



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

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)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtually

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chair Person Fowler introduced the Committee Members and Non-Committee Members present.

***NOTE: All Committee Members and Non-Committee Members present attended virtually.**

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 Member Brent Ackerson, (D-26)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk
Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-058-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) CHAPTER 42 TO ALLOW QUALIFIED GOLF PROFESSIONALS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TO OPERATE NO MORE THAN 27 HOLES OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT’S (“METRO”) GOLF COURSES.

Sponsors: Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14)

Attachments: [O-058-21 V.1 021121 Amending Chp 42 to Allow PGA Pros to Manage 27 Holes.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Fowler
- Committee Member Triplett
- Committee Member George
- Council Member Ackerson
- Margaret Brosko, Metro Parks

The following was discussed:

- This legislation is in line with the effort to expand the Request for Proposals (RFP) for golf pros at Metro Parks Golf facilities.
- This legislation would cover all content of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances (LMCO) Chapter 42.
- This legislation is specifically for Bobby Nichols Golf.
- Eight of the ten Metro Louisville golf courses have contracts with golf pros.
- There was a discussion on the current golf courses that do not have Request for Proposals (RFP).
- There was a discussion on the maintenance and supervision of Metro golf courses that do not have Request for Proposals (RFP).
- This legislation is as a result of an open Request for Proposals (RFP) at Bobby Nichols course.
- There was a discussion regarding Metro Louisville Purchasing and Procurement pursuing future Request for Proposals (RFP) for Metro Parks golf courses.
- The ultimate goal is to have a golf pro to oversee each golf course/clubhouse.
- There were several questions regarding the economic benefit to Metro Louisville when golf course supervision is outsourced.
- There was a discussion regarding whether there is a significant cost to have golf supervision overseen by Metro Parks versus a golf pro. It is cost prohibitive to run Metro Parks golf courses by Metro Parks staff rather than to outsource golf course staffing.
- There was a discussion regarding the task responsibilities of Metro Parks when a golf pro supervises the course/clubhouse.

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 7 - Mulvihill, Blackwell, Fowler, Triplett, Parker, George, and Peden

Chair Person Fowler Introduced a New Topic of Discussion

Chair Person Fowler introduced a new topic of discussion with Margaret Brosko, Metro Parks.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Fowler
- Committee Member Triplett
- Committee Member George
- Committee Member Peden
- Margaret Brosko

The following was discussed:

- There were several questions regarding reopening the Loop at Iroquois Park.
- At the onset of COVID-19, the Loops at Iroquois and Cherokee parks were closed to vehicular traffic in an effort to encourage more pedestrian/bicycle traffic while being socially distant.
- As COVID-19 has continued, Metro Parks continues its efforts to evaluate what changes and/or improvements may be made based on the positivity rankings in Louisville Metro.
- Metro Parks is currently partnering with Louisville Forward and the Develop Louisville team on safe paths to reopening the Iroquois and Cherokee Loops.
- Metro Parks invites feedback from residents and Council Members in those areas.
- There was a discussion regarding sharing clear communication with the community addressing at what threshold the two loops may be reopened.
- Metro Parks continues to monitor both the Metro Louisville positivity rankings, as well as, the usage frequency by the public.
- There was a discussion regarding a safe and positive manner to reopen the loops.
- There was a discussion regarding what amenities remain closed due to COVID-19 and what are the thresholds for reopening.
- There was a discussion regarding community centers, special events; including Waterfront Park remaining closed in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Metro Public Health and Wellness guidelines.
- There was a discussion regarding outdoor parks being open at this time while observing social distancing.
- Metro Louisville Historic Homes are open with pre-registration to ensure social distancing.
- There was a discussion regarding the threshold for reopening the Iroquois Amphitheater. Metro Parks follows Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State, and Metro Public Health and Wellness guidelines in evaluating reopening amenities.
- There was a discussion regarding Metro pools and that Mary T. Meagher pool is currently open utilizing social distancing.
- There was a discussion regarding a special discussion at the March 4 Parks and Sustainability Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Fowler adjourned the meeting at 3:54 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 February 25, 2021.