

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARK COMMISSION
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order

Park Commission President, Carl Hoagland called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Agenda Item B: Roll Call

Those in attendance included Commission President Carl Hoagland, Commission Members Su Schmalz, James Wilke, 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 Member Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item D: Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020. 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 the Number of Dogs and Cats Permitted, as well as to the Greensfelder Park Concept Plan (See attachments).

Agenda Item F: Department Report

- 1) Mr. Dunkle was asked about the proposed Ordinance recommendations and how they would affect the use of the Tennis Courts. Mr. Dunkle reported that the proposed Ordinance changes would contain language that would prohibit individuals from running a business (leagues, lessons, classes, etc.) within City parks.
- 2) Mr. Dunkle was asked about the Pool Painting Project that was identified within the CIP. Mr. Dunkle reported that the project was budgeted within the FY21 CIP, however, due to budget constraints, staff was unable to move forward with the project this last fall and as such, the project would most likely have to be rolled over to the FY22 budget and initiated in August of 2021.
- 3) Mr. Dunkle was asked about the Golf Course Policies and Procedures pertaining to the booking of Tournaments. Mr. Dunkle reported that staff has been reviewing the operations of the golf course and would be completing that task by the end of the month.

Agenda Item G: Council Report

City Council Liaison Steve McMahon reported that Mr. Carl Hoagland has signed up to serve on the Parks Commission for another year. Mr. McMahon also reported that there are proposed hotels/apartments planned to be developed near the intersection of 170 and Delmar.

Agenda Item H: Commission Report

- 1) Golf Course (Su Schmalz)
 - Reported that staff has removed trees along the #7 hole and the Driving Range.
 - Reported that more women are now using the golf course more than ever, and now might be a good time to investigate running women's leagues.
 - Reported that the Golf Course is in great shape.
- 2) Kaufman Park (Su Schmalz)
 - Reported that the old rotten wood steps that led from the Tennis Courts to the Playground have been removed.
 - Reported that a lot of people are playing pickleball.
- 3) Ruth Park Woods (Lisa Hummel)
 - Reported that MSD had repaired a broken water main, and in doing so, had removed a lot of vegetation in the area to perform the work. Mr. Dunkle reported that the area would be restored but did not have a timeframe.
- 4) Millar Park (Lisa Hummel)
 - Reported that she has noticed erosion around the edge of the trail that is causing a possible tripping hazard.
- 5) Mona Trail (Lisa Hummel)
 - Reported that there is a significant amount of trash as well as a mattress being dumped into the River Des Peres near Drexel.

Agenda Item I: Unfinished Business

- 1) Greensfelder Park Concept Plan – Parks Commission took no action on this item and will have no further discussions until July of 2021.
- 2) Parks Capital Improvement Priorities – Park Commission President, Hoagland and Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director, Dunkle gave a synopsis of the Park Priority items. Discussion took place in regard to Greensfelder Park and stated that it would be difficult to move forward with a grant application for this proposed project in FY22 due to the fact that the discussion of the Concept Plan will not take place until July of 2021. Mr. Dunkle reported that it may be difficult to move forward with a grant application for any project in FY22 as a specific project nor scope has been identified nor has any plans been developed for any of the other projects at this time.

Mr. Hoagland asked the Commission Members to review the Park Priorities and for them to submit their votes by using the tally sheet contained within the packet and forward their votes to him.

Agenda Item J: New Business

- 1) Pets per Household – Commission had a discussion in regard to the number of pets per household and stated that they did not see that this item pertained to the Parks Commission. The Commission further stated that if the number of pets per household were to be changed, they did not see that it would have any affect on the parks system.

Commission Member Hummel made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Schmalz to recommend that the Ordinance be changed to state that a household should not contain more than three (3) dogs or a combination of six (6) dogs and cats as long as there are not more than three (3) dogs. The motion was approved with a 3-0-0 vote (Commission Members Wilke and Redd abstained from the vote as they didn't feel that it was the role of the Parks Commission).

2) Nomination/Election of Officers

President – Commission Member Hummel made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Wilke to Nominate and Elect Mr. Carl Hoagland as President. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Vice President - Commission Member Hummel made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Schmalz to Nominate and Elect Mr. James Wilke as Vice President. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item K: Commission Comments

None

Agenda Item L: Adjournment

Commission Member Wilke made a motion at 8:19 pm, seconded by Commission Member Hummel to adjourn. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO PARKS COMMISSION APPROVAL.