

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARK COMMISSION
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order

Park Commission President, Carl Hoagland called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Agenda Item B: Roll Call

Those in attendance included Commission President Carl Hoagland, Commission Vice President James Wilke, Commission Members Su Schmalz, Lisa Hummel, James Redd, and Meg Ullman. Also, in attendance was Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Darren Dunkle and City Council Liaison Steve McMahon.

Agenda Item C: Approval of the Agenda

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Redd seconded to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item D: Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments were submitted by Mr. Kevin Taylor, Mr. Jason McLure, Ms. Becky O'Hara, and Mr. Mark Platt, (See attachments).

Agenda Item E: New Business

- 1) Insurance Requirements for Facilities – The City Council and City Manager has directed the Parks Commission to provide the City Council with a recommendation on moving forward with enforcement of insurance requirements to seek a balance between protecting the city and recognizing these could be new requirements for some organizations using city facilities.

The Commission discussed the need for insurance and if so, what should the limits of insurance be and what types; Should the lessee be required to indemnify the City and if so, what should be the scope of the indemnity?

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to doing away with the requirement of insurance to rent/use athletic fields. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote. However, it was stated that if City Council disagrees with doing away with insurance, they should consider lowering the limits down to a reasonable amount of either \$1 million or \$2 million.

- 2) Waiver Requirements for Facilities – The City Council and City Manager has directed the Parks Commission to provide the City Council with a recommendation on moving forward with enforcement of waiver requirements to seek a balance between protecting the city and recognizing these could be new requirements for some organizations using city facilities.

The Commission discussed if a waiver requirement should be required for all participants; Should participant waivers be required for field rental; should waiver requirements be added to the official "Rules and Regulations" for facility rental; Scope of Waivers; and should waivers be required for use of any City facility.

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded a recommendation that the University City School District be allowed to not have waiver requirements for visiting opponents this season, and to perform an immediate review with other organizations as to their waiver process to lessen the burden. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded a recommendation that the waiver form be simplified and to remove the waiver for defects on city property.

Agenda Item F: Adjournment

Commission Vice President Wilke made a motion at 8:04 pm, seconded by Commission Member Schmalz to adjourn. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO PARKS COMMISSION APPROVAL.

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