



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Tentative

### Parks and Sustainability Committee

*Chair Khalil Batshon (R-25)*

*Vice Chair Paula McCraney (I-7)*

*Committee Member Crystal Bast (R-14)*

*Committee Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)*

*Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*

*Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)*

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Thursday, May 7, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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**THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

#### Call to Order

Chair Batshon called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

#### Roll Call

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

**Present:** 6 – Chair Khalil Batshon (R-25), Vice Chair Paula McCraney (I-7), Committee Member Crystal Bast (R-14), Committee Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)

#### Non-Committee Members(s)

Council Member Ken Herndon (D-4), Council Member Dan Seum, Jr. (R-13)

#### Support Staff

Nicole Pang, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

#### Clerk(s)

Amy Golden, Assistant Clerk  
Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk

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## Special Discussion

1. **ID 26-0191** CURRENT PARKS PROJECTS, TIMELINES AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE – Michelle King and Jason Canuel, Metro Parks

Michelle King, Metro Parks, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Jason Canuel, Metro Parks
- Chair Batshon
- Vice Chair McCraney
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Chappell
- Committee Member Ruhe

## Pending Legislation

2. **R-142-25** A RESOLUTION URGING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES/ACTIONS TO ENSURE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT'S TREE CANOPY IS RESILIENT, PROTECTED, AND SUSTAINABLE.

5/7/26 Parks and Sustainability Committee Held  
3/5/26 Parks and Sustainability Committee Held  
2/19/26 Parks and Sustainability Committee Held  
2/5/26 Parks and Sustainability Committee Held  
12/11/25 Parks and Sustainability Committee Motion for Financial Impact Statement; Tabled  
*Action Required By: May 13, 2026*

**Sponsors:** Jennifer Chappell (D-15), Betsy Ruhe (D-21), Ben Reno-Weber (D-8), Andrew Owen (D-9), JP Lyninger (D-6)

This item remained held in Committee.

3. **R-041-26** A RESOLUTION RENAMING BALLARD PARK TO "SMOKETOWN-BALLARD PARK."

5/7/26 Parks and Sustainability Committee Recommended for Approval  
*Action Required By: October 23, 2026*

**Sponsors:** Ken Herndon (D-4)

A motion was made by Committee Member Ruhe, seconded by Vice Chair McCraney, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Batshon
- Council Member Herndon
- Committee Member Ruhe
- Committee Member Chappell
- Michelle King, Metro Parks
- Chris Chandler, Louisville Parks Alliance
- Eric Gurevich, Louisville Parks Alliance

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

4. **R-043-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A TOTAL OF \$6,500 FROM HUMANA, LOUISVILLE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, AND THE BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION FOR THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE EARTH FEST TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

5/7/26 Parks and Sustainability Committee Recommended for Approval  
*Action Required By: October 23, 2026*

**Sponsors:** Ken Herndon (D-4)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Jake Medley, Office of Sustainability
- Chair Batshon

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

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Batshon adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on May 14, 2026.