



## Park Commission

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### **MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

President Ed Mass called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Members present were:

Karen Culton  
William Field  
Steve Goldstein  
Kimberly Jones  
Dawn Price  
Kathy Standley

Rich Wilson, Director of Public Works and Parks  
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation  
Megan Fuhler, Project Manager & Park Commission Liaison  
Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison (*arrived 6:30 pm*)

Unexcused Absence: William Field

#### **Deposition of Minutes from June 17, 2014**

Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the minutes of the Park Commission meeting June 17, 2014 with these changes, Ms. Standley seconded – vote taken, all approved.

#### **Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Kevin Taylor, 7220 Canton Avenue – Informed this Commission that the City provides funds to our Business Chamber of Commerce and they are holding their Inaugural Golf Outing, September 18 in Normandy this year and not in Ruth Park as usual. Mr. Taylor pointed out that this Commission needs to do a better job at marketing our properties to our Chamber of Commerce in the future and showcasing the City's capabilities as a City and not just a revenue generator. He suggested better collaboration between our Commissions, Admissions and the Chamber in the future so communication is not lost.

#### **Presentation – Heman Park Master Plan**

Jay Wohlschlaeger, Principal and Chris Sanders, MLA, S.W.T Design and Darin Barr, C.P.R.P. Senior Associate, Ballard King & Associates – Presented some revisions to the Final Design of the Heman Park Master Plan and some budget costs for information and discussion. The Commission was in agreement that the final design concept should remain as presented. Budget will be refined before the public meeting on August 7 based on comments from the commission.

#### **New Business – Sculpture on Wilson Avenue**

- New business was moved up on the agenda by consensus.
- Garrie Burr, Chair of the Sculpture Committee, Arts & Letters Commission – Discussed the two sculptures from 2014 one being located in Kaufman Park and the other on Wilson Ave. that are scheduled to come down mid-September 2014. Mr. Burr stated that after a lot of positive comments from citizens and some talk about the Green Center being interested in retaining the sculpture in Kaufman Park and other's inquiring about the Wilson Ave. sculptures, Arts & Letters is seeking approval to extend the timeframe that they remain up until Spring 2015 when the new sculptures go up. Mr. Goldstein moved to grant permission to extend the timeframe that sculptures remain up subject to compliance with the request of Public Works and Parks and until Arts & Letters reports back during the Park Commission March 2015 meeting. Ms. Jones seconded – vote taken, all approved.



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### Department Reports:

#### **Public Works and Parks Updates –**

Ms. Megan Fuhler/Mr. Rich Wilson reported:

- Discussed the geocaches on Wilson Ave., Ms. Fuhler received a report back from the woman that installed them and they have had quite a few people hit those spots. She

logged onto the website and read all the positive comments, she will forward the website address to this Commission via email.

- Mr. Wilson gave an update on the reorganization of Public Works and Parks office. He introduced Megan Fuhler as the new Staff Liaison for Park Commission and Mr. Ewald Winker will attend the meetings too.
- Ms. Fuhler handed out a report pertaining Mr. Winker's responses to the questions and concerns about the parks from last meeting.
- Mr. Wilson stated we received the first claim on the tornado damage at the golf course – approximately \$107,000 for trees, maintenance building, fencing, etc. Is reviewing if the claim is correct or if anything is missing.
- Mr. Mass mentioned that we are at the consistently at the high end of award and totals for Munny Park Grant report for the 2013-14 Annual Report that was sent out.
- Fence has been painted at hole #6, the old poles are now gone, T-signs have the right arms now and is still waiting for youth employee to help fill in the fairways.

#### **Community Development-Recreation Division –**

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- From opening day until present day 17,975 people have used the pool.
- Heman Park Pool had 1,811 participants for the 9:00 am – 12:00 pm pool session.
- Our Starlight Concerts and our Saturday Concert series have been very well attended. Next concert is Monday, July 28 and performing is Fat Pocket. It will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on the south side of Heman Park (Midland/Shaftesbury entrance). They are free and open to the public and are sponsored by the University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters and the City of University City.
- There has been free, fresh fruit of apples and bananas provided by a friend of Centennial Commons at the Control Desk. It has been a big hit with members and guests.
- Two of Centennial Common's summer camp participants, two (2) young children, met with Ms. Taylor and expressed an interest in wanting to make a box with a trap door to collect and donate the money to Children's Hospital for kids who need medicine. It is not known if it has happened or not.
- Mr. Goldstein mentioned the lack of food, beverages, no TV/cable service and the credit card machine was down at the golf course. Negative comments about the City were made by visitors and it was noticed that we need to ensure there is a continuous supplies of these things mentioned at the golf course.

#### **Council Liaison Report**

Staff and Council are going to be working on a long term capital budget. It would be useful if the Park Commission would provide a list of how to prioritize park spending and very helpful if this Commission would provide some guidance of how the Parks portion of the larger capital plan should be. Ms. Fuhler will work with Mr. Winker and put it together and discuss again at later time.



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### **Individual Park Reports –**

- Mr. Goldstein – Walked Adams, Kaufman and the Bike Trails (Mona Terrace). Bushes were trimmed at Kaufman Park. Two (2) trees may need some attention in Kaufmann Park, pictures were sent to Mr. Wilson. Mona Terrace has been cleaned and the grass cut. The tennis court cracks are not getting bigger and inquired about starting caulking and painting now. This is currently in the maintenance plan.
- Kimberly Jones – Positive feedback from the community about the Starlight Concerts and the park's amenities. Need to keep the focus on Heman Park's parking, playground, events, attendance and clean-up, etc.
- Kathy Standley – Ruth Park Trail is in nice condition, and pipes have been installed for the drainage issue. Millar Park looks good and no change in Rabe Park.
- Ed Mass – Fence repairs in Flynn Park looks good, and one of the fountains in Lewis Park is clean, working and looks new. All three (3) fountains are up and running, some algae is still growing but they look good.

### **Old Business**

- **Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. Ruth Park Golf Course meeting – none

### **Adjournment –**

Mr. Steve Goldstein moved to adjourn, Ms. Jones seconded – vote taken, all approved. The meeting ended at 9:43 pm.