



Park Commission

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MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Tuesday, June 17, 2014

President Ed Mass called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm. Members present were:

Steve Goldstein
Kimberly Jones
William Field
Dawn Price
Kathy Standley

Rich Wilson, Director of Public Works and Parks
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation
Megan Fuhler, Project Manager
Jenny Wendt, Project Manager
Sandy Bradford, Park Commission Liaison

Excused Absence: Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison

Deposition of Minutes from May 27, 2014

Revised the verbiage under the section New Business, No Smoking on City Owned Property to read, Mr. Goldstein abstained the vote taken instead of approved. Changed Ms. Kimberly Jones absence from the May 27 Park Commission meeting from unexcused to an excused absence. Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the minutes of the Park Commission meeting May 27, 2014 with these changes, Ms. Standley seconded – vote taken, all approved.

Citizens' Comments

Mr. Ed Mass asked Mr. Tim Michels to give his input and ideas relating to his initial comments during the Heman Park Master Plan meeting for the consultants to consider. In finding a cost effective way to close the southern ditch he suggested have it priced out as an alternate so people can see the cost differences and what its benefits are. Keep in mind when redeveloping the built areas of the park, that the City has an Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Ordinance in place that will require things to be aggressively sustainable from an energy standpoint. Mr. Mass recalled an initial conversation about getting a cost estimate and what would be involved in closing the tributary and River De Pere. It was determined there would be a lot of collaboration involved to get it done but that it would look good and open the space.

Mr. Kevin Taylor, 7220 Canton Avenue – Stated this commission must be cognizant of all the parks in University City and understand what needs to be done now (i.e., Green Practices and Sustainability, etc.) and implement them in every park throughout the City.

Department Reports:

Public Works and Parks Updates –

Mr. Rich Wilson reported:

- Have had weather delays and issues with Millar Park project - June 30 is approximate completion date. The restrooms are up and running.
- Lewis Park is in the design phase, about 96% complete. Looking at the final plans with any adjustments to go out to bid in the next couple of months.
- Millar Trail is under design.
- The fencing at the golf course is complete and residents think it looks good. However, Mr. Steve Goldstein expressed disappointment that along Groby behind hole #6 where the fence was put up there is a smaller unit of fencing that was left, it looks bad and needs



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painted and on the west end of Groby there are four (4) uprights. Ms. Jenny Wendt stated they are aware of them and will be replacing them with different material and painting the poles.

- Got permission to use insurance money to put the two (2) water fountains in service. The process is moving forward and an expensive water tap was purchased and will be connected.

Community Development-Recreation Division –

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- As of June 16, Heman Park Pool has had 6,376 attendees.
- Have been monitoring the Heman Park Pool's 9:00 am -11:59 am time slot. As of June 16 there have been 668 attendees.
- Summer camp started June 9 and we have an estimated registration average of 109 kids enrolled.
- Silver Sneakers is an insurance based Centennial Commons membership to seniors. Currently there are almost 400 participants.
- First Starlight Concert was held Monday, June 9 – performer was Tiffany Elle. Monday, June 16 Melvin Turnage performed. There will not be a concert, Monday, June 23 because of the special Saturday, June 28 Concert Series featuring U City Jazz Band, Cheryl Brown and the Souldard Band from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm on the south side of Heman Park (Midland/Shaftesbury entrance).
- Mr. Goldstein stated that the monthly report for golf course golf cart revenue fiscal year-to-date for the month of April is \$84,000 and for May it dropped to \$28,000. Ms. Taylor will revise the numbers and send out new report.

Council Liaison Report – None

Consultant Final Remarks –

After listening to all comments during public meeting, the consultants will move forward with the final design using Option 2 and address resolving the parking issues concerns and conflicts.

Individual Park Reports –

- Mr. William Field – Ackert Park and Metcalf Park both look good. The sign posts at the Golf Course needs to be painted. Placement of the tee signs need decided and changed. Mr. Ewald Winker will follow-up with staff on getting this done. Staff will work on the outer edge of the golf course to address some cosmetic/maintenance issues to enhance its appearance.
- Ms. Kimberly Jones - inquired about who does clean-up after concerts. Mr. Wilson will follow-up with Mr. Winkler.
- Ms. Kathy Standley – the parking lot at Millar Park looks good. The gravel looks good and is functional at Ruth Park Trail. A trench was dug to take drainage out to eliminate a swampy setting, overall it is in good shape.
- Mr. Steve Goldstein – The hedges near the tennis courts at Kaufman Park are five (5) plus feet tall and need trimmed. Mr. Steve Goldstein inquired about putting a policy in place with height restrictions for public safety purposes. Mr. Rich Wilson will raise issue at a later time. Mona Trail's grass needs mowed and stated sidewalks need cleaned.
- Mr. Ed Mass – Residents expressed wanting more swings at Mooney Park (two (2) regular swings and a baby swing).



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Old Business

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

News Business –

- **Mary Ann Shaw Sculpture** – The sculpture “A Play of Perception” was placed at Mooney Park this past year as a temporary sculpture. After the retirement of Mary Ann Shaw, U City in Bloom raised funds and coordinated with the artist to have it installed in the Bird Sanctuary at Centennial Commons as a permanent sculpture. Mr. William Field moved to approve the installation of the sculpture in the Bird Sanctuary at Centennial Commons as a permanent installation. Ms. Kimberly Jones seconded it, vote taken – all approved.
- **GRG Trova Sculpture Loans** – Great Rivers Greenway wanted to meet with Mr. Rich Wilson to discuss installing some sculptures that were on loan from St. Louis County Department of Parks. Wanted to meet to discuss locations, however, after walking the Centennial Greenway Trail and decided the sculptures would fit better in Clayton, MO resulting in this item being removed from the agenda.

Adjournment –

Mr. Steve Goldstein moved to adjourn, Mr. Field seconded – vote taken, all approved. The meeting ended at 9:35 pm.