

PARKS COMMISSION
Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania Ave.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 20, 2026

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

F. DEPARTMENT REPORT

G. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

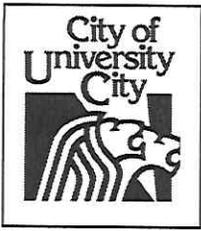
H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Annual Report – *Lisa Hummel, Amy Gascon, Matt Hayden
 - 2026 Annual Report – review and discuss
2. Rules & Regulations – Josh Winstral, James Wilke, Angel Simmons
3. Budget – John Solodar, Amy Gascon, TBD

*Awaiting appointment – open seat

I. PARKS REPORTS

1. Flynn Park – Josh Winstral
2. Janet Majerus Park – Josh Winstral
3. Metcalfe Park – Josh Winstral
4. U City Dog Park – Josh Winstral
5. Fogerty Park – John Solodar
6. Greensfelder Park – John Solodar
7. Joseph Adams Park – John Solodar
8. Ruth Park Golf Course – John Solodar
9. Millar Park – *Lisa Hummel
10. Rabe Park – *Lisa Hummel
11. Ruth Park Woods – *Lisa Hummel
12. Lewis Park – Amy Gascon
13. Shelly Welsch Park – Angel Simmons



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14. Mooney Park – Amy Gascon
15. Ackert Park/ Greenway South – James Wilke
16. Heman Park – James Wilke
17. Mona Trail – James Wilke
18. Centennial Commons – Matt Hayden
19. Heman Park Pool – Matt Hayden
20. Community Center – Angel Simmons
21. Eastgate Park – Angel Simmons
22. Kaufman Park – *Lisa Hummel/Angel Simmons

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J. OLD BUSINESS

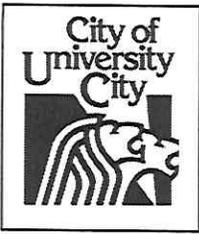
1. Golf Course Driving Range – project/schedule update
2. Heman Park Improvement – parking lot barriers options – defer, awaiting budget review

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Washington University – Arts and Letters Public Art Project – Ackert Park project presentation – vote/recommendation.
2. Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) Presentation – Heman Park to I-170 Trail/Sidewalk - 606C Centennial Greenway
3. Municipal Park Grant Commission of St Louis County – Planning Grant Application for Comprehensive Park Master Plan – vote/recommendation.

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS

M. ADJOURNMENT



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Meeting Minutes

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by James Wilke at 6:33.

B. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Commission President James Wilke, Commission Members Amy Gascon, Josh Winstral, John Solodar, Lisa Hummel, Matt Hayden. Also, in attendance was Deputy Director of Parks Maintenance Todd Strubhart, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Jim Krischke, Deputy Director of Recreation Lynda Euell-Taylor.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy motioned, John seconded and all were in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 18, 2025 – Lisa motioned to approve, John seconded and all were in favor.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

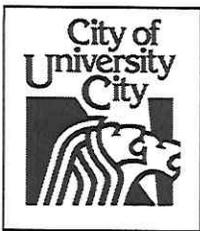
Jim Roling not happy that the driving range was closed in July 2024. The year the golf course was closed the golf course revenue was down \$320k. Now the city has hired a general contractor for \$71k and a RFQ was put out to select a design contractor and only one company bid on it. Jim expressed that it doesn't seem to be concerned about how long this is taking. An engineering study was done in 2012 for the runoff has anyone seen the study.

Kevin Taylor asked to speak during the portion of the meeting that relates to Heman Parking Lot Improvements.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jim Krischke went over the department report that was included in the meeting packet. Updates were provided on the following:

- Heman Park – Jack Buck Field Scoreboard
- Senior Survey
- Great Rivers Greenway
- Farmers Market
- Storybook – Ready Readers



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- Golf Driving Range
- Heman Parking Lot Improvements
- Park Priorities – Annual Report
- Comprehensive Park Master Plan
- Proposed New Playgrounds
- Grant/Project Application 2026
- Capital Improvement Plan 2026/27 Budget Overview

G. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

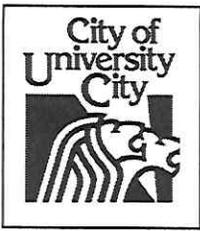
Steve McMahon wasn't at the meeting

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Annual Report – Lisa Hummel, Amy Gascon, Matt Hayden –update will be provided as part of agenda item below
2. Rules & Regulations – Josh Winstral, James Wilke, Angel Simmons – have been working to pull together the group of rules and regulations, the committee identified more rules & regulations that needed to be pulled
3. Budget – John Solodar, Amy Gascon, TBD

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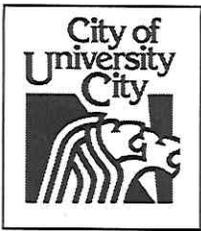
20. Community Center – Angel Simmons - no current concerns
21. Eastgate Park – Angel Simmons – no current concerns
22. Kaufman Park – Lisa Hummel – no current concerns

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Golf Course Driving Range – project/schedule update – Navigate is the contractor that has been contracted to put together the RFQ for engineering and design contractor for the driving range. Only one company responded to the RFQ, Horner and Shifrin, who has sports experience but maybe not golf course experience. Public Works has been the department within the city that has overseen the project thus far as that is where the engineers are within the city. Amy expressed concerns about only one company responding to the RFQ and is that company qualified to do the work. Jim expressed the need to get the project moving forward. Lisa reiterated Amy's concerns. Todd explained that the area that is now the driving range was originally a wooded area. Jim explained that Brooke Sharp's (Interim City Manager) priority is making sure that this time when the driving range is fixed, it's fixed correctly.
2. Heman Park Improvement – parking lot barriers options – defer to February. Kevin Taylor has requested information for the cost of changing Millar Park softball field to a baseball field. Kevin has requested to convert field 6 in Heman Park to a baseball field as the field doesn't work for little league and isn't the right size for high school baseball.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks Priorities – Annual Report – Review and Discussion – The Annual Report committee went through the last set of park priorities and assessed whether the priorities have been addressed. A list was established of the priorities that remain and the committee is now soliciting feedback from the commission on the priorities. Lisa shared with the commission that one of the committee's top priorities is to establish online registration for the city programming, pavilions, fields, etc. The committee will work with the Parks Department staff to further refine the priorities list.
2. Comprehensive Park Master Plan update – Review and Discussion – Josh motioned, Matt seconded and all in favor of putting out an RFQ to get a new comprehensive park master plan.
3. Playground Replacement Schedule – Review and Discussion – Todd shared a list of playgrounds with the date installed, original date recommended replacement year and a revised replacement year.



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4. St Louis County Municipal Park Grant Round 26 – Application and Project Discussion – Heman Park playground is the project slated for this upcoming grant.
5. Capital Improvement Plan/2026-2027 Budget Overview – an old capital improvement plan was provided.

L. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

- M. ADJOURNMENT** – motioned to adjourn by John at 8:17 and seconded by Josh, all were in favor.



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INTERIM DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
MONTHLY PARKS COMMISSION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2026
GENERAL INFORMATION

HEMAN PARK – JACK BUCK FIELD SCOREBOARD:

Nothing new to report. Discussions with Cardinals Care slowed during the holiday season. We anticipate further conversations to take place in the 1st quarter of 2026. More information to follow.

SENIOR SURVEY

The final touches are being made to the senior survey. The Senior Services Commission will discuss this matter at their February 17, 2026, meeting. Release of the survey will occur this month. We hope to have information to share with the park commission at the March meeting.

PARK PRIORITIES – ANNUAL REPORT – REVIEW DISCUSSION

The Park Commission annual report subcommittee (Amy Gascon, Matt Hayden, Lisa Hummel) met with the park director and deputy directors on Wednesday February 11, 2026, to discuss the 2026 park priorities and annual report. As a result of that meeting, and other committee meetings, a detailed park priorities list (annual report) has been drafted. Attached to the agenda packet is a draft of that park priorities list. The subcommittee will present that list at the park commission meeting and ask for input from the commission members. FYI: As a matter of routine business, the city manager requests each department submit an annual report that outlines their department's past years' achievements and upcoming goals for the new year. These reports were due in December for review and approval by the city manager. The approved reports were then released in early 2026 for online access as well as published in the ROARS newsletter. The city annual report was released about two (2) weeks ago – please see attached documents. Please don't confuse this report as it being the park commission annual report. They are comparable but are two different documents with different purposes.

STORYBOOK – READY READERS

Now that all the approvals have been made, this project will move to the implementation phase. It is anticipated that work on this project will begin in the spring or early summer. The location of the storybook display will be Fogerty Park. Final location of the displays will be determined, in consultation with staff, prior to installation. Once a firm timeline has been established it will be shared with the park commission. More information to follow.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – 2026/27 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staff from within all Parks and Recreation divisions are working on their budgets for fiscal year 2026/27. Included in the budget documents will be operational and capital improvement requests that will be presented to the budget management team for review and consideration. The budget process begins in February and will continue until City Council approves the fiscal year budget in June. March will be an important month whereby department directors will meet with the intern city manager and the budget management team. We will report back to the park commission any information that comes from those meetings.

HEMAN PARK TRI-COURT ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT UPDATE

City Council approved a construction contract with Bryne and Jones for athletic field renovations at Heman Park. This works is being funded by a St Louis Municipal park grant in the amount of \$575,000 and an in-kind grant from the US Soccer Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.

Renovations included in this project include the addition of three (3) pickleball courts, three (3) basketball courts, and one (1) soccer mini pitch. Staff and Bryne and Jones representatives held a preconstruction meeting on February 12th. Work is set to begin in mid-March. Installation of the mini pitch will be completed June 1, with the remaining renovations being complete by the end of summer.

AGENDA OLD BUSINESS

GOLF DRIVING RANGE:

On Monday February 9, 2026, City Council approved an engineering services agreement with Horner Shifrin for design and engineering services for the Ruth Park driving range. As previously mentioned, this is the first step in the process to renovate the driving range facility. The timeline for renovation of the driving range remains the same – projected opening in Fall

2026. The initial phase of design and engineering is an important first step in the process and the results of Horner and Shifrin's work will be vital in determining the options for renovation. A timeline for completion of the project will be forthcoming after Horner and Shifrin complete their work. More information to follow.

HEMAN PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS:

This item is on your agenda as a placeholder for further discussion. Staff continue to look at viable and cost-effective options to make the necessary parking lot repairs. In addition, staff will review and compare each option as it pertains to cost, budget, maintenance, and DNR requirements. We were hoping to have this as a discussion item at this meeting, but we were delayed by budget and other matters. This topic will be placed on the March agenda for further review and discussion.

AGENDA NEW BUSINESS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY – ARTS AND LETTERS PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Sage Dawson and Matt Bernstein from Washington University will be present at the meeting to discuss the public art project planned for Ackert Park. This is a cooperative project with the Arts and Letters Commissions. Sage Dawson will be making a presentation at the meeting – information will be distributed at the meeting. Additionally, Sage Dawson, Matt Bernstein, and Deputy Parks Director Lynda Euell-Taylor will be available to answer questions and/or provide more detail. Given the nature of the project, a recommendation to proceed is being requested by the park commission.

GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY - PRESENTATION

Gabby Danback and Mara Perry from Great Rivers Greenway will be presenting their initial plans for the 606C Centennial Greenway Trail from I-170 to Heman Park. They have already met with other members of the city leadership, and they will also meet with the elected officials soon. Their goal is to provide an overview of GRG and have a discussion about the project, its goals, and potential connections. The GRG representatives will also be available to answer questions from the park commission members. No action is needed. This is information only.

COMPREHENSIVE PARK MASTER PLAN

Staff has been working on the creation of a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for park master plan services. In addition, staff have been looking for grant opportunities to help offset the cost of these services. A grant through the St Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission has been identified. Application for grant funding is not complex, but it does require that the application be reviewed and recommended/approved by city officials including the park commission and city council. Therefore, we are asking that the park commission review the application and recommend that it be forwarded to the city council for passage of a resolution in support of the application. If approved, funds for this grant can be in an amount to up to \$10,000. Moreover, grant funding will help to secure 2026/27 budget funding for this project.

2026 PARK COMMISSION – PARK PRIORITIES

ANNUAL REPORT

1. Capital Improvements
 - a. Update the Park Comprehensive Plan – last updated in 2008
 - b. Heman Park playground and park beautification
 - c. New mobile stage
 - d. New multipurpose rooms at Centennial Commons
 - e. Centennial Commons interior painting
2. Repair of buildings, grounds, and equipment
 - a. Roof for Centennial Commons
 - b. HVAC units for Centennial Commons
 - c. Tuckpointing and awnings for Centennial Commons
 - d. Pressing pool repairs & maintenance items – filter room walls, pumps, valves and painting/caulking of interior pool (approx. \$400k one time, annually set aside \$200k for recurring maintenance and improvements to pool)
 - e. Roof for Community Center
3. Customer service
 - a. Support improving customer services - online reservation
4. Recreation
5. Park Commission supports ongoing maintenance of the parks with annual contracts, maintain in good condition... we also support not kicking the can down the road, instead of putting band aids on things, we need to fix them upfront.
6. Funding sources
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Storm Water Tax – Ask Steve McMahon when the sunset date for the remaining \$1.4M
 - c. Grants
 - d. Sales Tax



PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC AREAS MAINTENANCE

Preserving the Community's Quality of Life

The Parks, Recreation & Public Areas Maintenance Department provides programs and services that enrich our community through stewardship of the environment, quality recreation programs and facilities, and fun for individuals and families

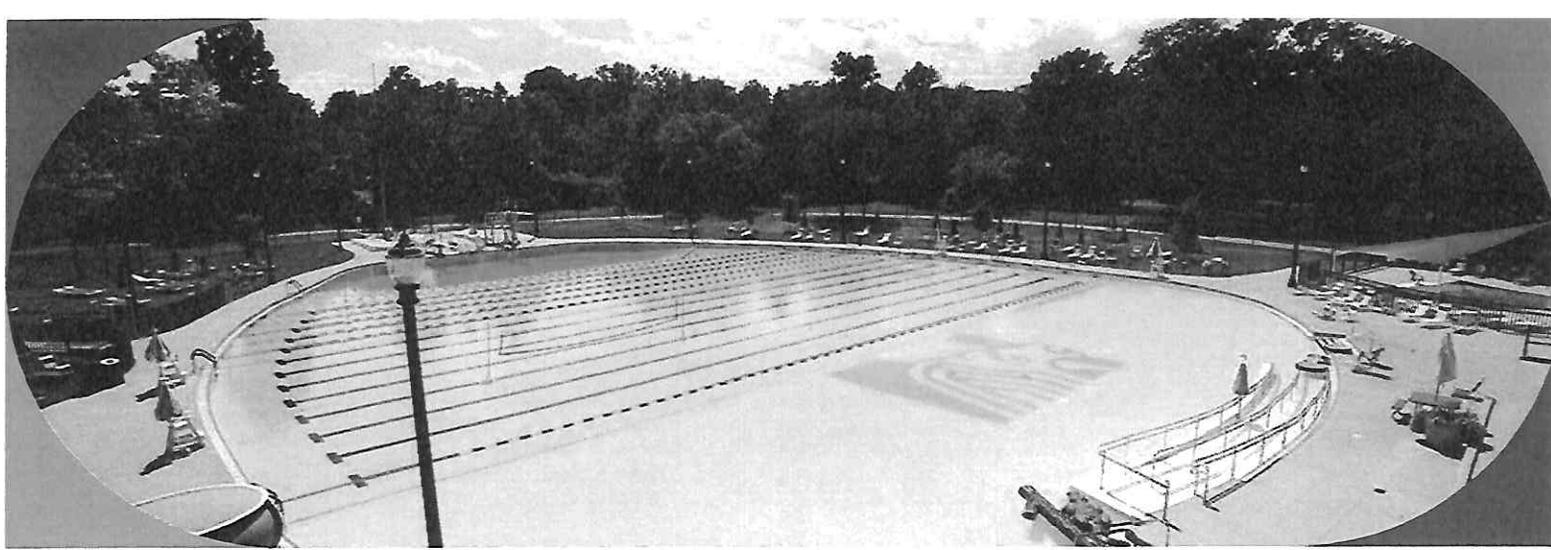
PARKS

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Refurbished playgrounds and the dog park with double ground woodchips
- Awarded \$575,000 St. Louis County Municipal Parks Construction Grant to build three basketball courts, three pickleball courts, and a soccer mini pitch at Heman Park
- Added new Playground Guardian Park Protector inspection software
- Built a new splash pad adjacent to Heman Park Pool – St. Louis County Municipal Grant Funded \$575,000
- Built a new baseball field at Millar Park - St. Louis County Municipal Grant Funded \$575,000
- Removed old Playgrounds at Rabe and Metcalf
- Installation of new playgrounds and swing sets at Rabe and Metcalf Park \$90,000 Gametime grant
- Replacement of fence at Groby and Mona Drive Bridge
- Repair of concrete and handrails at Centennial Commons
- Repair of Centennial Greenway Bike Path
- The city completed a city-wide cleanup following the May 16th tornado.
- Replaced the culvert at the nursery
- Snowplowing during three snowstorms, 565 tons of salt used, 7,247 miles covered
- Maintained all of the approximately 750 City-owned streetlights
- Filled 6,568 potholes, 162 miles of road within the city
- Provide Bi-Monthly Neighborhood street sweeping
- Installed 245 street signs

ONGOING

- Install shade structure at dog park
- Apply for \$575,000 St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Round 26 for Heman Park playground
- Apply for \$575,000 matching grant for the playground equipment with 2026 Gametime
- Repair cracks, seal, and line the asphalt parking lots at Heman Park tennis courts and Centennial Commons
- Spring 2026: Build three basketball courts, three pickleball courts, and a soccer mini pitch at Heman Park
- Establish a bench and tree memorial program
- Refurbish playgrounds and dog park with double-ground woodchips
- Improve the appearance of the Heman Park parking lot with new parking barriers
- Purchase two solar-powered scoreboards for Jack Buck and Millar Park Fields
- Repair retaining wall at Lewis Park Pond
- Refurbish the fill around the walking trail at Millar Park
- Annually refurbish all athletic fields
- Repairing potholes daily
- Street sweeping daily
- Signage repair or replacement daily
- Streets: Right-of-way cutting weekly
- Parks: Cutting of grass weekly
- Parks and Streets: Mulching of leaves as needed
- Cleaning parks and facilities daily
- Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan



RECREATION

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Centennial Commons Recreation Facility and the Heman Park Swimming Pool successfully resumed their original operating hours
- Centennial Commons Recreation Facility became the new outdoor location for the University City Farmers Market
- Hosted the National Kids to Parks Day Event – Tennis Block Party, engaging youth ages 5 and up
- Onboarded a new Senior Services Coordinator
- Implemented a Summer Enrichment Program for resident youth ages 5–12, partnering with a variety of collaborators including SLU, Wash U, city departments, community organizations, etc.
- Completed the ninth successful season of the Cardinal Care Redbird Rookies Youth Summer Sports Program and launched a successful inaugural season of the St. Louis Cardinals NIKE RBI Sports Program for teens ages 14–18, both sponsored by St. Louis Cardinals
- Hosted the St. Louis Cardinals NIKE RBI Championship Tournament at Heman Park for the second consecutive year
- Introduced new fitness programming, including Stretch & Strengthen with Essentrics, Extreme Hip Hop Step, Ageless Action Boot Camp, and Chair Yoga, and resumed SilverSneakers instructed classes, including SilverSneakers Move & Groove
- Hosted the Annual National Night Out/Back to School Rally, sponsored by the University City Police Department and the University City School District
- Established a community collaboration with Kingsland Walk Senior Living

ONGOING

- Convert Cub Care into Century Room III for additional class space/rentals
- Convert Teen Room into “old school” gaming room with billiards, foosball, air hockey, etc.
- Return youth programming for preschoolers including Little Kickers, Little Hoopers, Little Netters and Little Batters and Catchers, etc.
- Continue successful annual programs such as Go Red for Women Luncheon, National Walking Day, Puppy Pool Party, Community Yard Sale and Trunk or Treat
- Launch tenth season of Cardinal Care Redbird Rookies and second season of Nike RBI summer youth sports programs sponsored by St. Louis Cardinals
- Implement a senior needs survey and launch a senior-focused newsletter
- Collecting cold-weather “gear” (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) during December for the holiday “Giving Tree”, to be donated to University City High School students in promoting the spirit of giving in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- Expand adult and senior programming, including golf and pickleball instruction, Table Talks, seasonal events, financial seminars, and monthly Golden Lions bingo, and more.
- Implement offsite experiences such as afternoon movies, museum visits, and other excursions
- Increase senior fitness participation during off-peak hours through no-cost SilverSneakers and RenewActive membership programs
- Return to online program/event registration and facility inquiry; Implement pass membership renewal



GOLF COURSE

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received new golf cart fleet with expanded number of carts (34).
- Replaced all pull cart straps with longer lasting cords, so carts can be used properly.
- Created an expanded food and drink menu in the pro shop (with the addition of cheesesteaks, wine spritz' s, ciders and beer options)
- Expanded outside league play by 25%, adding 5 new leagues for weekly play.
- Completed construction and sodding of new forward tee complex on #2
- Installed new drainage in #3 fairway
- Continued clearing wood lines on #1, #2, #3
- Added new flower bed at parking lot entrance
- Reshaped and sodded #3 rear green surround
- Stockpiling of dirt for new tees at #2, #5, #9
- Replaced 12 irrigation heads
- 7000 sq/ft of sod replaced
- Removal of 3 hazardous trees and 4 storm damaged trees

FORESTRY

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Completed fourth area of five-year pruning cycle for street trees
- Developed long-range urban forestry management plan
- Removed 177 trees
- Pruned 1,380 trees
- Planted 88 trees
- Removed trees from Pershing Avenue and Ferguson Avenue for street/sidewalk construction project
- Used 432 hours cleaning up May 16, 2025 Storm Debris
- Celebrated 2025 Arbor Day with Green Center

ONGOING

- Create in-house tournaments/leagues run by the Golf Manager
- Explore the expansion of a liquor license to meet the demand of mixed drinks from golfers
- Create new and improved golf cart signs for all 34 golf cart information holders
- Add range shed for attendant/concessions at driving range (with range expansion)
- Replace ball washer at driving range
- Develop Master Plan for course and range to have continuity moving forward
- Shape, irrigate and sod #1 tee complex
- Contract for building of a USGA putting green near clubhouse
- Driving Range reconstruction
- Conduct feasibility study for new clubhouse

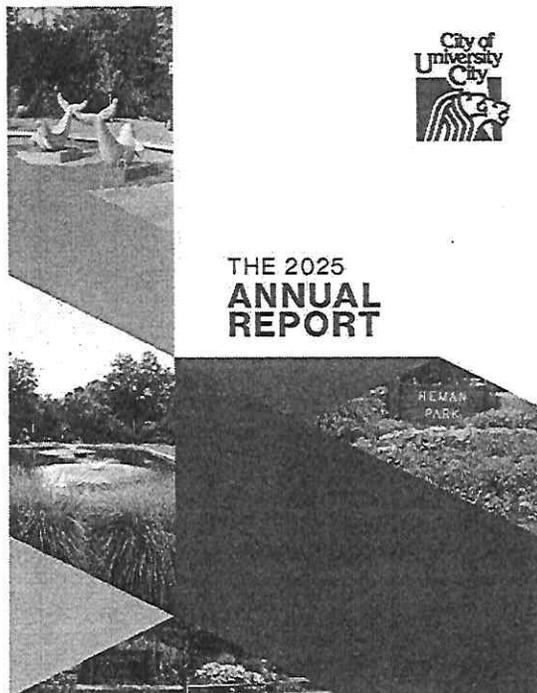
ONGOING

- Explore adding watering truck for volunteers to help with newly planted trees
- Remove hazardous trees
- Follow cyclical pruning schedule for street trees
- Propose Annual Community Forestry Plan
- Plant replacement trees at vacant sites
- Plant trees on Pershing and Ferguson Avenues after completion construction project
- Purchase Bucket Truck
- Purchase Stump Grinder

YARD WASTE STICKERS NO LONGER NEEDED

Effective March 11, 2025, you will no longer need to purchase yard waste stickers for yard waste collection. Residents can now place yard waste at the curb following standard collection guidelines without the added step of purchasing stickers.

[Read on...](#)



Now Available: 2025 Annual Report

The City of University City has published its 2025 Annual Report, offering residents an in-depth look at City accomplishments, departmental activities, and major initiatives from the past year.

The report includes:

- A message from the City Manager
- Highlights from every City department



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CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
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6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. PROCLAMATIONS (Acknowledgement)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 26, 2026 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

F. APPOINTMENTS to BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

G. SWEARING IN TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Total of 15 minutes allowed)

Request to Address the Council Forms are located on the ledge just inside the entrance of the Council Chamber. Please complete and place the form in the basket at the front of the room.

The public may also submit a written comment ahead of the meeting. Comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting**. Comments may be sent via email to: councilcomments@ucitymo.org, or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention City Clerk. Such comments will be provided to the City Council prior to the meeting. Comments will be made as part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting. Please note, when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided**. Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item. If a name and address are not provided, the comment provided will not be recorded in the official record.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

K. CONSENT AGENDA (1 voice vote required)

1. Replacement Trash Transfer Trailer (Fleet)
2. Firehouse No. 2 Kitchen Repair/Replace
3. Contract with Monster Tree Service for the Annual Tree Trimming Project - PRF26-10-0019
4. Ratification - MGT - Budget Consultant

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – (voice vote on each item as needed)

1. City Manager Updates
2. City Manager Executive Search Update (Lee Szymborski)
3. Ruth Park Driving Range Proposal — *GOLF DRIVING RANGE*

GOLF

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (2nd and 3rd readings – roll call vote required)

None

N. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions (voice vote required)

None

Bills (Introduction and 1st reading - no vote required)

None

O. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission appointments needed
2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions
3. Boards, Commissions and Task Force minutes
4. Other Discussions/Business

Ackert Park
Wash U & Arts & Letters

James Krischke

From: Lynda Euell-Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 10:50 AM
To: James Krischke
Subject: REPLY AS OF 2.4.26 - For February 2026 Park Commission Agenda
Importance: High

FYI:

- Washington University presenters Sage Dawson and (possibly) Matt Bernstein are both aware of date/time/location of the February Park Commission meeting; but I will send a reminder for both meetings (i.e., A&L 2/12) next week
- When sharing with Sage re: presentation information for meeting – she indicated the following:
“We are working under a tighter timeline for design than usual given the snow last week. I don’t anticipate having the packets of information finalized with the students until 2/10. We are happy to print copies for the commissioners and bring them with us”.
I shared that would be ok and provided her the numbers of packets needed.



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“Don’t just be present in the room – Have a presence in the room!” – anonymous
“You can’t leave those who created the problem, in charge of the solution!” – anonymous
“Silence them with your excellence!” – Will Packer



Ackert Park
Wash U / Arts + Letters

James Krischke

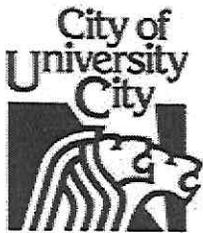
From: Lynda Euell-Taylor
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 7:32 PM
To: James Krischke
Subject: AS OF 1.26.26 - For February 2026 Park Commission Agenda

Importance: High

Please add to February 17th Park Commission agenda:

Presentation – 2026 Arts & Letters/Washington University Public Art Project: Ackert Park – Sage Dawson/Matt Bernstein – vote required

Regards,



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"Don't just be present in the room – Have a presence in the room!" – anonymous

"You can't leave those who created the problem, in charge of the solution!" – anonymous

"Silence them with your excellence!" – Will Packer



- visit a U City Park or Recreation Facility because it's #whereyoubelong!

University City + Great Rivers Greenway

Centennial Greenway



Great Rivers Greenway

YOUR PROJECT TEAM



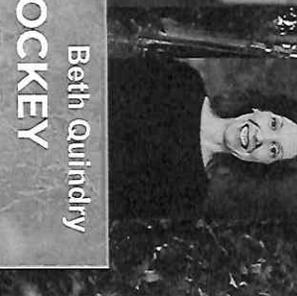
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OUR MISSION: Make the St. Louis region a more vibrant place to live, work and play by developing a regional network of greenways.

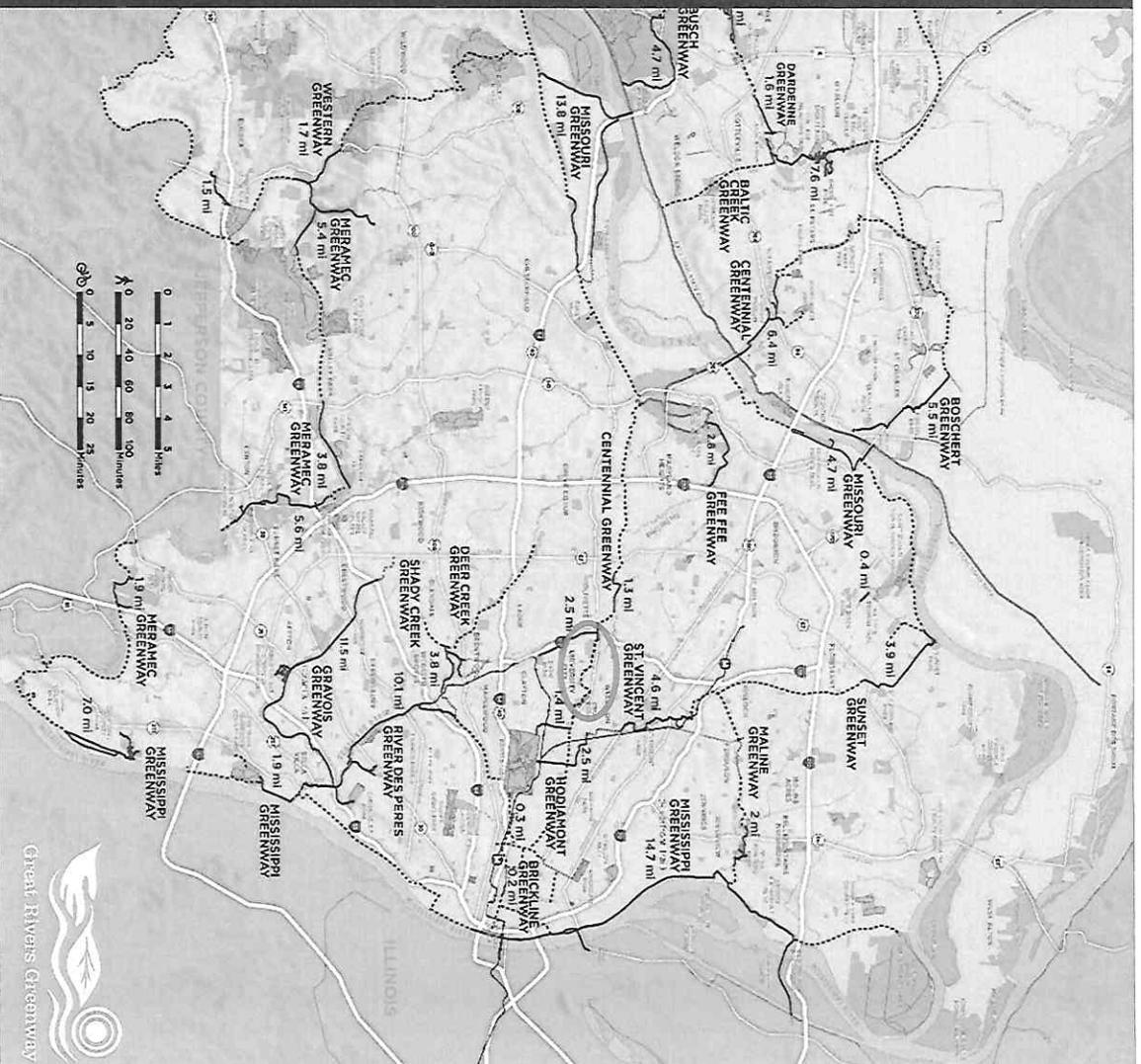
AGENDA

- **GRC Overview**
- **Project Understanding & Study Tasks**
- **Centennial Greenway
I-170 to Heman Park**
- **Discussion**



MEET US:
**GREAT RIVERS
GREENWAY**

- Regional multi-county public agency/parks and trails district:
 - City of St. Louis
 - St. Louis County
 - St. Charles County
- Actively building 20+ greenways across the region
- 140 miles of greenways planned, designed and built so far
- 250+ successful working partnerships, municipalities and institutions
- Creating a legacy of greenways for future generations to enjoy



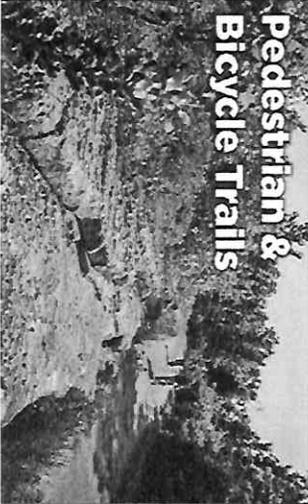
MEET US:

WHAT IS A GREENWAY?

Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people & places.



Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails



Conservation Projects

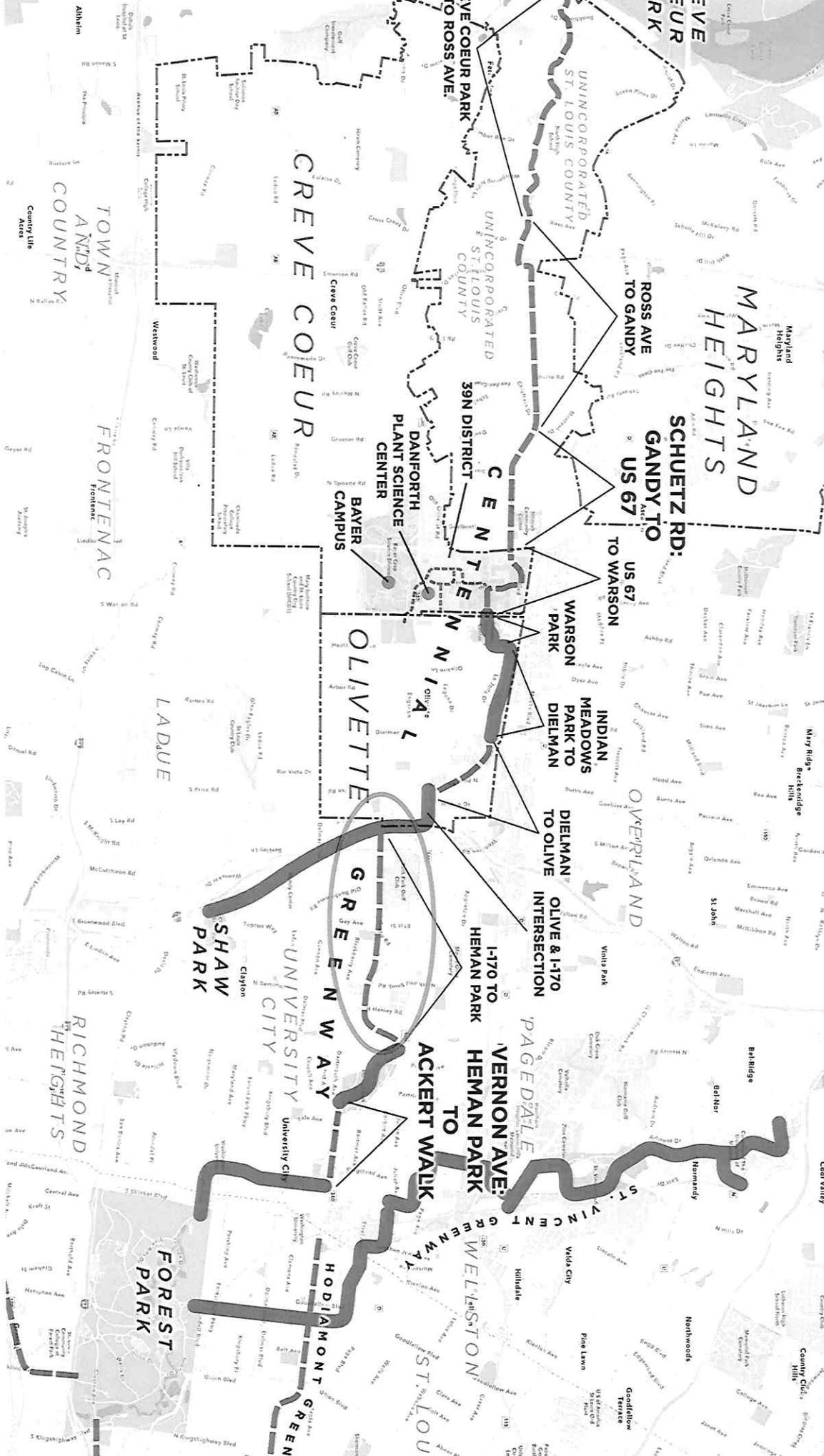


Trailheads with Amenities



Neighborhood Connections





MARYLAND HEIGHTS

SCHUETZ RD:
GANDY TO
US 67

WARSON PARK
INDIAN MEADOWS
PARK TO
DIELMAN

DIELMAN
OLIVE & I-70
INTERSECTION

VERNON AVE:
HEMAN PARK
TO
ACKERT WALK

OLIVETTE

CREVE COEUR

LADUE

FRONTENAC

TOWN AND
COUNTRY

RICHMOND
HEIGHTS

FOREST PARK

HODIAMONT
GREEN

WELLSINGTON

PAGEDALE

OVERLAND

BALTIMORE

COOL VALLEY

COUNTY CLIFF
HILLS

MARY RIDGE
BEEKENIDGE
HILLS

MARYLAND
HEIGHTS

EVERETT
PARK

CREVE COEUR PARK
TO ROSS AVE

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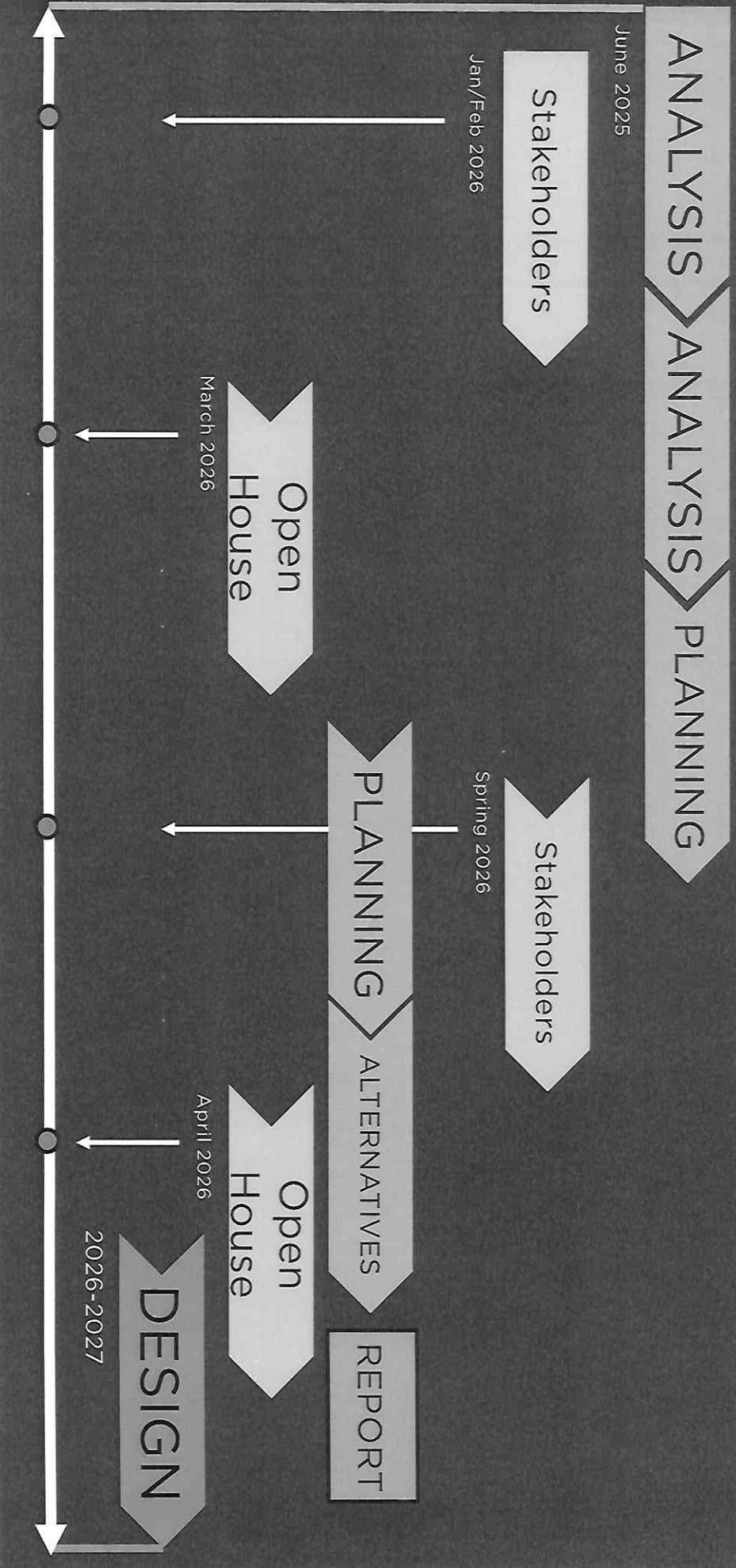
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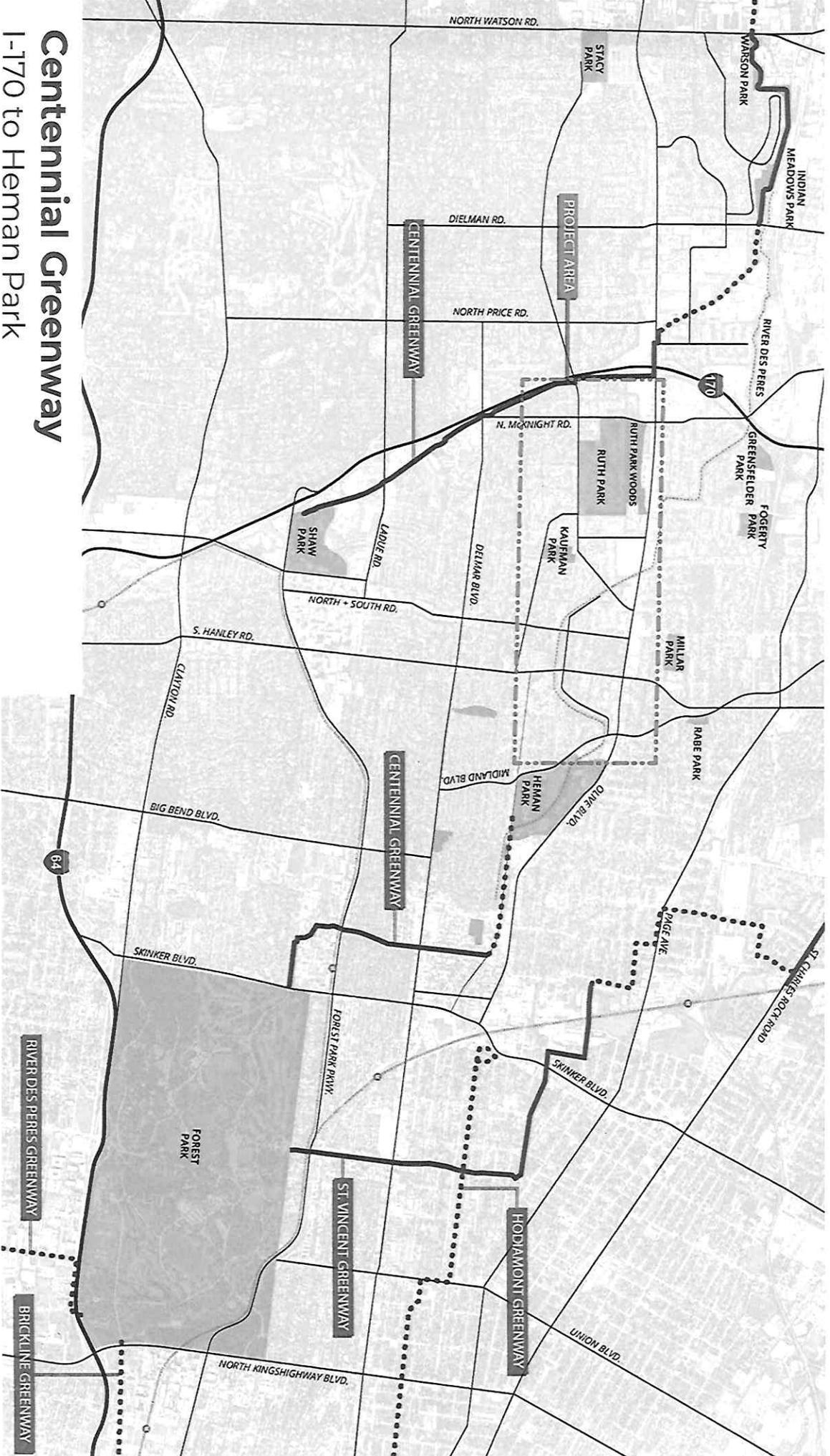
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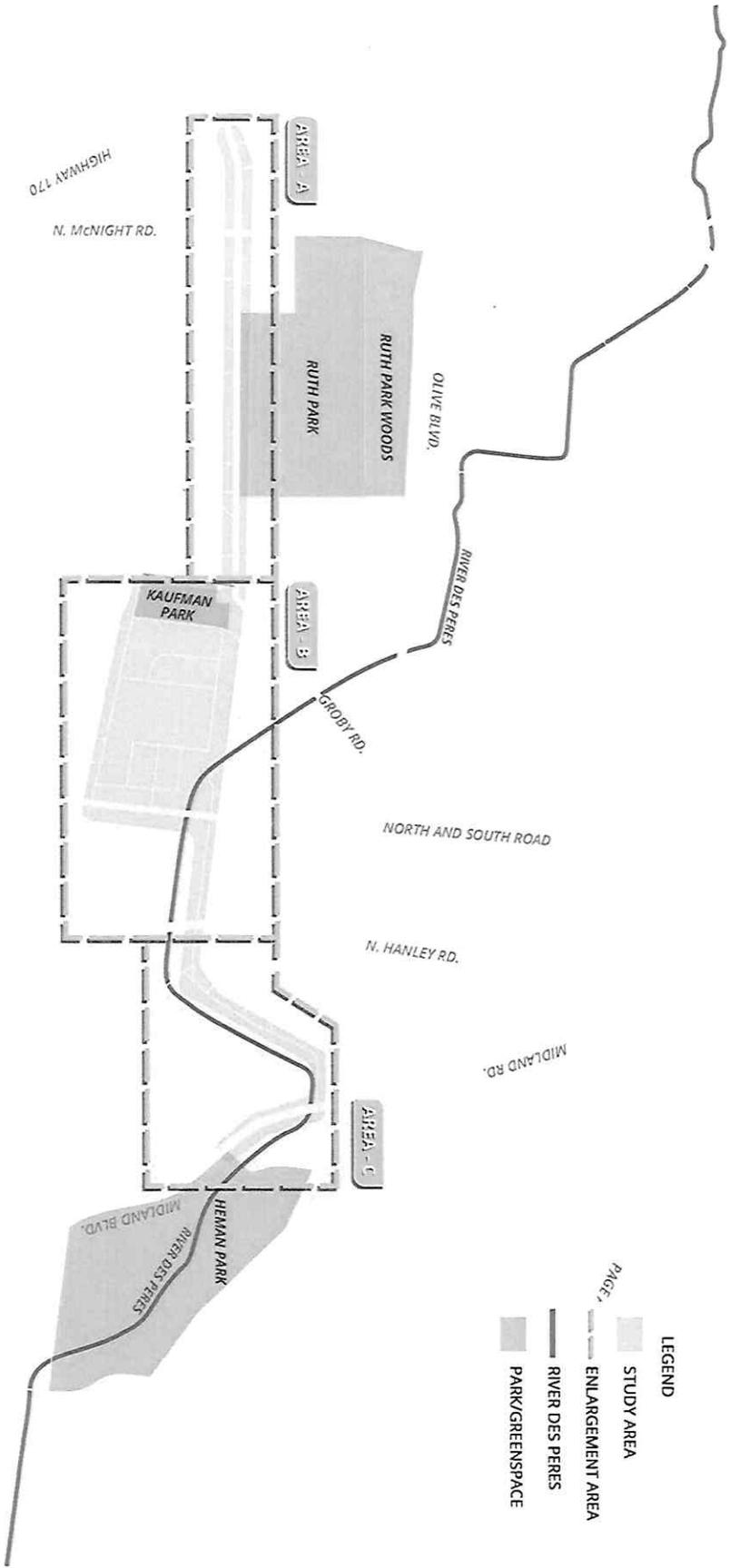
PLANNING PROCESS: CENTENNIAL GREENWAY





Centennial Greenway

I-170 to Heman Park



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I-170 to Heman Park



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Thank You

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Great Rivers Greenway

Municipal Park Grant Commission

Planning Grants

The application deadline is open-ended. You may submit at any time during the year.

Introduction

The Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County's Planning Grant Program is designed to assist municipalities that ***do not have professional parks or planning staff***. The grant provides funding to help cities retain qualified consultants with experience in developing park master plans, assess existing facilities, and/or plan for specific park improvements. The plan will ensure that communities can make strategic, well-designed investments in their parks and recreation systems. A successful planning grant will also improve and streamline the Construction Grant application.

The Commission will pay up to \$10,000 for a Planning Grant. The grantee required to pay 20% of the cost and is responsible for all costs that exceed \$10,000.

Consultants must have at least 2 years' experience in park planning, civil engineering, or landscape design. A list of approved consultants is attached to the application instructions. For detailed information on consultants, including primary contact and references, visit the Park Commission website at: <https://muniparkgrants.org/>

*** The Commission provides funds on a reimbursement basis after ensuring all items in the scope of work have been completed. All Planning Grant projects must be completed and reimbursed by May 1 of the grant year. This deadline is necessary to ensure that Staff has sufficient time to review and approve the Planning Grant requirements prior to the Project Grant application cycle in June. Municipalities that do not meet this deadline will not be eligible to submit a Project Grant application in that cycle. ***

*** Municipalities can only have one planning grant at a time. ***

*** **Do not enter into a signed agreement with the consultant until the Planning Grant application has been reviewed and the Planning Grant approved by the Park Grant Commission.** ***

Guidelines

1. The Commission will grant up to \$10,000. Applicants are required to pay at least a 20% match of the funds they have been granted.
2. Municipalities may apply for planning grants at any time during the year, limited to one open grant at any given time.
3. For cities with limited land or resources, the Commission encourages collaboration and coordination with surrounding cities, school districts, and civic organizations that may have available land or shared interests, to promote regional cooperation and maximize community access to quality park facilities.

4. A copy of the finished plan prepared by your consultant must be submitted with the reimbursement request.

Preparing the Application

- 1) The planning process should begin with the elected body. City officials are encouraged to discuss and define the general park and recreation priorities, needs, and conditions they want the consultant to address. This will help ensure the final plan reflects the community's vision and leadership goals. A resolution from your municipality's governing body indicating the purpose of the planning grant is required to be submitted with your planning grant application.

- 2) Meet with one or more potential consultants to discuss the city's park and recreation needs, priorities, and expectations for the planning process. This meeting provides an opportunity for the city to outline its goals and for the consultants to present their qualifications, relevant experience, and proposed approach. The purpose is to ensure both parties understand the scope of work and to help the city identify the best-qualified firms to submit formal proposals. The cities should document these discussions to assist in evaluating proposals fairly and consistently. A consultant's written proposal is required to be submitted with your planning grant application.
 - a) **All municipalities must follow their local and state procurement procedures when selecting a consultant. This includes complying with applicable bidding, proposal review, and contracting requirements to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability.**

- 3) Request a proposal from selected consultant. The proposal will be submitted as part of the Planning Grant Application. The consultant's proposal should indicate how they will complete the following:
 - Initial basic assessments of existing conditions and opportunities;
 - At least two community engagement meetings (e.g., public hearings, citizen walk-arounds, charrettes, or other effective methods) — one early in the process to gather input and one near the end to review draft recommendations. *Community input is required* to identify gaps, needs, and craft solutions;
 - Preparation of drawings, cost estimates, and improvement concepts;
 - Review and evaluation of existing park and recreation facilities;
 - Development of a written analysis and set of recommendations;
 - Preparation of master plan opinions of probable costs or updates to existing/older master plans;
 - Creation of detailed maps with dimensions and both written and graphic descriptions of each park element;
 - Optional: Completion of construction grant applications by the consultant for submission in the fall grant round or other applicable funding opportunities.

The consultant proposal is typically a 2-4 pages document submitted by a consultant to the municipality which must be attached to this application. If approved, this proposal is the basis for the agreement between the Commission and your municipality.

- 4) Download planning grant application from Park Commission website at <https://muniparkgrants.org/>

- 5) Complete application and attach to this document.

Attachments to this document:

- 1) Application (Separate Link on Website)
- 2) Consultant background information – Following your city’s procurement policies, you may seek proposals from any legitimate recreation or facility consultant with at least 2 years of experience. See list of pre-certified park consultants published on the Park Commission website.

Submitting the Application

Staff will confirm receipt of Application.
If you do not receive an email back, please contact (314) 726-4747.

Email: staff@stlmuni.org

Mail: 11911 Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Municipal Park Grant Commission

Planning Grant Application

Name of City:

Date:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

Commission will fund up to \$10,000. A 20% city match is required.

Grant Request

City Match

Total \$ 0.00

Purpose for Planning Grant

- **Replace Existing Items:** We have parks and would like to review existing facilities to determine equipment and replacement needs.

- **Add New Facilities:** We have parks and would like to determine the need for additional facilities and/or equipment needs within existing Parks.

- **Establish New Park:** We will use the funds to evaluate the development of a new city park, taking into consideration available land and the needs of the community.

• **Create or Update existing city Park Master Plan:** Use funds for developing or updating Park Master plan for future park improvements.

• **Other: (Explain)**

Is this a multi-city or partnership grant?

YES

NO

If yes, list participant(s):

Please provide any additional information you feel will help us in evaluating your grant application.

When submitting applications, please make sure the following items are included.
(Check each Box)

Proof of approval by the governing body (Resolution and Meeting Minutes)

Consultants proposal (make sure proposal includes at least 2 community meetings as part of the planning process)

Name, contact information and qualifications of the consultant you are likely to use (do not sign agreement with consultant until application is approved)

Any documentation that proves land encompassed in the proposal is owned by the City or under a signed purchase agreement

Please forward completed application and supporting documents to the Park Commission's office either by mail or email. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 314-726-4747 or staff@StlMuni.org.
