, except for #8, rounds are down, but there are four months until the end of the fiscal year

Linda Peoples – Greensfelder and Fogerty Parks: both look good; inquired about future plans for Fogerty Park Tennis Courts.

Karen Dille – Millar Park: looks good; inquired about redesign grant submission.

Karen Palmer – Mooney Park: getting lots of use; Kaufman Park: looks good.

Caryn St. Clair – nothing to report.

Ms. Riganti requested staff to present a list of available parks for Mr. Mass.

Old Business

- a. Monthly Park Commission packets will be sent electronically to members; with hard copy packets available at the Centennial Commons control desk and the night of the meeting.
- b. Discussion – Ruth Park Driving Range Lights
Mr. Mass discussed his concerns about documents submitted by the City's landscape architecture consultant, indicating the report is lacking additional information. At the request of Mr. Mass and Mr. Field, Mr. Wilson agreed to provide the entire file regarding the Ruth Park Driving Range Lighting and Landscaping.

New Business

Ms. Peoples inquired about renovating the Centennial Commons soccer turf for multipurpose use.

Other Business

Ms. St. Clair reminded members of the upcoming Park Foundation fund raiser and indicated she had attended the March Urban Forestry Commission meeting.

Ms. Peoples inquired about ownership of the land behind University Forest Nursing Home. Ms. Riganti indicated staff will research and provide the commission their findings.

Adjournment

Mr. Mass moved to adjourn. Mr. Field second. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.