



Park Commission

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MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (HPCC), 975 PENNSYLVANIA TUESDAY, January 21, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Members present:

Steve Goldstein	Paulette Carr, City Council Liaison
Clarence Olsen	Ed Mass, Park Commission President
Kathy Standley	Ewald Winker, Park Operations Superintendent
William Field	Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation
Nancy McClain	Jenny Wendt, Staff Liaison
2. Minutes from November 15, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. Citizens' comments: None.
4. Department Reports were given to the commission.
 - Ed Mass asked about the status of the Heman Park Drainage Improvement Project and how much of the total cost was cosmetic versus critical. Jenny will find out the status.
 - The 2018 annual budget was discussed – the creation of the 2018 annual budget as well as the Parks/Stormwater Tax Fund budget is being worked on by City staff. These will be brought to the Park Commission for additional suggestions to be made.
 - Lynda indicated the pool house needs funds to be renovated and the roof on the soccer area needs to be replaced. The cost estimate for each is estimated at \$400,000 or more. These projects will need to be completed in phases.
 - Lynda will bring budget requests for Centennial Commons and Heman Pool to the next meeting.
 - Lynda reported there are 848 active senior memberships in the silver sneakers program, and over 12,000 visits to Centennial Commons and the Heman Pool in 2016.
 - Questions were asked about the moving of signs in Lewis Park as well as filling of signs in Lewis Park.
5. Council Liaison Report: Paulette Carr indicated the Senn Brewery project was approved for council. There is also an idea for another anchor along Olive. Development along Olive will be a discussion topic for council soon. Soon a proper search for a new City manager will be underway who can accomplish capital projects. This is the time to be open-minded about opportunities for growth.
6. Individual Park Reports were provided by the Commission.
7. Old Business
 - a. ListServ – Jenny will talk to Mike Carlin about adding a “Notify Me” button on the Parks page. The Parks Page needs to be more user-friendly and more accessible.
8. New Business
 - a. President and Vice President nominations and elections – Steve was voted to continue as Vice President and Ed will continue as president but will probably be moving from University City in late spring. At that point, Steve will take over as president and a new vice president will be elected.
 - b. Creation of Park Commission Secretary – The commission discussed adding a commission secretary. Andrea indicated she felt it was a position best filled by the staff liaison, although

there are some commissions where the position is held by a commission member. Clarence will try it at the next meeting.

9. Other Business: Standardization of commissions is being discussed with staff in regards to welcome packets, roles of liaison/officers/members, election dates, terms, etc. The standards would be loose as each commission has different roles. Ed indicated that the bylaws should not include the ordinance but they should refer to the ordinance.
10. Citizens' comments: None
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.