



## Park Commission

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### **MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard Tuesday, August 7, 2014**

President Ed Mass called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm. Members present were:

William Field  
Steve Goldstein  
Kimberly Jones  
Kathy Standley

Megan Fuhler II, Project Manager & Park Commission Liaison  
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation  
Jenny Wendt, Project Manager II  
Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison

Unexcused Absence: Karen Culton  
Dawn Price

#### **Deposition of Minutes from July 22, 2014**

Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the minutes of the Park Commission meeting July 22, 2014 with these changes, Ms. Jones seconded – vote taken, all approved.

#### **Heman Park Master Plan**

Ed Mass wanted to review a draft of the Master Plan document before approving it. However, it was decided, after the Public Meeting, to hold off on the vote of approving the Master Plan until the September Park Commission meeting and after this Commission has had a chance to view the document in full.

#### **Citizens' Comments**

Mike Fowlkes, 7360 Colgate Avenue – In regards to the Heman Park Master Plan, he wants what is and what is not in the scope clarified. Some items such as Centennial Commons, Heman Park Pool and the bath house all need to be listed as “High Level Requirements” that are not in the scope. Some folks can say they don't like that plan because their need is not in the plan. There is a need to define those things clearly as to what is in the scope and what is not and what will be addressed at a later time.

Kevin Taylor, 7220 Canton Avenue – Addressed this Commission about the Heman Park Master Plan. Mr. Taylor stated that it would have been helpful if part of this project, outside the on-line survey's, required some site visits from this Commission or the Consultant during high usage times. This plan does not mention the (Centennial Commons and Heman Park Pool) aquatic center, the indoor soccer facilities, neither is in the scope. Mr. Goldstein clarified that the space in the dirt has been set aside showing where those things would be. His question to this Commission is to question where the money is going instead of looking at the big picture.

#### **Department Report**

Removed – Mr. Goldstein stated that since this Commission does not normally meet in August, and after looking at the agenda under New Business, there may be votes required, he would like to defer the balance of the agenda until the September 23, 2014 meeting. Mr. Goldstein moved to address item nine (9) on the agenda, Time Sensitive matter's only and thereafter adjourn, Ms. Standley seconded – vote taken, all approved.

#### **Council Liaison Report**

Removed – see above.



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### **Old Business**

Removed – see above.

### **New Business**

Department of Conservation (Back to Nature STL Grant Application) – There is a Grant opportunity for \$50,000, the focus is to do work within streams or rivers and bring things back to nature and clean things up, i.e., natural habitats, getting rid of invasive species. A lot of what the City has going on with River De Peres is currently in our budget for this FY, we have \$45,000 to do general clean-up.

Ms. Fuhler wants to apply for the \$50,000 Grant and use the \$45,000 as a match to make a larger project. Ms. Fuhler's recommendation would be to do work on the south branch of River De Peres close to Vernon. That would showcase what the City can do and hopefully accomplish getting us a larger project in the future. Ms. Jones moved with a "yes" and Mr. Goldstein seconded, vote taken, all approved.

Municipal Park Grant Commission (Round 15 Construction Grant Application) – The next round of Grants for construction has been issued. With the new sales tax increase that went to parks this year, this is the first year where the funding has increased to \$525,000. The City would have a match. We can do around a \$700,000 project if we did the minimum match. Typically the City has done a project using the Master Plan like we just created. Ms. Fuhler would recommend doing the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) phase (the playground area) of Millar Park. With the funding increase, we would like to expand the project to include a lot of the elements from phase four (4) which has to do with the ball fields, i.e., backstop repair, adding more seating for fans, etc. Ms. Standley moved that we apply for the largest Grant possible to be used in Millar Park to complete Phase three (3) and so much of Phase four (4) as Grants will allow with the understanding of lighting is the last element, Mr. Field seconded – vote taken, all approved. As a further note, this Grant application is due at the end of October and need a resolution from Council before we can submit the application.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Jones moved to adjourn, Mr. Field seconded – vote taken, all approved. The meeting ended at 8:59 pm.