



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

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) January 2025
- 2) January 2025 Special Meeting
- 3) February 2025

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

F. DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 1) QR Code Project – Sample
- 2) FY 2026 Budget – Review Numbers
- 3) Farmers Market – Heman Park Alternatives
- 4) Band Pavillion – Brief Discussion and Issues

G. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

H. COMMISSION MEMBERS PARK INSPECTIONS REPORT

- 1) Selection of Parks for Inspections

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Election of Officers
- 2) Grant Request – Heman Park Ideas

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS

M. ADJOURNMENT



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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by James Wilke at 6:30

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Commission President James Wilke, Commission Members Amy Gascon, Josh Winstral, Lisa Hummel, John Solodar. Also, in attendance was Steve McMahon, City Council Member, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Darin Girdler and Deputy Director of Parks Maintenance Todd Strubhart.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James Wilke requested adding Arnold Nadler from Washington University to the Department Report regarding the annual public art exhibit. John approved agenda, Josh seconded, all in approval.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) December 2024 – motion to amend minutes to spell Lisa Hummel's name correctly. Josh motioned to approve minutes with the amendment and seconded by Lisa

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

F. DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 1) City Attorney – John Mulligan: In the agenda pack there is Chapter 120, which covers the Commission, Authorities, Boards and Committees. First members of Parks Commission were appointed in 1978. The charter allows the commission to establish committees, and the power and duties of the commission have been the same over the 50 years. Section 120.390 is the section that speaks to the Powers and Duties of the Park Commission. Operating rules can be set by the department director. If a rule is approved by council that would supersede the operating rules. What has to come in front of parks commission for approval: ordinances, park rules. James Wilke expressed concerns that there are approx. 35 Rules & Regulations that exist for Parks & Recreation, and some have been approved by council, some approved by Deputy Director (not even the Director) and it is not clear to the Parks Commission if those rules meet the requirements of Section 120.390.A.2. John Mulligan indicated there should be one set of Park & Recreation rules that is approved by Council and included on the Parks website. James Wilke asked John Mulligan about the section of the Park Commission Powers and Duties that indicates the Parks Commission should review the portion of the annual budget related to Parks. City Manager submits budget to Council by May 1st. Ordinance can be considered and reviewed by Council before Park Commission reviews it, but it cannot be voted by Council until Parks Commission reviews it.
- 2) U City Public Arts Program – Arnold Nadler from Washington University– All 3 projects are slated for one park, Janet Majerus Park. Since this wasn't on the agenda, we can't take action but will have a special zoom meeting to vote on this item.
- 3) FEMA Rehabilitation Update – Keith Cole and Darin Girdler are pulling together support for one of the final reimbursement requests for FEMA. Onto the punch list items for finishing up FEMA work.
- 4) QR Code Project – Website pages are about 80% done and the cost of the project is about \$200, so

project is moving along.

- 5) Millar Park Sidewalk Improvement – County wants to put a sidewalk and crosswalk on the North and South side of park. No objection for the project from the Park Commission.
- 6) FY 2026 Budget Process – Darin is planning to start the budget process mid-February. In the past we have put together the capital improvement list but this year would appreciate more detail. Darin plans to share the entire budget with the commission and should have to the Commission before the next Park Commission meeting.
- 7) Projects Update – Splash Pad – expecting it to be completed by May 1st. Millar Park – all permits are in, just waiting to break ground, expecting it to be done by June 1st, Todd has reached out to the high school to let them know that the field won't be ready for the high school to use for their baseball season. James requested that Darin reach out to High School Athletics Director to make sure the high school and the city are on the same page about the use of fields. Rabe & Metcalf Park new playgrounds anticipated to be done April 1st and May 1st, not sure which one will be done on which date but those are the targeted dates.
- 8) STL SC – Storage Pod & Mini-Pitch Program – Adam Brown wants to put a storage pod somewhere on the U City property. For the mini-pitch program to happen we would need a hard surface to utilize for the mini-pitch. Surrounding communities have spent \$30-40k to prepare a surface for the mini-pitch. Lisa Hummel questioned whether there is a need or demand for a mini-pitch in our city.
- 9) Century Room III Conversion and Other – Budget item for FY26 want to convert Cub Care to Century Room III for Old School Gaming Room within Centennial Commons.

G. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Steve McMahon shared that the Council is down a member now that Jeff Hales is a State Representative.

H. COMMISSION MEMBERS PARK INSPECTIONS REPORT

It's too cold out and snowy – will report out at the next meeting.

Ruth Park Woods trail has divots that need to be repaired

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Annual Report**– maybe look at the timing to complete report - November of each year
- 2) **Rules & Regulations** – Will be meeting in the coming weeks
- 3) **Budget** – will be meeting after we receive a draft of the FY26 budget

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

K. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) 2025 Summer Enrichment Program Review – are planning on launching the enrollment, they are not allowing for weekly rates, only full summer enrollment. Capping the enrichment program at 50 kids. Working on getting something set up to allow for remote reservation system, meaning you shouldn't need to register in person. Meeting is at 5:30 on Monday for a Study Session, which will include the Summer Enrichment Program.
- 2) Customer Service – Centennial Commons – working with HR to get customer service training up and running for the staff. The hours for Centennial Commons are not posted on the city's website. Better system for bringing guests to Centennial Commons. Normal Centennial Commons hours are posted on the website, but changes for any one day are frequently not posted.
- 3) Greensfelder Park – Review – The Church that shares the parking lot with the park is asking why the park hasn't been improved. Darin is going to add to a future meeting the master plan for the park.

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A discussion of commissioner terms took place. Su Schmalz's term has expired, and she has decided to leave the commission. Commissioners Lisa Hummel and Amy Gascon's terms also expired but will stay on the commission for another term.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourned was John and Josh seconded at 8:34.



**PARKS COMMISSION
Zoom**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by James Wilke at 6:30

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Commission President James Wilke, Commission Members Amy Gascon, Josh Winstral, Lisa Hummel. Also, in attendance was Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Darin Girdler and Deputy Director of Recreation Lynda Euell-Taylor.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lisa motioned to approve the agenda, Amy seconded, all in approval.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

U City Public Arts Program – Arnold Nadler from Washington University– All 3 projects are slated for one park, Janet Majerus Park. Since this wasn't on the agenda for the January 21, 2025, meeting action could not be taken at that time. Lisa made a motion to support the public arts program for 2025 and it was seconded by Amy.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourned was made by Lisa and Josh seconded at 6:33.



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

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by James Wilke at 6:34

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Commission President James Wilke, Commission Members Amy Gascon, Josh Winstral, John Solodar. Also, in attendance was Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Darin Girdler, Deputy Director of Recreation Lynda Euell-Taylor, and Deputy Director of Parks Maintenance Todd Strubhart.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Josh motioned to approve the agenda, John seconded, all in approval.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) January 2025 – there were some typos in the minutes and

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Kevin Taylor, 7022 Canton Ave, commented on the city investment in Millar Park to upgrade the baseball field to utilize for the high school baseball team. The school district is investing in a baseball field for the high school to use, which would be complete in September 2025. Mr. Taylor's question is: will the Millar Park baseball field be ready for April play for the Red Bird Rockies.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 1) QR Code Project – No update on this item since the last Commission meeting.
- 2) Millar Park Sidewalk Improvement - Putting a crosswalk at corner of park at North and South and improving sidewalks.
- 3) FY2026 Budget – in the works, will have an update for Commission at the next meeting, Darin has been informed by city management it's going to be a lean year.
- 4) STL SC – Storage Pod & Mini-Pitch Program – Storage pod is approximately the size of one parking spot and they have 4 goals, size 18 x 6, which get chained together at the end of the night. Currently in 3rd or 4th season of the Play On program in University City, it's a 12 week free soccer program for University City children. Looking to build 11 mini-pitches in St. Louis before world cup in 2026, built 5 so far, 6 more to go. Cost of install and the mini-pitch is covered by funding St. Louis City already has. There is a 10-year lighting warranty. St. Louis City is planning to do periodic events at the mini-pitch to get and keep the community engaged.
- 5) New Basketball Courts – Heman Park – wanting to put in 3 new courts, in discussion with the Department of Natural Resources about adding additional pavement to the park.
- 6) Greensfelder Park – Master Plan (discussion) – There was a needs assessment done in November 2019. Darin has been in discussion with one of the ministers at the adjacent church about repaving the parking lot that is partially owned by the city and partially owned by the church. The city will be repaving the portion of the lot that the city owns. The minister expressed concerns about the lack of anything going on at Greensfelder Park. The 2019 master plan cost \$3.1M to execute and there was push back from the surrounding neighborhood regarding the improvements to the park. Todd Strubhart estimated the current cost of the 2019 master plan to be about \$5.0M

- 7) Gimme Golf Proposal – Currently operating at approx. 19 local courses, it would be a way to drive more traffic to the course. The contract with Gimme Golf requires discounted pricing to their members. Conversations are taking place between the Parks Department and Gimme Golf to understand if this would be beneficial to the city. Darin Girdler mentioned that Gimme Golf might reimburse Ruth Park Golf for the difference between the normal charge and what their members would pay. Some discussion was had about lost cart rental revenue, but Gimme says that most of its members are walkers.
- 8) Millar Park – pre-construction meeting to take place next week. The original time was to be done by June 1st. Darin has spoken to the high school athletics director about utilizing field 6 for practice, the high school will have all their games away this year.

G. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Steve McMahon was not in attendance; therefore, no update.

H. COMMISSION MEMBERS PARK INSPECTIONS REPORT

With weather not being great, Commissioners haven't been to their parks recently.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Annual Report**– no updates
- 2) **Rules & Regulations** – no updates
- 3) **Budget** – no updates

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

K. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Farmers Market – Heman Park – was looking at using Parking Lot 4 in the loop for the market, but that isn't available due to surround area construction. 6:30-8:30 set up time (2 hours) takes about an hour and half to break down, so completed by 1:30. Concerns about parking in Heman Park, there would be maybe 2 hours of overlap with ballgames and pavilion rentals. Farmer Market Storage is 10 x 30 ft storage unit for the storage of tents, portable water station, electrical items. Farmer's Market has monthly inspections by the food inspectors. Farmer's Market takes place on Saturday mornings (8:30-12:30) and one evening a week (4-7pm).
 - a. Mr. Taylor (citizen) provided comments on the Farmer's Market – he expressed concern about an independent entity making money off city property.
 - b. Lynda Euell-Taylor clarified that the Farmer's Market is utilizing the community center for winter market, and they pay rent to utilize the community center
 - c. Some discussion was had about new losses of parking space due to soccer pitch, new basketball court and now having the Farmer's Market storage taking up space. How much space do we want to lose? One idea proposed by commission member is to move Farmer's Market to Greensfelder Park. Lots of space for the market, but it is far from their current location and the loop residents who walk to the market. On the other hand, about 50% of market customers are from farther away and follow the market wherever it is located.

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourned was John and Josh seconded at 7:57.

Darin Girdler

From: Deb Henderson <midwestmarkets1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 1:41 PM
To: Darin Girdler
Cc: Brooke Sharp
Subject: Heman Park Market Site Assessment
Attachments: MAFM + UC_Heman Pk Prop Update_ 2025-3-10.pdf

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Hi Darin,

We visited the proposed market site at 7210 Olive Blvd and compared it to the site at 1028 Midland Blvd. A comparative analysis along with our recommendation is attached.

Briefly, we analysed six categories at both sites: Market Site Layout; Visitor and Vendor Parking; Existing Amenities; Storage Unit Placement; Walkability from Surrounding Neighborhoods; and General Location in St Louis County.

After assessing multiple criteria in each category, we concluded that the site at 1028 Midland Blvd is the only viable location for the U City Farmers Market at this time.

For the reasons outlined in the analysis, we request that MAFM be given permission to host the U City Farmers Market in Heman Park at 1028 Midland Blvd for the 2025 market season..

I appreciate your time and consideration in regard to finding a new location for the U City Farmers Market and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Deb

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U City Farmers Market
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HEMAN PARK FARMERS MARKET PROPOSAL

Assessment of Available Market Sites in Heman Park

1028 Midland Blvd and 7210 Olive Blvd.

GOAL: To move the U City Farmers Market to a new location; where it will thrive by retaining its current customer and vendor bases as well as attract new visitors; and where it will continue to offer and add value and services to University City communities and the surrounding areas.

TASK: To review two sites in Heman Park as possible locations for the U City Farmers Market in 2025. We visited and assessed the site around the fountain at 7210 Olive Blvd (Market Site 2) and compared it to MAFM's proposed site at 1028 Midland Blvd (Market Site 1).

We assessed six (6) Categories when we visited the sites: Market Site Layout; Visitor and Vendor Parking; Existing Amenities; Storage Unit Placement; Walkability from Surrounding Neighborhoods; and General Location in St Louis County.

COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENTS:

MARKET SITE 1: 1028 MIDLAND BLVD

- **Market Site Layout:**
 - **Vendor Egress into Market Site:** Vendor tents will set up around the perimeter of the Site. Site is surrounded by either parking lots or driveways which allows for vendors to park close to their vendor spaces for loading and unloading. The site is flat, which allows for easier transport of equipment and supplies.
 - **Pedestrian Traffic:** Visitors have multiple entries into the Market Site. This layout of this Site is interactive with and easily accessible to other visitors to the Park.
 - **Accessibility:** This site is mostly flat with vendor tents on the perimeter, making it more accessible to those with walking aids, strollers and other special needs
- **Visitor and Vendor Parking:**
 - **Visitor Parking:** There are multiple large parking lots offering a variety of parking options for visitors. Other organizations use this area for youth sports and music concerts. Residents use this area of the park for picnics.
 - **Market-Goer Parking:** Most market visitors come and go quickly after shopping, thereby regularly freeing up parking spaces for others to park in.
 - **Vendor Parking:** With multiple large parking lots, vendors have the option of moving their vehicles to the less busy lots. A few farmers may keep their vehicles nearby to reduce the amount of time for set-up and take-down and limit traffic flow interruptions.

- Amenities:
 - Electricity and water are available.
 - Large trees provide shade for vendors and visitors
 - Restrooms are available and close to the market site
 - Playground is near the market site
- Storage Unit Placement:

Offers two options immediately next to the site. This reduces the amount of time needed for set-up and take-down of the market.
- Walkability from Surrounding Neighborhood:

This site is in a residential neighborhood making it more walkable and accessible for bicycles. This lessens vehicle traffic and the need for market-goer parking in the Park near the market.
- General Location:

Centrally located with convenient access for the market's existing customer base. It is closer to other activities and events in the region.

MARKET SITE 2: 7210 OLIVE BLVD

- Market Site Layout:
 - Vender Egress into Market Site: There are no driveways or walkways into the market site around the fountain. Vendors will not be able load and unload their equipment and supplies directly into their spaces.
 - Pedestrian Traffic: Visitors have multiple entries into the market site. This Site is not very interactive with other visitors to the park
 - Accessibility: This site is on a hill and further away from parking, which makes it less accessible to those with walking aids, strollers or other special needs
- Visitor and Vendor Parking:
 - Visitor Parking: One large parking lot offering limited parking options for visitors. Other organizations and visitors use Centennial Commons for meetings and events, indoor fitness activities, and outdoor swimming activities.
 - Market-Goer Parking: Most market visitors come and go quickly after shopping, thereby regularly freeing up parking spaces for others to park in.
 - Vendor Parking: Spaces near the market site would be used for vendor vehicles, ensuring access to the market site for take down, as the parking lot fills up.
- Amenities:
 - Water and limited electricity are available
 - Large trees are nearby, but do not offer shade to all of the fountain area
 - Restrooms are available in Centennial Commons

- Playgrounds are not near the Market Site.
- **Storage Unit Placement:**
Does not offer any easy access placement options immediately next to the market site. This significantly impedes the set-up and take down of the market and would increase the amount of time it takes to execute them.
- **Walkability from Surrounding Neighborhood:**
This site is bordered on the north side by a depressed business district on Olive Blvd. It is not in an easily walkable residential neighborhood which increases market-goer vehicle traffic.
- **General Location:**
This Site is not centrally located and it does not provide convenient access for all of the market's existing customer and vendor bases. It is further away from other activities and events in the region.

CONCLUSION

After visiting the two proposed market sites in Heman Park and assessing the criteria necessary to meet the goal of creating a successful season for the U City Farmers Market, we conclude that the Market Site at 1028 Midland Blvd is the only viable location for the market at this time.

From an operations perspective the Midland Site satisfies the criteria outlined in each category, while the Site at 7210 Olive Blvd presents many obstacles. This is important not just for implementing the tasks necessary to running Market Day Operations, but it's also essential to the optimizing the way that the Market and its vendors and visitors utilize and interact with the Park itself.

When the Market Site Layout, Visitor and Vendor Parking, Existing Amenities, and Storage Unit Placement are available and easily accessible, the U City Farmers Market's crew are better equipped in providing smooth and efficient operations. This ensures greater compatibility with other activities and visitors at Heman Park. The Market Site at Midland Blvd offers this. The site at Olive Blvd does not.

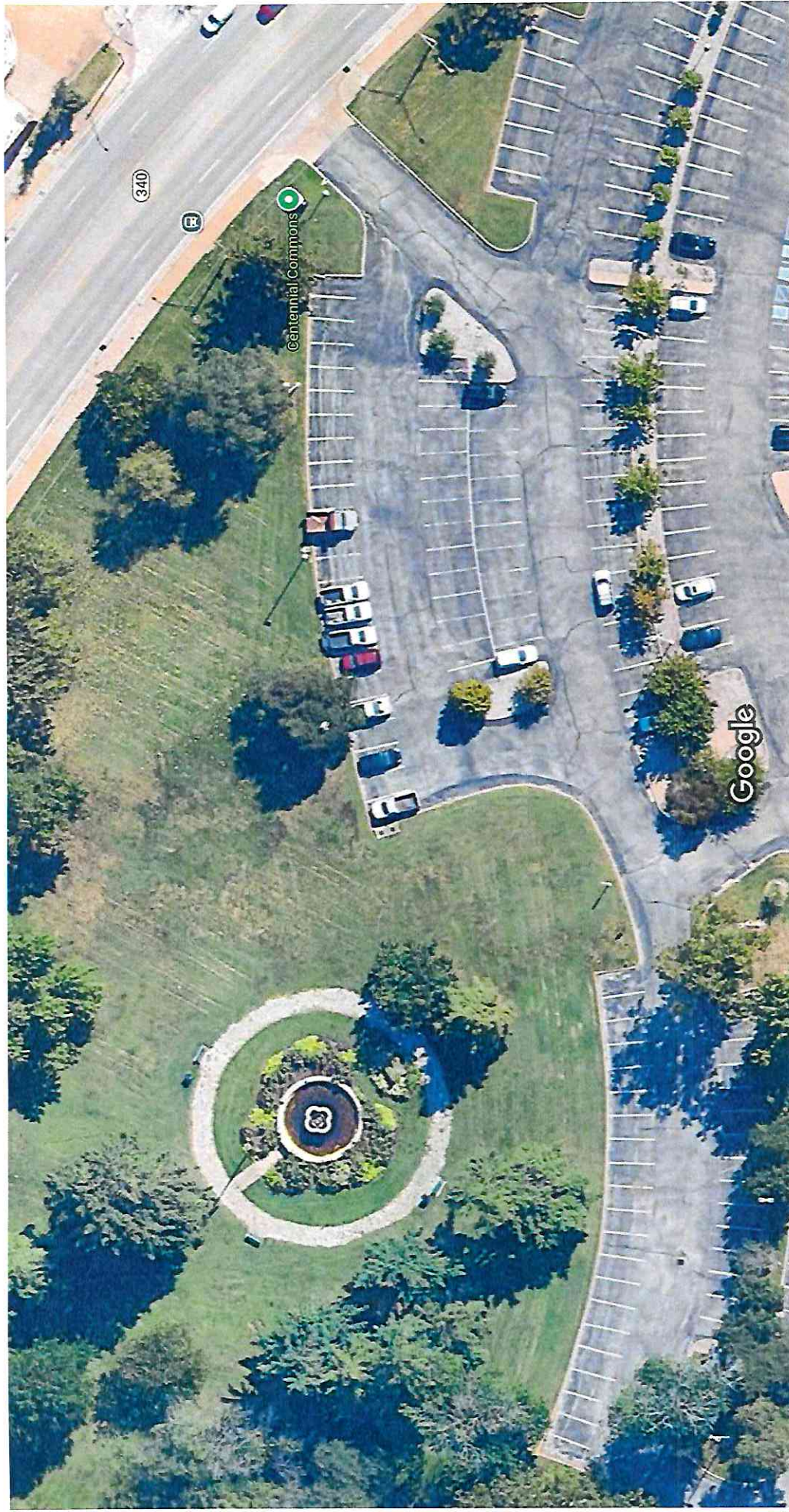
For the reasons outlined above, we request that the MAFM be given permission to host the U City Farmers Market at 1028 Midland Blvd in 2025. This market location provides the greatest opportunity for the U City Farmers Market to retain its current customer and vendor bases, to have a successful market season, and to continue serving the communities of University City.

7210 Olive Blvd

Google Maps

Farmer's Market

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Presented to University City
Parks Commission
February 25, 2025
6:30 PM
Heman Park Community Center

Farmer's Market Relocation – Loop to Heman Park Idea
Centennial Commons – Board Room
1:30 PM – Friday, February 21, 2025

Meeting Attendees: Deb Henderson – Farmer's Market
Darin Girdler – Dir. P, R & PAM
Lynda Euell-Talor – Deputy Dir. Of Rec.
Mike Warmbold – Supv. Of Parks Maint.

Farmer's Market Asks:

- Open April 5, 2025.
- Storage Pod for chairs and tables.
- 25 vendors with Tents.
- Lighting for Market Vendors.
- Saturday – 6:30 AM – 1:30 PM'
- Wednesday or Thursday – 2:PM – 8:PM'

Department Concerns:

- Concerts – Monday/Tuesday/Saturday/Sunday throughout summer.
- Pavillion Rentals – to general public all weekend(s).
- Sports rentals for games/practice.
- Parking challenges.
- Utilities and waste.
- Prime location in Heman Park.
- Budget Challenges for City (lighting).

PS – They are being told their current location is for sale and it is not up to code.

Darin Girdler

From: Todd Strubhart
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:53 PM
To: Darin Girdler; Mike Warmbold; Lynda Euell-Taylor
Subject: Re: Band pavilion

All

First off a new permanent band shelter would be nice, however it presents its own issues

Option two as mentioned prior is in a flood zone / floodway. Thus the proposed permanent structures restrooms are not an option. I am sure DNR and MSD will not allow this to happen.

Option one as presented I'm not sure entirely if this will work either because of permits. As the area is LWCA it must be and always remain open space for outdoor recreational opportunities. I would have to check with DNR on permits along with MSD

Price tags on option two would be close to 4 million minimum. Other issue is with option two this area is the new proposed area for Farmers Market

Price tag on the other option 1 site is in my estimation close to 2 million dollars

Issue is permits and this is not really the direction needed in this park. I think the DNR will have a hard time with this proposal overall. Other issue is pavers now msd gets involved and this turns into a bmp which will cost the city money yearly to maintain and report etc

Just a thought if Greensfelder is on the table for an Orsap grant in 2028 at 2 to 2.5 million for a 5 million dollar project maybe we look at this area for concert venue as department of interior and DNR are seeking to revamp parks in section of town with lower income levels and medium households income falls below the remainder of the city.

Summary Heman no to both ideas to many hoops to jump through and no grant funding large enough to handle this project. Federal money tied into this would require a RFQ for engineering the goes out to bid and possibly write the grant.

Greensfelder has its own challenges but is a lot more do able. The buyin from ward three would be important

I plan on meeting with the dnr in two weeks to discuss projects and sites and what amenities can be built and not built

We have to think about current plans at Heman for new basketball, pickleball and mini pitch.

Just my cents

Todd

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From: Darin Girdler <dgirdler@ucitymo.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:14:31 AM
To: Mike Warmbold <mwarmbold@ucitymo.org>; Todd Strubhart <tstrubhart@ucitymo.org>; Lynda Euell-Taylor <letaylor@ucitymo.org>
Subject: RE: Band pavilion

Exactly...



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"I do the very best I know how – the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what's said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference". ~Abraham Lincoln

From: Mike Warmbold <mwarmbold@ucitymo.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 7:27 AM
To: Darin Girdler <dgirdler@ucitymo.org>; Todd Strubhart <tstrubhart@ucitymo.org>; Lynda Euell-Taylor <letaylor@ucitymo.org>
Subject: RE: Band pavilion

Sounds nice. Where is the funding coming from?



Michael Warmbold, CPSI

CPO Heman Pool, Supervisor

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Subject: FW: Band pavilion

FYI



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Subject: Fw: Band pavilion

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From: Suzanne Schoomer <schoomer@swbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 2:34:45 AM
To: Mirela Celaj <mcelaj@ucitymo.org>
Cc: John Tieman <tiemanucity@gmail.com>; Dennis Fuller <fullerucity@gmail.com>; Bwayne Smotherson <bsmotherson@gmail.com>
Subject: Band pavilion

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Thank you for listening to me Wednesday night at the Centennial Commons public meeting. Attached are the preliminary plans for an amphitheater at Heman Park for the use of the University City Summer Band on six nights in June and July, and for the Arts & Letters series of pop concerts all summer on Monday nights. Other groups might also use such a structure.

Option B in the NW corner of the park is the one I want to explore. Since this is in a flood plain, what are the limitations? Please send me the form that you mentioned.

If we know what are the restrictions are, we can plan from there to bring such a project to fruition. I would like to see University City at least match other communities in supporting the arts.

Suzanne Schoomer

314-808-1019 mobile

Ackert Park/ Greenway South – James Wilke

Centennial Commons – Patrick Fox

Eastgate Park

Flynn Park – Josh Winstral

Forgerty Park – Su Schmalz

Greensfelder Park

Heman Park – James Wilke

Kaufman Park – Su Schmalz

Shelly Welsch Park - Amy Gascon

Lewis Park – Amy Gascon

Janet Majerus Park – Josh Winstral

Metcalf Park – Josh Winstral

Millar Park – Lisa Hummel

Mona Trail – James Wilke

Mooney Park - Amy Gascon

Joseph Adams Park – Patrick Fox

Rabe Park – Lisa Hummel

Ruth Park Woods – Lisa Hummel

Ruth Park Golf Course – Su Schmalz

U City Dog Park – Patrick Fox

2026 Municipal Grant Funding \$ 575,000

Heman Park Projects Four (4) total

Option 1

Projects	Cost \$	Grant \$	City \$
1. Three new basketball courts (west of Original Basketball Courts) non colored	350,000	275,000	75,000
2. Three Pickle ball Courts On the newly overlaid old basketball courts - non colored	175,000	125,000	50,000
3. Musco Lights at Jack Buck Field (cost includes 3 phase electric)	250,000	175,000	75,000
	775,000	575,000 Muni Grant	200,000
4. One (1) Mini Soccer Pitch (US Soccer Foundation) They pay for product and install	140,000	140,000	0
	915,000	715,000	200,000

Option 1 - Include lights

For one of these projects to happen three of these projects must happen at one time- exception is the lights - but utilizing it the way proposed includes the lights in the scope of the project.

The city would pay 21.85 percent of the total cost of all four projects.

Heman Park Projects Three (3) total - No Lights on Jack Buck Field

Option 2 - drop lights

Projects	Cost \$	Grant \$	City \$
1. Three new basketball courts (west of Original Basketball Courts) colored	375,000	375,000	0
2. Three Pickle ball Courts On the newly overlaid old basketball courts - colored	200,000	200,000	0
	575,000	575,000 Muni Grant	0
3. One (1) Mini Soccer Pitch (US Soccer Foundation) They pay for product and install	140,000	140,000	0
	715,000	715,000	0

Option 2 - drop lights

We can drop the lights and use all the funding on pickleball and basketball courts - at \$525,000. We can then use the \$50,000 remaining on the Muni Grant for the colorization of the pickleball courts and basketball courts.

Capital Improvement Plan

FY '26 thru FY '30

**City of University City, Missouri
2026-2030**Parks,
Department Recreation and
ForestryContact Darin GirdlerType ImprovementUseful Life 15 yearsCategory ParksPriority 1

Option 1

PROJECT #	PRP/26-02
PROJECT NAME	Heman Park Three (3) New Pickleball Courts - Muni Grant

DESCRIPTION

Total Project Cost: \$175,000

Installation of three (3) new Pickleball courts at Heman Park, where the old basketball courts were located at Heman Park

JUSTIFICATION

The old basketball courts at Heman Park are in bad shape. The plan is to build three (3) new basketball courts located just West of the original basketball courts. The old basketball courts will be replaced with a mini pitch for soccer, and three pickleball courts only courts on the new two (2) inch-overlaid old basketball courts. This will allow multiple sports for all ages. We intend to use Muni Park Grant money to help pay for the new pickleball courts. The new pickleball courts will need to be designed and built along with permits. This can be completed by using a TIPS program

Expenditure Schedule

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Expenditure Schedule	\$0	\$175,000					\$175,000	\$0

Funding Sources

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Account number	\$0						\$0	\$0
Grant -Muni	\$0	\$125,000					\$125,000	-\$25,000
ETC	\$0	\$50,000					\$50,000	\$0
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Parks,
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2026-2030Contact Darin GirdlerType ImprovementUseful Life 15 yearsCategory ParksPriority 1PROJECT # PRP/26-02PROJECT NAME Heman Park One (1) New Mini Pitch - Grant from US Soccer, Musco**DESCRIPTION**

Total Project Cost: \$140,000

Installation of one (1) new Mini pitch at Heman Park, where the old basketball courts were located at Heman Park

JUSTIFICATION

The old basketball courts at Heman Park are in bad shape. The plan is to build three (3) new basketball courts located just West of the original basketball courts. The old basketball courts will be replaced with a mini pitch for soccer, and three pickleball courts only courts on the new two (2) inch-overlaid old basketball courts. This will allow multiple sports for all ages. We intend to use The US Soccer Foundation and Musco grant Money to help pay for the new mini-pitch. The new mini will need to be designed and built along with permits. This can be completed by using a TIPS program if needed.

Expenditure Schedule

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Expenditure Schedule	\$0	\$140,000					\$140,000	\$0

Funding Sources

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Account number	\$0						\$0	\$0
Grant -Muni	\$0	\$140,000					\$140,000	\$0
ETC	\$0							\$0
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**City of University City, Missouri
2026-2030**Parks,
Department Recreation and
ForestryContact Darin GirdlerType ImprovementUseful Life 15 yearsCategory ParksPriority 1

Option 1

PROJECT #	PRP/26-02
PROJECT NAME	Heman Park New Basketball Courts - Muni Grant

DESCRIPTION

Total Project Cost: \$350,000

Installation of new basketball courts at Heman Park, replacing the old basketball courts at Heman Park

JUSTIFICATION

The old basketball courts at Heman Park are in bad shape. The plan is to build three (3) new basketball courts located just West of the original basketball courts. The old basketball courts will be replaced with a mini pitch for soccer, and three pickleball courts only courts on the new two (2) inch-overlaid old basketball courts. This will allow multiple sports for all ages. We intend to use Muni Park Grant money to help pay for the new basketball courts. The new basketball courts will need to be designed and built along with permits. This can be completed by sing a TIPS program

Expenditure Schedule

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Expenditure Schedule	\$0	\$350,000					\$350,000	\$0

Funding Sources

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Account number	\$0						\$0	\$0
Grant -Muni	\$0	\$275,000					\$275,000	\$0
ETC	\$0	\$75,000					\$75,000	\$0
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Contact Darin Girdler

Type Improvement

Useful Life 15 years

Category Parks

Priority 1

Option 1

PROJECT #	PRP/26-02
PROJECT NAME	Heman Park Jack Buck Field Improvements - Lights -Muni Grant

DESCRIPTION

Total Project Cost: \$250,000

Installation of new lights a Heman Park Jack Buck Field

JUSTIFICATION

The Heman Park Jack Buck Field is the only field without light at Heman Park. The installation of the lights will be fully funded by the 2026 Muni Grant and \$75,000 from the city to help with the three-phase electricity needed. More games/practices will be held at the field, increasing the total number of visitors to Heman Park and University City. This will pay dividends as the individuals who utilize the park will hopefully help infuse the local economy. This can be completed using a TIPS program

Expenditure Schedule

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Expenditure Schedule	\$0	\$250,000					\$250,000	\$0

Funding Sources

	PRIOR TOTAL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL	FUTURE TOTAL
Account number	\$0						\$0	\$0
Grant -Muni	\$0	\$175,000					\$175,000	\$0
ETC	\$0	\$75,000					\$75,000	\$0
	0							

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