



## Park Commission

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### MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION

HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (HPCC), 975 PENNSYLVANIA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

Present:

Clarence Olsen

Jason Sparks

Steve Goldstein, Park Commission Vice President

Ed Mass, Park Commission President

Chris Kalter, Project Manager

Paulette Carr, Council Liaison

Ewald Winker, Park Operations Superintendent

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation

1. Minutes from July 18, 2017 meeting were approved (there was a minor typo. No addendum will be submitted). Steve Goldstein votes to approve, Clarence Olsen seconds. Vote taken. All approve.
2. Citizens' comments:
  - Sima Oberlander, 8347 Cornell Ave.:  
Would like to have a My Little Library (book house) installed in green medium. She will provide the book house and asked if University City Public Works would install. Ewald Winker agreed to install at no charge.  
  
Motion – Citizens wishing to place My Little Libraries in parks to present proposals to Park Commission for location and design approval. City staff will install. Box provided by citizen. Steve Goldstein gave motion, Jason Sparks seconds. Vote taken. All approve.
  - Kevin Taylor, 7022 Canton Ave.:  
Concerned with the transparency of the various University City Commissions. Would like the Park Commission to review our procedures for bringing items to the City Council and involving the Department of Public Works. Paulette Carr described that not all commissions operate the same way, and that the Park Commission has more authority to make recommendations than others.
3. Department Reports:
  - Pavilion repair made at Ackert Park. Whole framing was replaced as needed.
  - Striping basketball courts is on schedule. Next year additional basketball court repairs will be made.
  - Research was conducted into the Centennial Commons Pool to verify existing plumbing lines in place for possible future splash pad installation. These pipes are indeed in place.
  - Grant application for Majerus Park submitted. Will have results in November.
  - Mallory Smisor is the County Accessibility Coordinator. We should consult with her on future projects.
4. Council Liaison Report:
  - Paulette Carr updated us on council items.
5. Individual Park Reports: No major items.
6. Park and Stormwater Sales Tax Review:
  - \$256,000.00 +/- remaining in annual budget currently.
  - ET would like to understand how funds can be used, and if new recreation equipment is eligible.
7. Unfinished Business:

- Parkview Gardens: Waiting on result of second grant application. The park Commission will hold on making a decision about the next steps until more information is known about the two open grants. Westgate street improvements grant was approved.
  - RPGC – Club House and Maintenance Building. No funding available at this time. Commission should consider the cost of replacing building vs. making outstanding maintenance repairs.
  - RPGC – Noise Ordinance. Steve Goldstein will write summary of discussion and send to Sinan and Paulette Carr who will forward to Charles Adams / the City Attorney.
  - Swimming Pool and Splash Pad. We would like to add splash pad to the Centennial Commons pool. Existing volleyball court not used and is a maintenance issue. Possibly new splash pad could replace the volleyball court. More discussion needed.
  - Should park commissioners have some sort of credentials they can display when meeting with the public? A wearable badge would be useful. Centennial Commons may have template available. Arts and Letters Commission has a badge currently.
  - Volunteer Groups for Park Maintenance. Improvements to Ruth Park Trail may be perfect opportunity to involve volunteers because there is less equipment and tools involved and many people can be utilized. Consider how to reach out to volunteers. Project will occur next year.
  - RPGC Subcommittee will include Jason Sparks.
  - Enterprise Fund resolution for Golf Course was presented to City Council. No action taken at this time. Steve Goldstein presented his research to Tina, Director of Finance.
8. New Business:
- RPGC – Private Golf Lessons. Steve Goldstein will write summary of discussion and send to Sinan and Paulette Carr who will forward to Charles Adams / the City Attorney.
9. Citizens' comments: None
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.