



## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday, January 20, 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, January 20, 2021 at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Road. Chair Lori Brinkman presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**(B) ROLL CALL:**

Present:           Chair: Lori Brinkman  
                          Vice Chair: Jennie Shane

Absent:            Stacy Pfeiffer, Becky Wells

Members:        Ray Knoche, Steve Sims, Lori Sommer, Cathy Dirck, Mickey McAllister, Liz Renaud

City Staff Present:   Adam Peper – Interim Director of Parks and Recreation  
                          Jennifer VanDyke – Recreation Manager  
                          Hannah McFarland – Customer Relations Specialist

Guest:            Jamie Gilley – via Zoom

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

**(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Brinkman, seconded by Sims, to accept the minutes with the update to remove Emily Wageman’s name from roll call. Motion passed.

**(E) OLD BUSINESS:**

**Volunteer of the year-** Working with the organization, the Mayor, and the Marketing Department to find a date in February that works. In front of the Government Center or in front of the organization’s new building are possible places to hold the event.

**(F) NEW BUSINESS:**



**St. Patrick's Event-** This year St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be a drive through. Maryland Heights senior residents will be able to schedule an appointment to pick up a meal. Pick-ups will be scheduled in half hour increments and no giveaways. The event will be held on March 14 and we are looking for volunteers.

**Recreation Programming Report-** December's numbers are down. New fitness classes were offered, and class attendance numbers jumped in December. A new personal trainer and class instructor was hired. Working to get pre-COVID fitness classes back on the schedule.

**Community Center Membership Report-** Membership numbers are stagnate. Did not see a great increase in membership with the 2021 New Year boom. Numbers in this report are tentative and are working to be finalized. Senior numbers are low, but seniors will have more opportunities in the spring. Looking forward to reopening the Senior Lounge and the Play Center.

**Director's Report-** Attendance in the pool has increased significantly. We have seen an increase in One Month membership sales. Working with our customer relations specialist to find new ways to sell memberships based on what a patron wants. The building is hitting capacity more. Capacity has met four to five times a week in the evenings, and around mid-mornings on the weekends.

**(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**(H) COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Jennie Shane: Are there any updates on the Green House project? Economic Development is in charge of the project and Public Works also assisting with getting the area ready.

Lori Brinkman: It would be nice if someone from the project would attend next month's meeting. Adam Peper will see if the Economic Development Director, Jim Carver, would be able to come to a meeting to give updates on the project.

Adam Peper: Talked to Beautification Commission about removing the Chimney Swift towers at Parkwood, Vago, and Dogport. The concern is the inside wood is starting to deteriorate and rot. The City is planning to take them down. Good news is there is a concrete slab underneath that could be used for art, a Purple Martin House, or something else.



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**(I) STAFF UPDATES:** Registration for preschool begins March 1. The winter skate party did not have enough enrollment in January, so the event was moved to March 28. The next Paint and Sip event will be held in February. February 1 marks the first day of sign-ups for kid, adult, and doggie egg hunts. The egg hunts will be adjusted as necessary to meet current COVID guidelines. Karate and Pickleball classes have returned to the Community Center.

**(J) ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Brinkman, to adjourn. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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