

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

Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order

Park Commission President, Carl Hoagland called the meeting to order at 6:36 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: Approval of the Minutes

Commission Vice President Wilke motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2021. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Commission Member Hummel motioned, and Commission Member Redd seconded to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2021. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Item E: Citizen Comments

None.

Agenda Item F: Department Report

Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Darren Dunkle mentioned the submittal of the report.

Agenda Item G: Council Report

Council Liaison McMahon reported that City Council approved the reduction of Insurance requirements for use of athletic fields and that outside organizations can choose between the submittal of the insurance or waivers. Mr. McMahon also stated that the Council held a special meeting to approve the Costco development.

Agenda Item H: Commission Members Park Inspection Report

- Golf Course (Su Schmalz) – Golf course netting looks good.
- Kaufman Park (Su Schmalz) – Parks is very clean.
- Flynn Park (Carl Hoagland) – Fabulous Shape.
- Fogerty Park (Carl Hoagland) – Fabulous Shape.
- Mooney Park (James Wilke) – Erosion occurring on hillside.

- Heman Park (James Wilke) – Power point on condition of athletic fields.
- Lewis Park (James Wilke) – Honeysuckle at upper area is getting out of control.
- Ruth Park Woods (Lisa Hummel) - Working towards a conservation grant for the removal and maintenance of invasive species.
- Millar Park - (Lisa Hummel) – Looks good.

Agenda Item I: Unfinished Business

None.

Agenda Item E: New Business

- 1) Recreation Programs – Commission Member Schmalz asked what programs the City was planning for the spring/summer. Mr. Dunkle stated that due to low levels of staffing and the timing of staffing coming back from furloughs and layoffs, the department would not be able to provide any recreational programming for the spring/summer; however, staff would be working over the spring/summer to develop programs for the fall/winter.
- 2) Redbird Rookies – Commission Vice President Wilke asked 1) Whether the City is planning to revive the free summer baseball program sponsored by Cardinals Care and run by U. City until last Summer when COVID prevented all youth sports; 2) If the City is planning to run it or if it needs to be transferred to an outside organization because of staffing issues, and; 3) What support can the City provide if it does need to be transferred to an outside group to organize. Mr. Dunkle stated that due to low levels of staffing and the timing of staffing coming back from furloughs and layoffs, the department would not be able to provide programming for the Redbird Rookies this year; however, if someone wanted to provide a proposal the City would certainly consider it.
- 3) Budget Quarterly Report – Mr. Dunkle presented the 2nd Quarter Budget Report. A brief discussion took place regarding the Golf Course Enterprise Fund, Cares Funding and Capital Projects.

Agenda Item K: Commission Comments

None.

Agenda Item L: Adjournment

Commission Member Hummel made a motion at 7:56 pm, seconded by Commission Member Schmalz to adjourn. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO PARKS COMMISSION APPROVAL.