



**PARKS COMMISSION  
Heman Park Community Center  
975 Pennsylvania**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 1) January 2024
- E. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- F. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**
- G. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
  - 1) FEMA Rehabilitation Update
  - 2) Director Recruitment
- H. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**
- I. COMMISSION MEMBERS PARK INSPECTIONS REPORT**
- J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- K. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1) UCPD – Cameras and Park Closure Procedures
  - 2) Adam Brown – St. Louis City SC
  - 3) Maryland Terrace Right-of-Way – Conversion to a Park
- L. COMMISSION COMMENTS**
- M. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARK COMMISSION  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

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

Park Commission President, James Wilke called the meeting to order

**Agenda Item B: ROLL CALL**

James Wilke  
Amy Gascon  
Patrick Fox  
Lisa Hummel  
Sue Schmalz  
Steve McMahon  
Darin Girdler  
Todd Strubhart

**Agenda Item C: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to Approve Agenda, motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Approved

**Agenda Item D: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Four months of meeting minutes: September, October, November and December 2023

Changes to be made:

September Shelly Walsh, 3<sup>rd</sup> page top change to bias.

October by-laws should be bylaws, Carl was not there

Motion to Approve all four months of meeting minutes with mentioned corrections, motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Approved

**Agenda Item E: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Kevin Taylor 7022 Canton Avenue; cannot accept packet from mobile app, graphic picture of Jack Buck Field? why didn't the city partner with the school district for the additional cost at Millar Park? 90 ft base path at Millar Park (arc)? how is the city putting a splashpad in Heman Park when the Heman Park pool is in the flood plain? (Darin Girdler stated: there's a difference in Flood Plain and Flood Way. You can build non-permanent structures in the Flood Plain but nothing in the Flood Way. Jack Buck Field was taken back to the Flood Plain to get out of the Flood Way.) what is the status of the repairs for Centennial Commons? Heman Park field #7 always floods? Jack Buck Field can lights be added? pool hours were cut back for school hours why when the lifeguards are outsourced? is there a process to remove a commission member when they do not attend meetings?

**Agenda Item F: DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Darin Girdler

- PowerPoint presented for Centennial Commons programs.

- Pool
  - Discount pricing
  - Opening at 11 instead of noon
- FEMA Rehabilitation Flood update – construction schedule, email out to commission members
- Director search continues
- Todd Strubhart gave update on Jack Buck Field layout
- Todd Strubhart gave update on Millar Park for baseball
- Todd Strubhart gave update on getting more dirt to raise Field #7 to help with flooding issues

**Agenda Item G: COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

- Council is supporting the presentation on moving forward
- I was able to pull up from the website from his phone

**Agenda Item H: COMMISSION MEMBERS PARK INSPECTION REPORT**

1. Ruth Park Golf Course
  - a. Looks always busy
2. Ruth Park Woods
  - a. Barbara (?Batemen?) Invasive plants; bill in State to prohibit the planting, who can she talk to or how to get this information out to the residents to stop planting and growth of these invasive plants? Daren Girdler referenced to contact Mary Goodman, [mgoodman@ucitymo.org](mailto:mgoodman@ucitymo.org), who returns January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lisa:

- tree has fallen over on the entrance to Ruth Park Woods
- lots of small limbs down at Millar Park
- the park walk, Rabe Park, too close together

lots of brush cleared near Ruth Park Woods near McKnight Road  
Mona Drive - mattress & box springs dumped

Lewis Park - people out playing on the frozen pond

Heman Park – storage pile?

- Todd Strubhart stated after it thaws it will be spread out to the west to add to the parking lot

**Agenda Item I: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

**Agenda Item J: NEW BUSINESS**

- University City Police Department Camera and Park Procedures; table to February; motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Pavilion Rentals; Lynda Euell-Taylor has asked any discussion be moved to February so she can attend to answer any questions
- Park Assignments as listed; motion to Approve, motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved

**Agenda Item K: COMMISSION COMMENTS**

- None

**Agenda Item L: ADJOURNMENT**

At 1 hour, 04 minutes, James Wilke asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to adjourn, Motion made, 2nd, and Approved.