



Park Commission

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MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard Tuesday, November 25, 2014

President Ed Mass called the meeting to order at 6:32 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
Richard Wilson, Director of Public Works and Parks
Ewald Winker, Park Operations Superintendent
Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison

Unexcused Absence: Dawn Price

Deposition of Minutes from October 28, 2014

Mr. Goldstein asked for two (2) changes to be made to the minutes as drafted. The first change was to the third sentence under 2015 Community Visuals-Sculpture Students, revising the sentence to read "After the presentations were completed, the Commission commented that all concepts presented were great." The second revision was to the final sentence of the first full paragraph on page 3. This sentence was revised to state "moved" instead of "motioned." Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the minutes of the Park Commission meeting October 28, 2014 with the two changes discussed, Mr. Field seconded – vote taken, all approved.

Citizens' Comments

Daniel Muntges, 7356 A Dartmouth – Still dismayed that the playground inside Centennial Commons was removed 12 months ago. He no longer has a good space to let his child run off energy during winter months. He stated that he was further dismayed by the lack of progress on the new room.

Golf Course Hole 6 – Balls Outside of Course Area

A discussion was had on a game plan for addressing the balls that seem to still be hit over the netting. Mr. Winker indicated that he could have a part time person monitor the hole and chart where the balls are going. He also indicated that because the weather is getting cold, the number of players has decreased and monitoring the hole at this time would not provide accurate information. Mr. Field indicated that the current signs are not powerful enough and he would like to see a large caution sign installed in the middle of the fairway. After some discussion, it was determined that staff would install one sign at approximately 150 yards in the fairway and a second sign would be installed at the 200 yard mark along the cart path. These temporary signs could remain through spring. At this time, no other decisions were made regarding Hole 6.

Department Reports

Public Works and Parks Operations – Mr. Winker discussed projects that he and his crews have accomplished over the past month:

- Winterization has been completed.
- No progress has been made on Jack Buck Field due to the weather changes.
- Five (5) full time and two (2) park time employees are being utilized daily supplementing manpower for the annual street curbside leaf collection.

Public Works and Parks Projects – Ms. Fuhler indicated that the project updates were included in the agenda packet and asked if there were any questions:



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- Ms. Fuhler indicated that the meeting days and location would be changing in 2015. The January and February meetings would remain on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Centennial Commons Board Room. Beginning in March 2015, the meetings would switch to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm and would take place at the Heman Park Community Center.
- Mr. Wilson indicated that the digital message board contract is going to City Council for approval on December 8, 2014.
- Mr. Wilson stated that Great Rivers Greenway had been working on plans to complete a large portion of the Centennial Greenway through University City (from Heman Park to the Mona Trail). More information would be provided as it becomes available.

Community Development/Recreation Division – Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- The City would be installing Access Control (keyless entry system) at Centennial Commons. She anticipated the project would be completed by January 2, 2015.
- Centennial Commons remained open the night of November 24, 2014 with no incidents.
- Mr. Mass asked Ms. Euell-Taylor if there were any problems with the current marketing. He specifically asked if Ms. Euell-Taylor was satisfied with the current marketing strategy. A discussion occurred on how to handle marketing for Centennial Commons. A subcommittee was formed to look in to marketing. This subcommittee consists of Mr. Mass, Ms. Jones, Ms. Euell-Taylor, and any staff that Ms. Euell-Taylor deems necessary. Any findings by the subcommittee would be reported back to the Commission as necessary.

Council Liaison Report

Mr. Kraft had no new updates to report.

Individual Park Reports

- Mr. Goldstein reported that Kaufman Park needed new bike racks and that the benches needed washed, but understood that it is late in the season. He also indicated that the crack sealing of the tennis courts did not appear to be working. Nothing for Adams Park or Mona Trail.
- Mr. Field had nothing to report on Ackert or Metcalf, and indicated that the golf course is in good shape, but that the pond needs work.
- Ms. Jones had nothing to report on Heman Park, but asked Mr. Winker if the City did any mosquito spraying. Mr. Winker indicated that the City does not spray, but if there is a specific problem, St. Louis County would be called to address.
- Ms. Standley had nothing to report.
- Mr. Mass had nothing to report on his parks, as Lewis Park had been discussed previously.

Old Business

Subcommittee Reports

- Ruth Park Golf Course meeting – none

New Business

CIP List of Proposed Projects for Prioritization – Mr. Wilson indicated that the commissioners were provided with a list of proposed park projects based on the 2008 Park Master Plan, the Heman Park Master Plan, and City staff input. Mr. Wilson indicated that City staff is asking for the commissioners to review the list and vote on the Commission's priorities. After some discussion, it was decided that each commissioner would indicate his/her top five (5) priority projects. These would then be tallied to determine a priority list. Based on the input from each commissioner, the top priorities include the Heman Park Destination Playground, Heman Park River Des Peres Improvements, Golf Course



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Driving Range, and Heman Park Midland Entry and Parking. The middle priorities include the Heman Park Event & Multi-Use Fields, Heman Park Trails & Park Landscape, and the Expanded Study of Centennial Commons/Pool/Community Center. The lowest of the priority projects are the Heman Park Boundary, Entry & Corner Improvements, Kaufman Park Tennis Courts, and Upgrades to the Indoor Soccer Facility. Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the priority list as determined by the tally of the individual vote, Ms. Jones seconded – vote taken, all approved.

Other Business

New Appointments – Luther Baker has been appointed to replace Karen Culton. He will be sworn in and attend the January 2015 meeting.

Update to Park commission Members List – Ms. Fuhler would work with the City Clerk to obtain an updated list. This list will be provided at the January 27, 2015 Commission meeting.

Updates to the Bylaws – Mr. Mass is currently revising the bylaws and a draft of the revised bylaws would be provided to the commissioners for review and comment at the January meeting.

Officers – The Commissioners discussed the voting of officers. Ms. Jones moved to reelect Mr. Mass as President and Mr. Goldstein as Vice President, Mr. Field seconded – vote taken, all approved.

Adjournment

Ms. Jones moved to adjourn, Mr. Field seconded – vote taken, all approved. The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.