



**Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission  
City of University City  
April 23, 2013  
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard**

Vice President, Ed Mass called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Other members present were:

William Fields  
Alberta Garth  
Steve Goldstein  
Linda Peoples  
Kathleen Standley

Rich Wilson, Director of Public Works and Parks  
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation  
Sandy Bradford, Executive Secretary  
Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison

Excused Absence: Kim Jones

**Deposition of Minutes from March 26, 2013**

Mr. Mass moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013. Vote taken, all approved.

**Citizens' Comments not on the Agenda** – None

**Department Reports:**

**Public Works and Parks Updates**

Mr. Wilson reported:

- Heman, Fogerty and Millar Park now have recycling receptacles.
- Bird Garden signs are now up.
- Pool has been repaired and is ready for the May 25 opening.
- Pool roof and family restroom are tentatively being fast tracked and will be completed before the pool opens, weather permitting.
- Heman Park athletic field still needs to be reseeded.
- The \$75,000 Grant for the Trail at Millar Park with Land and Water Conversation Foundation has been submitted.
- Master Plan Design contract for Lewis Park has been received. An invite will be sent out in May for a public hearing asking for public comments.
- Millar Park restrooms and pavilions are being designed. We will be asking for input and comments from Park Commission members.
- Mr. Wilson will be making his budget presentation to the Council May 13.

• **Community Development/Recreation Division**

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- A second National Kids to Parks Day is planned for Saturday, May 18 at Millar Park.
- Weekend and holiday lap swim hours are being extended to 6:00 am – 9:00 am.
- Photos for “2015 Photo Show” were accepted this week. The “2015 Photo Show” will be held sometime in May at the Library.
- Spring and summer classes and programs at Centennial Commons began April 22.
- Ms. Taylor is asking Park Commission to think about some 2014 meetings dates that fall within Jewish holidays and the fact that they may need to be rescheduled.

## **Council Liaison Report**

The new roof was approved at the Council meeting. All bids came in and a special meeting to approve the contract will be held.

## **Individual Park Report**

Mr. Mass introduced Kathy Standley as newest Park Commission member. Millar, Rabe and Ruth Park Woods parks were assigned to her.

- Mr. Fields – Ackert Park looks good. Metcalfe still has the drainage problem. Ruth Park has some issues with the weather taking its toll on the fairways but the greens look good.
- Ms. Garth – Eastgate Park benches and tables need to be replaced. Water fountain needs to be repaired to look more appealing. Ms. Garth asked the resident's what they thought of the park and most everyone enjoys it. There were several parents with children there and teenagers playing basketball. Mr. Wilson will send Mr. Winker to observe the condition of Eastgate Park. Majerus Park was very clean the trash cans were empty.
- Mr. Goldstein – Adams Park looks beautiful. The backboard at Kaufmann Park was painted, trash cans were empty but there is a drainage problem.
- Ms. Jones was not in attendance at the meeting however, she emailed her parks report. Heman Park was very busy with families cooking, basketball, kids playing and people listening to music in their cars. There were a few concerns, i.e., a need for more water fountains, the bathrooms not being opened and some people liked the police hanging around and some did not. Over all, residents love the park and use it often.
- Ms. Peoples – Greensfelder Park looks good. More people are starting to use Fogerty Park, outdoor reservations have started.
- Mr. Mass – nothing to report

## **Old Business**

- A report on the Ruth Park Golf Course and Driving Range Committee meeting that was held April 19, 2013 was discussed.
- Park Master Plan Committee will meet – time and place TBD.
- Bylaws Park Commission Committee was formed. Mr. Mass and Ms. Peoples are part of committee, waiting for a third person to volunteer.
- Mr. Mass moved to elect Mr. Goldstein as Vice President, Ms. Peoples seconded – vote taken, all approved.

## **News Business**

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Council Meeting, the Park Commission meeting scheduled for May 28 needs to be changed. Mr. Fields moved to change the Park Commission meeting from Tuesday, May 28 to Tuesday, May 21 at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Mr. Goldstein seconded – vote taken, all approved.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Peoples moved to adjourn. Ms. Garth seconded. All in favor - the meeting ended at 7:42 pm.