

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARK COMMISSION
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order

Park Commission President, Carl Hoagland called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Schmalz seconded to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item D: Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Redd motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item E: Citizen Comments

Mr. Kevin Taylor, Resident of the Third Ward made a comment in regard to Open Fires at the Dog Park (See attachment).

Agenda Item F: Department Report

- 1) Mr. Dunkle was asked about the availability of athletic fields for Baseball/Softball Leagues and UCSD use. Mr. Dunkle stated that weather pending the athletic fields are available for use. Further comments were made of the athletic fields as it related to Policies/Procedures, Waivers, Insurance, etc.
- 2) Mr. Dunkle was asked about plans for the reopening of Centennial Commons. Mr. Dunkle stated that Mr. Rose had directed staff to make preparations for the reopening of Centennial Commons and the Heman Park Pool for this spring.
- 3) Mr. Dunkle stated that the department was currently working on filling the positions of Deputy Director, Parks Crew Leader, Golf Manager, and multiple part-time positions.
- 4) Mr. Dunkle stated that the department was currently working on several bid/quotes for the Golf Course Netting project, Golf Course Parking Lot project, Mulch, Topsoil, and Engineered Hardwood Fiber.

Agenda Item G: Council Report

City Council Liaison Steve McMahon reported that the City is discussing going out for a Bond Issue for the renovation of City Hall, Trinity Building, and the Annex. He further stated that the Mayor and City Manager would be presenting a "State of the City" address on March 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item H: Commission Report

1) Golf Course (Su Schmalz)

- Stated that the lookout tower on hole #7 had been removed. Mr. Dunkle stated that the tower had been removed for repairs.

2) Flynn Park (Carl Hoagland)

- Reported that individuals were moving picnic tables around near the sidewalks, and that the new Pavilion looks nice.

3) Mona Trail (Lisa Hummel)

- Reported that there is a significant amount of tree limbs in the River Des Peres.

Agenda Item I: Unfinished Business

1) Parks Capital Improvement Priorities – Park Commission President, Hoagland went over the votes that were submitted by members of the Commission on the Park Priorities.

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to accept the document. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

2) Park Rules and Regulations Policy – Mr. Dunkle reported that the City had limited Park Rules and Regulations covered by either Policy or Ordinance. As such, staff developed and proposed the adoption of policies and/or an ordinance of new Park Rules and Regulations. He went on to state that the Parks Commission at their meeting of July 16, 2019 and September 17, 2019 discussed and made changes to the proposed Park Rules and Regulations. The Commission unanimously approved their support of the modified Park Rules and Regulations at the September 17, 2019 meeting.

He further stated that City Administration and Attorney have reviewed the Park Rules and Regulations and have determined that only portions of the Park Rules and Regulations needed to be adopted by Ordinance while the remaining portions could be adopted by Policy. Accordingly, these items will be submitted to City Council for their review and consideration.

No action was taken by the Commission, as this was a receive and file item.

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Agenda Item J: New Business

- 1) Picnic Table Donation – Mr. Dunkle Reported that Lolly’s Place, a 501© (3) organization located at 6940 Olive Blvd (Olive Schnucks Plaza) who specializes in tutoring and education, has reached out to the City, and has inquired about the possibility of donating 3-4 picnic table to be placed in the yard of the Heman Park Community Center located at 975 Pennsylvania. These tables could be used by the general public as well as by Lolly’s place for one-on-one tutoring when available.

He further stated, that if accepted, the City would need to approve the type and style of table as we are working on streamlining our park amenities. We may also need to provide accessible concrete pads and routes to the proposed tables to be in compliance with ADA guidelines.

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to accept the donation of picnic tables from Lolly’s Place under the terms and conditions stated. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item K: Commission Comments

None

Agenda Item L: Adjournment

Commission Member Schmalz made a motion at 7:48 pm, seconded by Commission Member Hummel to adjourn. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO PARKS COMMISSION APPROVAL.