



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final 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)

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

3:15 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

**THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING
THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

Call to Order

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:16 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, Committee Member Triplett, and Committee Member James Peden, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 7 - 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), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Mark Fox (D-13), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Council Member Madonna Flood

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-1096](#)

Cherokee Park Scenic Loop Community Study
Shawn Herbig, IQS Research

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

Pending Legislation

2. [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](#)
[Cherokee Park Scenic Loop 8-19-2021 Study.pdf](#)
[Email - Traffic Accidents inside Cherokee Park.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Triplett, seconded by Committee Member George, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Council Member Piagentini
- Vice Chair Mulvihill
- Margaret Brosko, Metro Parks
- Shawn Herbig, IQS Research
- Chair Fowler
- Council Member Hollander
- Council President James
- Committee Member Parker
- Committee Member Peden
- Committee Member George
- Committee Member Flood
- Committee Member Triplett
- Committee Member Blackwell

The following was discussed:

- This Ordinance requires a vote of approval/denial by the Metro Council by September 1, 2021
- Metro Parks request that the current traffic pattern be maintained
- Questions and concerns about improving parking in Cherokee Park
- Questions and concerns about how the public meeting was conducted
- Question about where vehicular traffic is permitted
- Vehicular traffic is permitted at the Eastern Parkway entrance or the back area of Rugby Field

- Questions and concerns about the safety with the new route in Cherokee Park Loop
- The Kentucky State Police does the data on collisions
- Questions and concern about the cut-through traffic in Cherokee Park
- Questions about the polled results from the public about whether they wanted the roads opened up
- Questions about roads that are now closed since the pandemic
- Questions and concerns about limiting the access to Cherokee Park for tax paying citizens, senior citizens, school kids and people with disabilities
- Questions and concerns about the amenities for people with disabilities
- Questions about how to prioritize the usage of the park
- Questions and concerns about the amenities and areas that people are limited to in the park
- Question about whether the Office of Aging and Disabled Citizens are oppose to the current traffic flow
- Questions and concerns about so many roads being closed in the Cherokee Park Loop
- Question about whether all roads would open back up on September 1, 2021 if the Ordinance fails

The motion failed by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 3 - Mulvihill, Blackwell, and George

No: 4 - Fowler, Triplett, Parker, and Peden

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 4:18 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.