



Park Commission

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

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

Present:

Steve Goldstein

Clarence Olsen

Kathy Standley

Luther Baker

Ed Mass, Park Commission President

Ewald Winker, Park Operations Superintendent

Jenny Wendt, Staff Liaison

Chris Kalter, Project Manager

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation

1. Minutes from February 21, 2017 meeting were approved. Steve Goldstein moved to approve the January 17, 2017 minutes with no changes, Kathy Standley seconded, vote taken – all approved.
2. Citizens' comments:
 - Sandy and Frank W. would like to utilize a tennis court at Flynn Park for pickle ball. They presented a handout showing the standard size of the pickle ball court.
 - Ewald says that we can use tape to create the court within a tennis court without changing the existing markings. This would be a trial to see how much interest the community has.
 - Lynda says that the new Centennial Commons basketball court floor may also include striping for pickle ball. Renting out pickle ball racket and ball an option.
 - The tennis court net is actually mounted higher than the recommended pickle ball height. The presenter did not mind this issue.
 - Luther voted to pilot this pickle ball court use at Flynn Park, Kathleen seconds. Vote taken and approved.
 - Deondre B. would like the pavilion at Ackert Park to be repaired and stained for a more refreshed look. He presented a product called BEHR Premium Wood Coatings – Deck over.
 - Ewald says that there is a minor repair needed to the fascia board at the pavilion. Overall the pavilion could use a touchup to enhance the look. Will look into this product. All work would be done by city staff.
3. Department Reports were given to the commission.
 - Seasonal work underway.
 - Park project update. Fogerty Park ahead of schedule. Kaufman Park ahead of schedule. Both projects will be completed between April-May of 2017.
 - Community Development Update. The mounds art project was selected for the Heman Park Washington University student installation.
 - Blinds installed in Centennial Commons. New lighting on the way for cardio room. Flooring installation in Gym.
 - Lifeguards Unlimited is the preferred contractor for pool. Will bring to council next month. \$30,000 additional cost from last year, but will free up staff for other duties. Outsourcing of lifeguards was used in past.
 - Steve moves to support staff recommendation to use pool management company on a trial basis for one year. Ed seconds. Vote taken and approved.

4. Council Liaison Report:
 - Greenwood South Bridge – land ownership is tying up this project. Forestry approves Wash U. bridge plan.
 - There is a national search underway for a new city manager. Process may take 4-6 months. New interim city clerk.
 - Redevelopment of Olive Corridor a priority. Study session coming.
 - Plans to visit UCity parks on a regular basis to become more familiar. First Park visited was Heman. Concerned with condition of service road which is also used for pedestrian walkway. CO will look at this item and will present at next park commission meeting.
5. Individual Park Reports were provided by the Commission.
6. Old Business:
 - Guiding Principles. No comments given. Chris sent an excerpt from the existing Parks Masterplan. Ed will meet with subcommittee and incorporate into the guiding principles.
 - Budget. Reviewed the proposed project list for upcoming fiscal year. \$130,000.00 budget.
 - Park commission would like to include the golf course clubhouse roof repair. May be able to use general funds and city staff for repair.
 - Include golf course clubhouse roof repair in budget.
 - Mona Dr. repairs needed but costs were not included in this budget because they are difficult to forecast, and we are seeking grants to assist. Permanent stabilization is the goal. Seeking expert guidance.
 - Ash tree removal is an ongoing project with a 5 year projected end goal. \$100,000 annual budget. Includes removal and replacement to get ahead of problem.
 - Ed motion to recommend project recommendations by staff with addition of golf course clubhouse roof repair. Steve seconds. Vote taken and approved.
 - Chris presented a list of proposed projects for future years. Ed mass would like this list broken down in different format. Chris will revise CIP and resend to the commission.
 - We should not spread master plan projects over so many years. Try to complete in successive years (Fogerty Park and Majerus Park).
 - Forecast Heman Park improvements utilizing funds freed up from debt service repayment.
 - How to get Wash U. more involved in park improvements within area used mostly by student community. Town hall meeting upcoming. Master plan available online for Parkview Gardens which was previously approved.
7. New Business:
 - Storybook walk construction underway. Install in mid-April.
 - History of Lewis Park sign mockup presented.
 - Greensfelder basketball improvements. Sinan meeting with city manager. Cost is roughly \$4,000.00. City of Life Church is interested with providing indoor space. Luther will talk with them.
 - Clarence proposed striping the existing outdoor basketball courts at Heman Park. Ewald will provide city staff to stripe as temporary solution.
8. Other Business:
 - How can we best utilize the Park Foundation? Look for individual project donors (swing, bench, etc.). Incorporate into Guiding Principles.
9. Citizens' comments:

- Kevin Taylor. Concerned with baseball fields not having safety fencing, no shade, and no dugouts. Park Commission should be more concerned with use of parks and what amenities are missing or would enhance the overall use of the park.
 - What did the fencing cost at Miller Park? Can use that budget to get an estimate for Heman park fencing.
 - Can we use private donors to finance baseball improvements? - Clarence.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.