



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

(A) CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PARAC) of the City of Maryland Heights was held by Zoom on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Chair Lori Brinkman presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

(B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair: Lori Brinkman
 Vice Chair: Jennie Shane

Absent: Stacy Pfeiffer, Cathy Dirck

Members: Ray Knoche, Steve Sims, Mickey McAllister, Lori Sommer, Becky Wells, Liz Renaud

City Staff Present: Adam Peper – Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
 Jennifer VanDyke – Recreation Manager
 Hannah McFarland – Customer Relations Specialist
 Jim Carver – Economic Development Manger
 Tina Politowski – Management Assistant

Guest: Councilwomen Taylor, Jamie Gilley

(C) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Sommer, to accept the agenda.
Motion passed.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Sommer, to accept the minutes from January 20, 2021 with the update to change Lori Brinkman to Lori Sommer as the individual that made the motion. Motion passed.

(E) OLD BUSINESS:

St. Patrick's Event- Still need volunteers. The first group of seniors arrives at 11:30am, and volunteers would arrive at 10:30am to help with plating and packaging.



(F) NEW BUSINESS:

Sustainability Center- Jim Carver and Tina Politowski presented a slide show on the new Sustainability Center Plan. The campus will cover 5 ½ acres adjacent to Pattonville High School. The presentation laid out a campus map and Carver spoke on how this facility will engage the community in learning about green energy.

Community Center- Capacity Change- St. Louis County raised our capacity from 25% to 50%. Eighty-five people are able to be in the fitness center and indoor pool at a time.

Aquaport- At this time, St. Louis County is predicting Aquaport will operate at 50% capacity. Registration opens on March 1 for the Grand Reopening. Six hundred residents and season pass holders can attend. Weather has caused project delays, but with the weather warming up projects will continue.

Recreation Programming Report- Fitness class attendance highest it has been since last year. Personal training has increased over three months. Highest indoor pool attendance since January 2020.

Community Center Membership Report- Highest amount of drop-ins since February 2020. Residents ID sales are the highest they have been since February of 2020. People want to come back into the facility this data shows that.

Director's Report- The Community Center is at 50% capacity with all other restrictions in place. St. Louis County announced today that adult and youth sports restrictions are lessening and we have begun to work on new activities like volleyball and basketball leagues. Parks Maintenance has been working on Winter Projects. They have been crafting decoration for the upcoming Jingle Jangle in July event. Parks Maintenance has been busy with snow/weather clean up. Aquaport grand reopening is May 28. There is potential that future Commission meeting will be held socially distant in-person at the Community Center with a Zoom option to attend virtually

(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Councilwomen Taylor: Thanks Public Works and loves the decorations.

(H) COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Sims: How is the Community Center being used as a vaccination site? Peper said the Pattonville Fire District is getting the vaccine from St. Louis County. No walk-ins will be accepted.



(I) STAFF UPDATES:

Van Dyke: Parks Maintenance did not disappoint with the decoration. We will be able to reuse the décor. Summer camps are 20% off. Learn to skate is going well. World Fest will be held at the Centene Community Ice Center this year.

Peper: The Chamber of Commerce present us a plaque in honor of Maria Lucas, the Outstanding Customer Service Award.

(J) ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Sommer, to adjourn. Motion passed.
Adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.