



**PARKS COMMISSION  
HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
975 PENNSYLVANIA**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear face coverings.

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) June 21, 2022

**E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**F. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**G. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

**H. COMMISSION MEMBERS PARK INSPECTIONS REPORT**

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Recreation Priorities
- 2) Municipal Parks Grant

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) UCity Parks 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 2) Pickleball
- 3) Heman Park Pool

**K. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**



## AGENDA ITEM COVER

**MEETING DATE:** July 19, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Municipal Parks Construction Grant

**AGENDA SECTION:** Unfinished Business

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### BACKGROUND REVIEW:

The Municipal Parks Grant Commission was created in 2000 in response to citizen input and is funded by taxpayer money and responds directly to municipalities' needs. The Mission of the Municipal Parks Grant Commission is to provide grants to improve, restore and expand local parks and recreation programs in Municipalities in St. Louis County.

Funds for Construction Grants is awarded to municipalities based on the strength of the grant applications, considering such factors as need, planning, community input, and prior awards. Construction Grant applications are generally due by the last Friday of August and are typically awarded in the beginning of November of each year. University City is currently in the over 27,000 population category and has a maximum request limit of \$525,000.

If the City is looking to apply for a Construction Grant for the next grant cycle, a decision on what project the City would like to move forward on would need to be decided soon, as it could take several months to pull together the necessary information and to propose a resolution to the City Council before the August deadline.

Members of the Commission discussed the information that was previously submitted at the April and May Commission meeting, as well as the information Mr. Dunkle had sent to the Commission regarding a conceptual idea of what a splash sprayground could look like.

The Commission in particular discussed that the location of the proposed splash spray ground could go in the place of the existing sand volleyball court and that access to the splash spray ground could be gained from either the pool entrance during the pool season and from a different entrance during the non-pool season.

Commission Member Hoagland motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to support the submission of a grant application to the Municipal Parks Grant Commission of St. Louis County for the development of a splash sprayground at the Heman Park Pool Complex. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

### ACTION:

A Resolution will be presented to the City Council for the consideration of submitting a grant application to the Municipal Parks Grant for the purpose of developing a splash sprayground at the Heman Park Pool Complex.

No action is required as this is a discussion item. However, if the Commission would like to take action, there must be a motion and a second by a Commission member to make a recommendation and the motion must be approved by the majority of the Commission.



## AGENDA ITEM COVER

**MEETING DATE:** July 19, 2022  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Recreation Priorities  
**AGENDA SECTION:** Unfinished Business

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### **BACKGROUND REVIEW:**

- 1) At the June 21, 2022, Parks Commission Meeting, Commission Member Schmalz presented a list of recreation priorities (see attached) that had been sent to her by other members of the Commission. Discussion by the Commission followed regarding the highest priorities within each area:

Youth – Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball (Camp, Clinics, Leagues).

Seniors – Silver Sneaker Programs, Walking Club, Yoga, Pickleball.

Adult – Zumba, Disc Golf, Yoga.

Misc. – Kickball Leagues, Aerobics.

It was agreed upon that Ms. Schmalz would further enhance the list by developing mission statements and being more specific towards the priorities.

### **ACTION:**

No action is required as this is a discussion item. However, if the Commission would like to take action, there must be a motion and a second by a Commission member to make a recommendation and the motion must be approved by the majority of the Commission.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Recreation Priorities



## AGENDA ITEM COVER

**MEETING DATE:** July 19, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** UCity Parks 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**AGENDA SECTION:** New Business

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### BACKGROUND REVIEW:

Ms. Judy Prange of UCity In Bloom wanted to be sure that the Parks Commission knew that University City parks turn 100 next year, 2023. Also, the pool turns 90 on June 1, 2023. The entrance fee at that time was \$.25, also .25 to rent a swimsuit, and .10 to rent a towel.

Ms. Prange has stated that she has a lot of Parks information from when she was on the Parks Foundation, history of all parks, historic pictures, amazing things like the fact that the pool was dug by hand. This park tour brochure was created from the historic information.

Ms. Prange stated that it would be great fun for the city to celebrate this like we did for the Centennial and the Lion's birthday. We had a committee that developed many fun events for the whole community. This could bring people together and have fun.

### ACTION:

No action is required as this is a discussion item. However, if the Commission would like to take action, there must be a motion and a second by a Commission member to make a recommendation and the motion must be approved by the majority of the Commission.

### ATTACHMENTS:

Final Brochure

# *Sunday In The Parks*

*A fundraiser event sponsored by:*



*Sunday, June 24, 2012*

*3 pm*

**A merrily narrated bus tour of selected University City parks.**

**An insider's look at our parks with interesting and entertaining history and trivia.**

**Proceeds benefit University City parks.**

Enjoy this special University City Parks tour. Ewald Winker and Sue Rehkopf are your knowledgeable and fun tour guides as you sit back in the comfort of a grand tour bus to discover the hidden gems of our city – your parks.

Ewald, a long time resident of University City, with over 30 years of service to University City Parks, Recreation & Forestry, knows everything you'd want to know about our park systems.

Sue is the archivist of the Historical Society of University City. She'll share interesting trivia such as what was the Metcalfe Park "sporting event" residents in the 1940's used to do.

This is a unique way to experience your park system. So, let us show you the best-kept parks and treasures of University City! All proceeds will go towards our Foundation's efforts to keep your parks treasured by all.

### ***Itinerary:***

**Departure from Heman Park Tennis Pavilion**  
**Kingsland**  
**Metcalfe**  
**Chuck Berry Plaza**  
**Ackert**  
**Eastgate**  
**Lewis**  
**Majerus**  
**Rabe**  
**Millar**  
**Fogerty**  
**Green Center, Kaufman**  
**Mooney**  
**Flynn**  
**Heman**

*Information and historic pictures for this brochure are from the archives of the University City Library. Additional information is from “University City Landmarks and Historic Places” written by Judy Little with the assistance of Esley Hamilton.*

*Current Pictures from  
Thomas Miller  
Karen Palmer, and  
Les Palmer.*

*Pastries provided by  
La Bonne Bouchee,*



Kingsland at  
Chamberlain  
Tot Lot play area for  
smaller children  
0.84 acres  
Acquired 1970



6600 Delmar, north to  
Vernon Avenue  
Linear park with  
playground  
3.5 acres  
Acquired 1967



Northeast corner of  
Vernon and Eastgate  
Playground and  
basketball courts  
0.93 acres  
Acquired 1923



Midland at Canton  
Children's playground  
and open play field  
2.0 acres  
Acquired 1934




**Metcalfe Park – named after Mayor Walter Metcalfe, 1947 – 1954. Mayor Metcalfe lived at 6952 Waterman.** Metcalfe was built on the site of the former Lamb's Quarry. The quarry became a dump and housed many things including rats that people used for target practice.



They tried many things and finally made a park out of the space.

# Lewis Park

A black sculpture of a fish riding a bicycle, positioned near a pond with a fountain. The fish is depicted in profile, facing left, with its body covered in scales and its fins spread out. It is riding a bicycle, with its front wheel partially visible. The background shows a pond with a fountain spraying water, and a stone wall and greenery in the distance.

Lewis Park is named for the founder of University City, E. G. Lewis and is one of U City's best kept secrets. This 4 acre park is located at Delmar at Yale. It features a pond with a fountain and a whimsical statue of a fish riding a bike. Warm weather brings children and parents to the playground, while snowy weather brings sledders to the parks hill at Delmar. The land was acquired 1923, 1928, and 1954

# Lewis Park

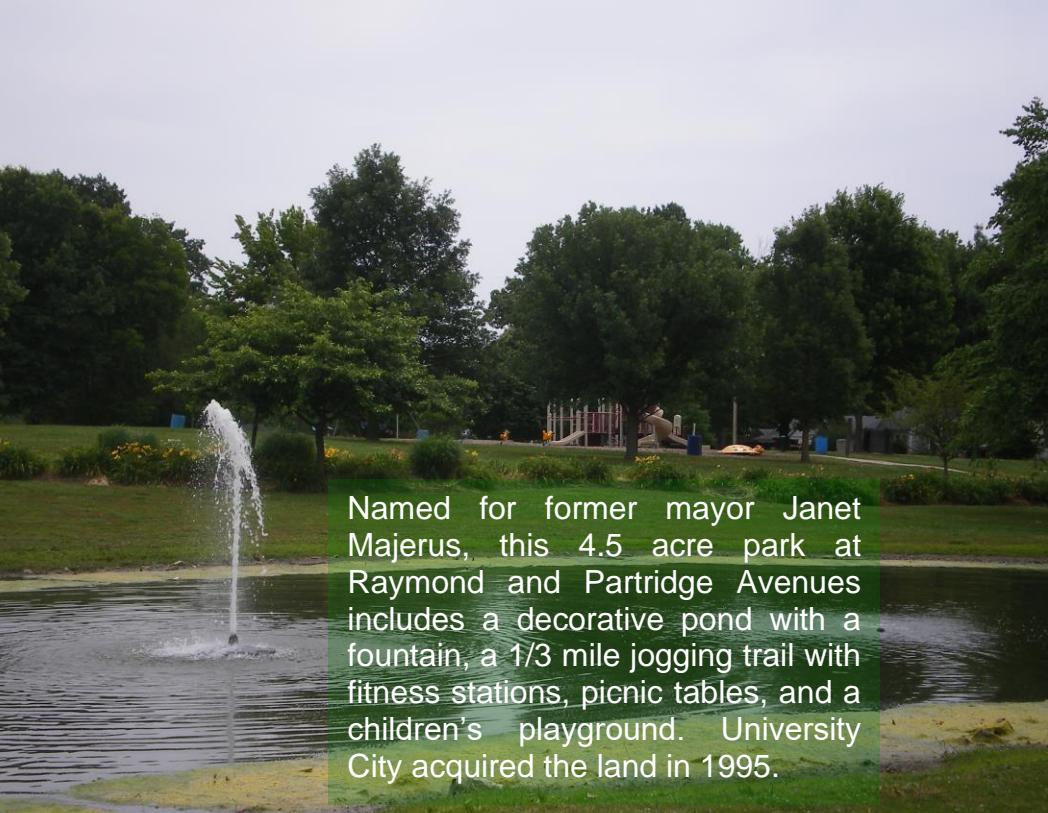
Lewis Park- Named after E. G. Lewis, 1906-1913, the first mayor establishing the city's custom of naming its parks for mayors



The Lewis' house was the first house built in University Heights #1. When the subdivision was being laid out, Lewis reportedly purchased the least desirable piece of property in order to show what could be done. He and his wife, Mabel, built this 15 room Tudor style house. This photograph, taken looking north, shows the garden with its small pond and ornamental bridge, and the pergola. The stables, the chicken house and the large lake are beyond the garden. The park was built on the northwest part of the Lewis' property.



# Majerus Park



Named for former mayor Janet Majerus, this 4.5 acre park at Raymond and Partridge Avenues includes a decorative pond with a fountain, a 1/3 mile jogging trail with fitness stations, picnic tables, and a children's playground. University City acquired the land in 1995.

# Millar Park



Millar is a larger neighborhood park that sports a ½ mile jogging trail with fitness stations., playground area, and a picnic pavilion with restrooms. Located at Canton and North & South Roads, Millar also sports 2 baseball diamonds, and both a football and soccer field. The 12.19 acres was acquired in 1928



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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Greensfelder Park | 7 Rabe Park           | 13 Adams Park     |
| 2 Fogerty Park *    | 8 Mooney Park         | 14 Kingsland Park |
| 3 Ruth Park Woods   | 9 Heman Park          | 15 Metcalfe Park  |
| 4 Ruth Park         | 10 Janet Majerus Park | 16 Ackert Park    |
| 5 Kaufman Park *    | 11 Flynn Park         | 17 Eastgate Park  |
| 6 Millar Park       | 12 Lewis Park         |                   |

\* Restroom facilities and drinking fountains available

# UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS



# Fogerty Park



Located in the 1500 block of North 82<sup>nd</sup> Blvd. Picnic area, weatherproof shelter with restrooms, full size baseball diamond, youth soccer field, children's playground, ½ mile jogging trail, two tennis courts. 11.80 acres. Acquired 1928.

R T Y



# Kaufman Park

Located at Mullberry and Blackberry, Kaufman sports 4 tennis courts with a tennis practice area, playground, and a tot lot play area for smaller children. The natural wooded area suitable for nature study. 7.77 acres. Acquired 1972. Also adjacent to Kaufman Park is the Green Center.



# Mooney Park

**This 5.2 acre neighborhood park is bounded by Jackson Avenue, Delmar and Amherst, this park was named for former Mayor Joseph Mooney. It features a newly remodeled playground, basketball courts, and a gently sloping meadow-like hill. The land was acquired in 1922, 1923, and 1931.**

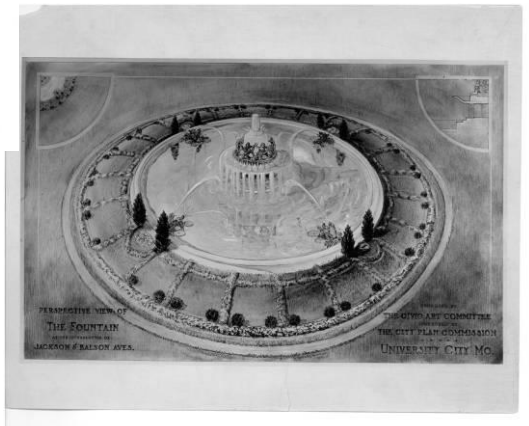
JOSEPH W. MOONEY  
PARK

UNIVERSITY CITY



**Mooney Park – named for Joseph W. Mooney, 1978-1986. Mayor Mooney lived at 7383 Westmoreland.**

The original very ornate plan for Jackson Park became Mooney Park. This was to go from Delmar to the high school. A design proposed in the 1931 Harland Bartholomew plan called for formal monuments and fountains, which did not materialize. The park was named for Joseph W. Mooney, mayor from 1978 – 1986.



# Flynn Park

A photograph of Flynn Park. In the foreground, there is a modern playground with red and grey equipment, including a slide and climbing structures. In the background, there is a brick building with large windows and a green lawn. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Bounded by Pershing, Midvale and Kingsbury. 5 tennis courts. Playground. 6.61 acres. Acquired 1923.

# Heman Park



Bounded by Midland, Olive, Purdue, Pennsylvania, and Vernon, Heman is University City's largest park. It boasts restroom facilities, several picnic areas, 4 picnic pavilions, the Heman Park Swimming Pool, Centennial Commons Recreation Facility, multiple sports fields, 1-1/2 mile jogging course, and a large playground. Heman Park spans 85.26 acres which was acquire in 1923, 1928 and 1944.

**Heman Park – named after August Heman, 1913-1920.  
Mayor Heman lived at 6361 Washington.**

Mayor Heman lived at 6361 Washington.



Swimmers waiting in line to purchase a ticket for twenty-five cents, suit rental 25 cents, and towel was 5 cents.

# *Notes*

*Letter From The President*

*Welcome to our inaugural fundraising tour of University City parks. Thank you for joining us as we show you the parks and treasures of University City!*

*We at the University City Parks Foundation have made it our mission to promote, improve, and preserve University City parks and recreational activities. By joining us on this tour, you are supporting the Foundation and our mission, and we are very grateful.*

*All proceeds will go towards our Foundation’s efforts to keep your parks treasured by all.*

*Sincerely,*



*Les Palmer  
President  
University City Parks Foundation*

**The board members of the U City Parks Foundation thank you for your interest and support.**

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| Les Palmer <i>President</i>  | Thomas Miller    | <i>Vice Pres.</i> |
| Judy Prange <i>Treasurer</i> | Karen Palmer     | <i>Secretary</i>  |
| Stefany Brot                 | Robert Marconi   |                   |
| Tim Michels                  | Art Platt        |                   |
| John Watson                  | Emmanuel Yentumi |                   |

**If you have questions or suggestions, call 314-726-1417 or email: [PRESIDENT@UCITYPARKSFOUNDATION.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@UCITYPARKSFOUNDATION.ORG)**

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARK COMMISSION  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**

**Agenda Item A: Call Meeting to Order**

Park Commission President, James Wilke called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

**Agenda Item B: Roll Call**

Those in attendance included Commission President James Wilke, Commission Members Lisa Hummel, Meg Ullman, and Su Schmalz. Also, in attendance were Council Liaison Steve McMahon and Staff Liaison Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Those not in attendance included Commission Member Carl Hoagland.

**Agenda Item C: Approval of the Agenda**

Commission Member Hummel motioned, and Commission Member Ullman seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

**Agenda Item D: Approval of the Minutes**

The question was raised as of why the minutes do not contain full discussions and comments of the Commission. Mr. Dunkle stated that since the Parks Commission is an advisory non-statutory commission, full minutes are not required, rather the minutes are a summary or synopsis of the meeting. However, if a Commission Member would like to have a specific comment recorded in the minutes they can state "For the Record".

Commission Member Hummel motioned, and Commission Member Ullman seconded to accept the May 12, 2022, minutes. The motion was approved with a 2-0-1 vote (Commission Member Schmalz abstaining).

**Agenda Item E: Citizen Comments**

Mr. Tim Schmalz a resident residing at 724 Trinity Avenue stated that he was a parent of children involved in youth sports and would like to bring indoor youth sports particularly soccer back to Centennial Commons. He stated that the indoor Soccer field at Centennial Commons was not rented like it could or should and it was very underutilized and asked what parents could do to assist in having the facility made more accessible.

**Agenda Item F: Department Report**

Mr. Dunkle highlighted the following:

- 1) Ackert Park Renovation – Mr. Dunkle reported that work at Ackert Park is on schedule at this time, however, they were still waiting on several materials to arrive. He further stated that the project is anticipated to be substantially completed in June of 2022.
- 2) Driving Range Repairs – Mr. Dunkle reported that staff and the consultant were working on further ideas for the project and that the consultant would have a bid packet out by the end of the month and that it is anticipated that a recommendation would be coming before the City Council on August 8<sup>th</sup>. He further stated that if approved by Council, the Driving Range would be closed down beginning the week of August 15<sup>th</sup> and would remain closed until May of 2023.
- 3) Personnel – Mr. Dunkle reported that personnel continue to be the department's biggest challenge as the

department currently has several full-time, permanent part-time and several season part-time positions vacant.

- 4) Pool/Golf Fees – Mr. Dunkle reported that the new fees for both the Pool and Golf Course would go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Dunkle was asked if this was the best time to be raising fees. Mr. Dunkle responded by stating that although fees were raised for the golf course about a year and a half ago, fees for the pool had not been raised since around 2004/2005 and that with inflation and the raising of part-time pay it is necessary to raise the fees.
- 5) Pool Operations – Mr. Dunkle was asked if the pool was fully staffed and why were the diving boards and slide being shut down at times. Mr. Dunkle reported that although Midwest Pool Management (Pool Contractor) had stated that they had sufficient staffing levels prior to the start of the season, several of those employees did not report to work. He further stated that because of the lifeguard shortages (which are typical across the nation) to keep the pool open and safe, certain areas of the pool may have to be closed from time to time.
- 6) Budget – Mr. Dunkle reported that staff were winding down the FY22 budget which ends at the end of the month and were gearing up for the FY23 budget which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Agenda Item G: Council Report**

Council Member McMahon highlighted the following:

- 1) Council approved the FY23 budget and discussed goals in moving the focus towards recreation program offerings. He further stated that the Council would like to see a stronger partnership with other municipalities as well as the University City School District (Summer Camp). He also stated that Council has stated that there was a need to think in different ways and are getting ready for change.
- 2) Reported that the mound of dirt on the south side of Olive would be moving soon as the developer will begin grading operations to level out the site for future development.

### **Agenda Item H: Commission Members Park Inspection Report**

- 1) Rabe Park (Lisa Hummel) – Reported that the drinking fountain wasn't working as the knob was missing.
- 2) Ackert Park (Lisa Hummel) – Reported that there wasn't any signage regarding the closure of the pathway which creates accessibility issues.
- 3) Millar Park (Lisa Hummel) – Reported that there was still a lot of erosion happening around the trail and that the women's restroom needed trash cans and soap.
- 4) Mooney Park (Lisa Hummel) – Reported that she had been contacted by a resident regarding the need for more picnic tables.
- 5) Ruth Park Woods (Lisa Hummel) – Reported that the park looked good and that the volunteers were doing a great job of removing the invasives.
- 6) Millar Park (James Wilke) – Asked about the possibility of moving the home plates further back so that the fields could accommodate use by older age groups.
- 7) Heman Park (James Wilke) – Stated that Christ the King has only been using one field on the north side of Heman Park for soccer and requested that only one field be lined and that it be resituated so that none of the field was on the dirt infield areas of any baseball field.
- 8) Ruth Park G.C. (Su Schmaltz) – Reported that the sixth hole at the course still didn't have water.

- 9) Kaufman Park (Su Schmalz) – Reported that the playground was fixed and asked about the timing of the pickleball lines. She further commented on the Tennis Court signs stating that we should consider taking them down until the new ordinance was passed and new signs installed.
- 10) Kingsland and Eastgate Parks (Meg Ullman) - Trash thrown on the ground continues to be an issue.
- 11) Metcalfe Park (Meg Ullman) – Reported that the infield of the baseball fields have been let go and are full of weeds. Mr. Dunkle reported that it was staff's intent to let the fields grow over with grass as these infields are rarely used and when used they should be used for recreational purposes only.
- 12) Heman Park Pool (Meg Ullman) – Stated that it was reported to her that there was a beehive near the baby pool along the fence that needed to be removed. Commission Member Schmalz stated that she knew a beekeeper that could possibly take care of the situation. Commission Member Ullmann further stated that more chairs were needed at the pool.

### **Agenda Item I: Unfinished Business**

- 1) Recreation Priorities – Commission Member Schmalz presented a list of recreation priorities (see attached) that had been sent to her by other members of the Commission. Discussion by the Commission followed regarding the highest priorities within each area:

Youth – Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball (Camp, Clinics, Leagues).  
 Seniors – Silver Sneaker Programs, Walking Club, Yoga, Pickleball.  
 Adult – Zumba, Disc Golf, Yoga.  
 Misc. – Kickball Leagues, Aerobics.

It was agreed upon that Ms. Schmalz would further enhance the list by developing mission statements and being more specific towards the priorities.

- 2) Indoor Soccer Field Facility/Use – Commission President Wilke stated that the soccer turf is being replaced in August, however the doors leading into the field need to be repaired as well as the loose walls around the perimeter of the field. He also strongly suggested that cleats be prohibited on the field as they can cause significant wear and/or damage to the field.

The Commission stated that it should be a priority of the city to allow access to the soccer fields through other means (i.e., side doors) so that participants of leagues, rentals, etc. do not have to individually purchase a pass or enter through or have access to the rest of Centennial Commons. They stated that this would also allow the soccer area to remain open longer or at different hours as Centennial Commons.

The Commission further discussed that the indoor soccer field could also be used for other activities such as fitness training, drills, and that batting cages could be installed near the south end of the building to promote further use. It was further stated that the city should promote both Centennial Commons and the indoor soccer field more as the City of Clayton has recently sent their brochure out to University City residents in an effort to gain more memberships and participation in their facilities and activities.

### **Agenda Item J: New Business**

- 1) Heman Park Basketball Court Presentation - Mr. Dunkle reported that due to a flight delay in Phoenix, Mr. Majuan Bates would not be in attendance, however, Mr. Dunkle would go through the presentation submitted by Mr. Bates of Big Guard Basketball (see attached).

Mr. Dunkle stated that the city has been approached by Mr. Bates who represents individuals who would like to refurbish the existing basketball courts at Heman Park. Mr. Dunkle stated that these individuals would cover the entire costs associated with the refurbishment of the courts as well as they would conduct free clinics as part of the opening of the courts when they are completed. He further stated that this is proposed to

be a turnkey project in that the city would not have to be involved with the construction or funding of this project.

It was asked who the sponsors were and why are they wanted to stay anonymous and what if the city or committee didn't want to be associated with the individuals. Mr. Dunkle stated that they would like to remain anonymous at this time and would make themselves known to the public at a later date. He went on to state that this is normal with major donors of projects and compared it to the baseball field that was built for children with disabilities when he worked for the City of Chesterfield, as it turned out that the major sponsors of the project were Mike Matheny and Albert Pujols.

Commission Member Schmalz motioned, and Commission Member Hummel seconded to support a recommendation to City Council in moving forward with the concept of the project. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

#### **Agenda Item K: Commission Comments**

- 1) Pool Passes – Several members of the Commission stated that they have received several complaints as to the need for guest of residents to purchase ID Cards when they were only going to be visiting the pool on a limited basis (either one or two times while visiting family etc.). It was stated that the city used to have a guest pass for these purposes and that it should be brought back. They further stated that it wouldn't be a problem in providing user information but would be given a temporary one-day guest pass that they could only use when accompanied by a resident.

It was further stated that if there was a way in which it could be done, they would like to have it set up so that Individuals could download a form from the city's website in advance so that they could have their personal information already completed when they came to the pool. It was stated that this should be done for all types of passes and/or ID cards etc.

#### **Agenda Item L: Adjournment**

Commission Member Hummel made a motion at 8:41 pm, seconded by Commission Member Ullman to adjourn. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO PARKS COMMISSION APPROVAL.**



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks Commission

**FROM:** Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

**DATE:** July 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Parks & Public Works Monthly Report

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### ADMINISTRATION

1) **Policies and Procedures**

Continued to work on the development of a more formal documented system of policies and procedures. Once these policies and procedures have been developed, they will be submitted to the appropriate governing authority for review, comment, and approval when necessary.

2) **Maintenance Investment/Improvement Plan, Capital Investment/Improvement Plan, Refurbishment/Replacement Plan.**

Continued to work on the development of an overall plan to identify the maintenance and operational needs of the department. This plan will include itemized work, life cycles, estimated costs, etc.

3) **Personnel**

Personnel continues to be our biggest challenge.

- a) Recreation Supervisor (Sports, Health & Fitness) – Accepting applications and conducting interviews.
- b) Parks Equipment Operator – Two positions are currently vacant. Accepting applications and conducting interviews. One candidate is currently going through the hiring process.
- c) Centennial Commons – The Recreation Division continues the process of recruiting, hiring, and training of part-time staff.
- d) Golf Course Attendants – Accepting applications and conducting interviews.
- e) Senior Coordinator – Working towards reestablishing the Senior Program, and as more information becomes available, we will begin to advertise for the position.
- f) Program Leader (Seniors) – Working towards reestablishing the Senior Program, and as more information becomes available, we will begin to advertise for the position.

4) **FY22 Budget** – Working on closing out projects, purchases, purchase orders, etc.

5) **FY22 Capital Improvement Projects**

- a) Ackert Park Renovation (Construction) – Project is scheduled to be completed in July.
- b) E.A.B. Program – Completed.
- c) Asphalt Trail Repairs at Heman Park – Completed.
- d) Pool Painting at Heman Park – Completed.

- e) Dog Park Pavilion/Shade Structure – Carried forward to FY23.
  - f) Driving Range Repairs (Construction) – Currently out to bid. Anticipated to go to City Council on August 8, 2022. If approved, the project is anticipated to begin on August 15, 2022, and is anticipated to be completed by the end of May 2023.
  - g) Hazardous Tree Removal – Completed.
  - h) Centennial Commons Painting. Carried forward to FY23.
  - i) Centennial Commons Turf Replacement – Under Contract is scheduled to be installed in August.
- 6) **FY23 Capital Improvement Projects** - Staff is currently reviewing the FY23 CIP and will be moving forward with the program.
- 7) **Parks & Public Works Management Workshop** – A workshop will be held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to go over the following: 1) Hiring Process; 2) Accident Reporting Process; 3) Purchasing Policy & Procedures; 4) Bidding Procedures; and 5) Operating and CIP Budgets.

**RECREATION OPERATIONS**

1) **Centennial Commons**

Description	June FY22	June FY19
Daily Attendance	616	823
Member Attendance	2,498	3,968
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>4,791</b>

2) **Heman Park Swimming Pool**

Description	June FY22	June FY19
Daily Attendance	3,686	2,048
Member Attendance	6,919	3,965
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,605</b>	<b>6,013</b>

- 3) **Overall, Fees and Charges** – Based on the procedures outlined in the Revenue and Pricing Policy, staff continued to review the existing pricing for Centennial Commons, Community Center, Athletic Fields, Pavilions, and Programs. This is necessitated by the fact that fees and charges in part have not been increased since 2005 and that increased fees will be needed to offset employee salaries. It is anticipated that a proposal will be placed on the Parks Commission September agenda for review and consideration of support.
- 4) **Pool Fees and Charges** – City Council approved staff recommendation. Fees went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) **Software Upgrades** – Staff continued to work with IT and vendor on preparation of upgrading the current RecTrac/GolfTrac recreation software. The migration and update are currently scheduled for September of 2022.
- 6) **Athletic Field Rentals** – Continued to Work with outside organizations on the scheduling of field use.
- 7) **FY22 Equipment & Improvement Projects**
- a) Centennial Commons Floor Replacement. Carried forward to FY23.

- b) Centennial Commons Locker Room Improvements. Carried forward to FY23.
  - c) Centennial Commons Gym Divider Replacement. Carried forward to FY23.
- 8) **Recreation Priorities** – Parks Commission has stated that the Commission had been focusing on the Park Priorities and now was the time to start focusing on the Recreation Priorities. Discussion took place regarding programming, partnerships, contracting out with the YMCA, etc. The Commission stated that they would like to have this item placed on the July Agenda for further discussion.
  - 9) **Pool Programming** – Began swim lessons and water aerobics classes.
  - 10) **Redbird Rookies** – Began program.
  - 11) **Heman Park Basketball Courts** – Continue to meet with individuals who are possibly interested in donating funds/services for the refurbishment of the existing basketball courts. A Council Study Session is currently scheduled for September.

## **PARK OPERATIONS**

### **1) FY22 Equipment & Improvement Projects**

- a) Fogerty Park – Parking Lot and Trail Sealing – Under Contract.
  - b) Majerus Park – Trail Sealing – Under Contract.
  - c) Heman Park – Trail Sealing – Under Contract.
  - d) Lewis Park Playground Renew – Under Contract.
  - e) Metcalfe Park Playground Renew – Carried forward to FY23.
  - f) Rabe Park Playground Renew – Carried forward to FY23.
  - g) Aerator/Seeder Replacement – Placed order with vendor. Delivery and installation are scheduled for July.
  - h) Vacuum Attachment – Completed.
  - i) Mower Hoist Lift – Placed order with vendor. Delivery and installation are scheduled for September.
  - j) Heman Park Lighting Upgrades – Currently working with Ameren to upgrade park lighting to LED, as well as adding additional lights and wattage.
  - k) Grounds Maintenance Services - Native Landscape/BMP Areas – Under Contract.
  - l) Grounds Maintenance Services - Turf and Athletic Fields – Currently out to bid.
- 2) **Software** – Staff continued to explore new software for maintenance activities, inventory, etc. Carried forward to FY23.
  - 3) **Parks Storage Yard** – Staff continued to work on the regrading and the addition of rock to the storage yard to provide additional space and better drainage.

## **GOLF OPERATIONS**

- 1) **Golf Course Management Plan** - Have developed a “Draft” of an overall Golf Course Management Plan.
- 2) **Golf Fees and Charges** – City Council approved staff recommendation. Fees went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

3) Attendance and Revenue Numbers

<b>Description</b>	<b>June FY22</b>	<b>June FY21</b>	<b>FY22 YTD</b>	<b>FY21 YTD</b>
Rounds of Golf	4,364	4,780	33,736	39,765
Driving Range	\$28,932.00	\$32,611.00	\$218,372.00	\$255,218.00
Greens Fees	\$65,735.00	\$66,880.00	\$500,702.00	\$533,219.00
Cart Rentals	\$28,208.00	\$28,700.00	\$191,435.00	\$187,008.00
Golf Shop Sales	\$17,779.00	\$15,735.00	\$111,418.00	\$114,741.00
Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,330.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$140,653.00</b>	<b>\$143,926.00</b>	<b>\$1,021,926.00</b>	<b>\$1,091,516.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$86,397.00</b>	<b>\$58,791.00</b>	<b>\$763,159.00</b>	<b>\$687,791.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$54,256.00</b>	<b>\$85,135.00</b>	<b>\$258,767.00</b>	<b>\$403,725.00</b>



**Parks and Recreation Commission Recreation Priorities  
June 2022**

	<u>Lisa</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>Meg</u>	<u>Carl</u>	<u>Su</u>
<u>Youth</u>	soccer basketball baseball/t-ball swimming tennis	basketball camps Little Kickers/Little Hitters soccer with Clayton Rec golf camp/club	softball swimming soccer football basketball roller blading skateboarding	basketball softball/tee ball/baseball soccer basketball swimming	basketball softball/tee ball/baseball soccer basketball swimming
<u>Adult</u>	see misc	Late Bloomers zumba boot camp yoga	frisbe golf walking pickleball softball	pilates/yoga zumba cardio/cycling On the Ball bootcamp	pilates/yoga zumba cardio/cycling On the ball bootcamp
<u>Senior</u>	Silver Sneaker pickleball swimming golf tennis	aqua aerobics Silver Sneaker yoga Silver Sneaker aerobics pickleball tournaments	walking/hiking Tai Chi yoga pickleball	yoga (chair & recovery) group walking life skills balance exercise water exercise (indoor & outdoor)	yoga (chair & recovery) group walking life skills balance exercise water exercise (indoor & outdoor)
<u>Misc</u>	swimming exercise classes (yoga, Zumba, boot camp, boot camp, aerobics) more hours, pool and CC golf adult soccer	scholarships for pool & CC kickball league concerts in park  theater in park		pickleball aerobics weight training  swimming programs (indoor & outdoor) golf	pickleball aerobics weight training  swimming programs (indoor & outdoor) golf



## AGENDA ITEM COVER

**MEETING DATE:** July 19, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Heman Park Pool

**AGENDA SECTION:** New Business

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### **BACKGROUND REVIEW:**

Discussion of a day pass as discussed at the last meeting, day pass with an accompanying resident.

And some other ideas to consider increasing pool use and revenue:

1. Twilight family passes for the working families that cannot participate during day hours. This is a slower usage time and there is lots of room! Not a new concept on golf courses.
2. Pool rentals. Not a new idea. Many years ago, a group could rent the pool and the group would pay the expenses of operation, including guarding the pool. Guards were offered this on a volunteer basis. Not that it would be late hours, but the pool does have lights. (Matter of fact, I notice the lights are on during the day.)
3. Movie night. Again, not a new idea. I think Linda was responsible for this idea many years ago and I remember them as popular, especially Jaws!

### **ACTION:**

No action is required as this is a discussion item. However, if the Commission would like to act, there must be a motion and a second by a Commission member to make a recommendation and the motion must be approved by the majority of the Commission.