



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Tentative Parks and Sustainability Committee

*Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14)*  
*Vice Chair Pat Mulvihill (D-10)*  
*Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)*  
*Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)*  
*Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)*  
*Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)*  
*Committee Member James Peden (R-23)*

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Thursday, August 19, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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

### Call to Order

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

### Roll Call

Chair 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 Council President James (D-6), Council Member Hollander (D-9), and Committee Member George (D-21), who attended in Chambers.

**Present:** 6 - Vice Chair Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)

**Absent:** 1 - Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

### Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**1. [ID 21-1062](#)**Cemetery update - Jason Canuel, Metro Parks**

The following spoke to this item:

- Jason Canuel, Parks Department
- Chair Fowler
- Council Member Holton Stewart

The following was discussed:

- The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (" KYTC") has declared the Meadow View Cemetery property as surplus
- Metro Parks currently is waiting to get the appraisal back for the space between the existing cemetery and the interstate
- Question about whether there was more Metro Governments owned property identified in District 25 that can be used as a cemetery
- The proposed property that is not in a flood plan has been located on St. Andrews Church Road
- Questions and concerns about erosion issues along St. Anthony Church Road
- Questions about getting trees planted in Meadow View Cemetery

2. [ID 21-1070](#)**Cherokee Park Scenic Loop Community Study  
Dana Kasler, Metro Parks**

**Attachments:** [Cherokee Park Scenic Loop 8-19-2021 Study.pdf](#)

Shawn Herbig, IQS Research, gave a presentation and referred the stud attached here to.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Dana Kasler, Metro Parks
- Chair Fowler
- Margaret Brosko, Metro Parks
- Committee Member George

The following was discussed:

- The deadline of September 1, 2021, for the Ordinance to be approved/denied by Metro Council
- Report is to satisfy the requirements of the Ordinance that Metro Parks provide feedback from the public meeting
- Questions and concerns about whether a budget report has been done and where the finances would come from
- The budget is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$350,000, and would include the design factor
- During the pandemic there was a drastic increase in usage of Metro Parks amenities

- Metro Parks teamed up with IQS Research to assist with the public meeting and help collect more feedback on the current traffic pattern on Cherokee Park Loop
- The public meeting was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021
- Question about whether the Cherokee Park Loop is closed
- There is vehicular access to two sides of the Cherokee Loop amenities and the other two sides vehicles are not allowed, and this pattern is to be kept in place until September 1, 2021
- The 179 signatures that were received during the public meeting was created over a 3 day period
- Questions about how the public meeting was conducted for Cherokee Park Loop survey
- Question about whether there was commentary from Metro Parks and Metro Council at the public meeting
- Question about how the respondents were found for the survey
- Open community survey was done on social media on Metro Park's website, and the general community was done by a panel
- Questions and concerns about the voices that were not heard on the surveys

### Pending Legislation

3. [O-405-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") CHAPTER 76 TO REGULATE TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF METRO PARK ROADS TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

**Attachments:** [O-405-21 V.1 081221 An Ordinance Amending Chp. 72 to Allow for Cherokee Park Road Closures.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

4. [R-062-21](#)

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF FORMER LOUISVILLE ZOO DIRECTOR JOHN WALCZAK BY DEDICATING THE HERPAQUARIUM BUILDING AS THE "JOHN WALCZAK HERPAQUARIUM" IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE LOUISVILLE ZOO.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10) and Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

**Attachments:** [R-062-21 V.1 062421 Dedicating Herpaquarium Bldg as John Walczak Herpaquarium.pdf](#)  
[John Walczak Herpaquarium Building Facilities Approval Form.pdf](#)

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

Vice Chair Mulvihill state that John Walczak will be leaving on September 1, 2021, and that he was responsible for the Gorilla Forrest which was considered one of the best exhibits in the country. Vice Chair Mulvihill stated that he also started the Herpaquarium with reptiles and that this Resolution was to dedicate the Herpaquarim Building as the "John Walczak Herpaquarium" is an honor of him.

Vice Chair Mulvill also stated that Dan Maloney will be taking over as the new Zoo Director.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to Old Business.

## **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 4:01 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 August 26, 2021.