



**Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of University City
November 27, 2012
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard**

AGENDA

President St. Clair called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Other members present were:

Alberta Garth

Ed Mass

Karen Dille

Karen Palmer (*arrived 6:56 pm*)

Linda Peoples

Richard Wilson, Director of Public Works

Sandy Bradford, Executive Secretary

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation

Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison (*arrived at 6:33 pm*)

Excused Absence: William Fields

Deposition of Minutes from October 23, 2012

Mr. Mass moved to approve, Ms. Dille seconded. Vote taken - all approved.

Citizens' Comments not on the Agenda – None

Department Reports:

Public Works and Parks Updates

Mr. Wilson reported:

- The Public Works and Parks Department is continuing to winterize all of the parks and the restrooms.
- Leaf Collection is still going on.
- Investing pool leak on Wednesday, pool should be emptied today.
- Got bids on 8 ft. high swing for Mooney Park, anticipate installation by end of December.
- Flynn playground – Mr. Winker has been in contact with Washington University about having a shade shelter built near the playground.
- Still having trouble with the irrigation at Heman Park and the electric lines, they were cut by mistake.
- Millar Park Grant was submitted for \$400,000, have not heard the results yet.
- Mr. Wilson made a previous comment about the mess that was left after the Jazz Fest and the Alumni event, the Jazz Fest was not as messy as the Alumni event, but time was still spent with clean-up. Going forward, Mr. Wilson proposes we have a back-up fee put in place to cover clean-up cost for outdoor events. Fee is undetermined at this time.
- The Master Bike Plan group would like to move forward with the plans. Ms. Dille moved to agree to the plan, Mr. Mass seconded. Vote taken – all approved.

Community Development/Recreation Division

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- Google maps have been linked to all parks and recreation facilities on the City's website.
- Gym renovations have begun this week; light fixture and equipment have been removed; painting contractor will begin next week and once the painting phase is complete – lighting contractors will return to install our new energy efficient lighting.

- Mini session of fitness and fun classes began this week for their 4 week run ending mid-December. Many of our AM classes (normally held in the gym) have found new temporary homes during period (i.e. boardroom, turf, etc.)
- Sad news to report – staff and patrons of Centennial Commons mourn the loss of our Control Desk Supervisor, Mr. Vic Kelly. “Mr. Vic” (as he was known to staff, patrons and especially our “young” CubCare visitors) passed away on Sunday, November 25 at the age of 69; and had been employed with Centennial Commons over 10+ years.

Reciprocal Golf Agreement with Creve Coeur

Ms. Dille moved to extend the Reciprocal Agreement with Creve Coeur for another year. Mr. Mass seconded. Vote taken – all approved

Council Liaison Report

- Mr. Kraft stated Parks are low-key right now.
- Council approved painting contract for Centennial Commons Gymnasium.
- Council approved the agreement between MODOT and University City in regards to striping roads for bike trails.

Individual Park Reports

Ed Mass – **Lewis Park**: new picnic table has been installed; **Flynn Park**: light is still out, park maintenance is aware and working on it; **Ruth Park Golf Course**: Hole eight (8) has a lot of erosion build-up, leading to undercutting of the sidewalk and it could lead to sidewalk falling, it needs to be filled in and repaired.

Linda Peoples - **Fogerty Park** and **Greensfelder Park**: both look good.

Alberta Garth – **Eastgate Park**: park patrons indicated they like park the way it is and reported the water fountain doesn't work all the time and the benches are splintered and need to be repaired; **Janet Majerus Park**: park patrons also indicated they liked the park, but complained there is nothing to do. They would like something added to park and a light installed by the park. Some people also stated they are getting harassed by police if there are more than one or two people sitting together.

Karen Dille: nothing to report.

Karen Palmer: nothing to report.

Caryn St. Clair - nothing to report

Old Business

Subcommittee Reports:

- Ruth Park Golf Course and Range Improvement Plan (GCRIP) – nothing to report
- Fogerty Tennis Courts – Ms. Peoples indicated information had been forwarded to Rich Wilson and Andrea Riganti

Ms. Peoples would like to see the soccer turf insulated and more multi-functional/year round useable.

Ms. Dille indicated the nominating committee recommends Ms. St. Clair for President and Mr. Mass for Vice President.

New Business

- Discussion of PR/Marketing Needs

Staff is to follow-up with Ms. Riganti about PR/Marketing needs and responses to questions submitted by Mr. Mass. Ms. St. Clair indicated some residents do not realize there is a public pool available. How do we market the pool to residents and surrounding areas?

Commission recommended recreation division look into the process of getting free pool passes, etc., in the new resident packets. If that process is already being done, what other steps can we take to ensure everyone is aware?

January is the official turn-over of the new board members. Ms. St. Clair indicated the bi-laws need to be amended so nominations are submitted in October, voting for officers conducted in November; so the new board members can take effect in January.

Adjournment

Ms. Dille moved to adjourn. Mr. Mass seconded. All in favor - the meeting ended at 7:45 pm.