



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Parks and Sustainability Committee

Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Vice Chair Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Thursday, July 30, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Fowler introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except for Committee Member Coan who attended in Chambers.

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Council Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), and Council Member Scott Reed (R-16)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-0947](#)

Louisville Metro Parks Pools: Margaret Brosko and Scott Risinger with Louisville Metro Parks

Chair Person Fowler introduced Margaret Brosko and Scott Risinger from Metro Parks Department.

Chair Person stated that there has been talk of forming a Public Pool Work Group to possibly get some programs initiated at the pools, and get discussions started regarding the pools.

The following spoke to the item:

- Margaret Brosko, Metro Parks
- Scott Risinger, Metro Parks
- Committee Member Triplett
- Committee Member Dorsey
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Mulvihill
- Committee Member Peden
- Council Member Kramer
- Council Member Sexton Smith
- Council Member Hollander

The following was discussed:

- Reservations
- For the "No Show" people that made reservations, the slot was held for 30 minutes, then given to others if they were waiting around without reservations.
- More lifeguards would provide expanded hours for weekends sessions and evening sessions.
- In previous years there were almost 2,000 lifeguards, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are approximately 300 this year.
- The Norton pool estimates are still in the works for renovations.
- A lot discussion about renovating current pools from zero entry to only 4 foot or 5 foot depth.
- With zero entry to only 4 foot, there is no need for a lifeguard, a pool attendant only
- Leaking issues at Fairdale
- Meagher Aquatic Center versus Algonquin Pool is a tale of two cities.
- There needs to be an appetite created in the city for aquatics and foster a culture for swimming.
- Scholarships are given for aquatics.
- Recent survey answers were obtained from town hall meetings and social media.
- A partnership should be looked at with the YMCA.
- Public versus private partnerships should be looked at for state of the art facilities.
- Swimming programs should be available for low-income families.
- An equity lens is so very important.

Pending Legislation

2. [R-091-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$2,300,000 OF FUNDING FROM HISTORIC LOCUST GROVE, INC. TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PAVILION STRUCTURE AND UNDERTAKE ASSOCIATED WORK AT LOCUST GROVE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

Sponsors: Primary Scott Reed (R-16)

Attachments: [R-091-20 V.1 072320 - Accept Funds from Historic Locust Grove.pdf](#)
[RES 080 2020.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Peden, seconded by Committee Member Fox, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Jason Canuel, Metro Parks Department, stated that the Resolution is for improvements to the Pavilion at Locust Grove. This is a great partnership with Metro Parks and Locust Grove.

Council Member Reed stated that the campaign for this project started 3 years ago and seemed to be very ambitious. Money was raised through a capital project. Great activities can be had at Locust Grove at the Pavilion.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to Consent Calendar.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Fowler adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on August 6, 2020.