



# 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, June 4, 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 3:03 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**Note: All committee and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except Committee Member Chappell, who attended virtually.**

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

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), Council Member JP Lyninger (D-6)

### Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Nicole Pang, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Amy Golden, Assistant Clerk  
Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk

## Special Discussion

1. [ID 26-0418](#)

**PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN CITY: SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS – Brent Fryrear, Partnership for a Green City**

Attachments: [PGC partial achievements 2026 Presentation.pdf](#)

Brent Fryrear, Partnership for a Green City, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Batshon
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Ruhe

Brent Fryrear then presented Committee Member Ruhe with an award.

2. [ID 26-0419](#)

**OLMSTED PARKS CONSERVANCY CURRENT WORK AND FUTURE PROJECTS – Mary Grissom, Olmsted Parks Conservancy**

Attachments: [Presentation Olmsted Parks 6.4.pdf](#)

Mary Grissom, Olmsted Parks Conservancy, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Batshon
- Committee Member Ruhe
- Committee Member Chappell
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Council Member Lyninger

## Pending Legislation

3. [O-108-26](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) SECTION 42.31 TO PERMIT THE FORAGING OF CERTAIN PLANT MATERIAL IN LOUISVILLE METRO PARKS.**

Sponsors: Primary JP Lyninger (D-6)

Attachments: [O-108-26 V.1 051426 Amend LMCO 42.31 RE Foraging in Metro Parks.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

4. [O-145-26](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) SECTION 42.41 TO SET GREEN FEES AT LOUISVILLE METRO GOLF COURSES.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Primary Khalil Batshon (R-25) and Primary Ben Reno-Weber (D-8)

**Attachments:** [O-145-26 V.1 051426 Set Green fees at Metro Golf Courses.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Piagentini
- Michelle King, Metro Parks
- Committee Member Ruhe

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

**Yes:** 5 - Batshon, McCraney, Bast, Piagentini, and Ruhe

**Present:** 1 - Chappell

5. [R-057-26](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDS TOTALING \$265,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION (USTA) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TEN (10) TENNIS COURTS AT SENECA PARK TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Andrew Owen (D-9)

**Attachments:** [R-057-26 V.1 051426 Grant to Parks from USTA for Seneca Park Tennis Courts.pdf](#)  
[Seneca Park TVS Award Ltr 2026.pdf](#)  
[2026 BIF Award Letter- Seneca Park.pdf](#)  
[USTA Kentucky Facility Award Letter- Seneca Park .pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Jason Canuel, Metro Parks
- Chair Batshon

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

6. [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.**

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

**Attachments:** [R-142-25 V.1 111325 Encouraging Louisville Tree Plan.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Batshon 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 June 11, 2026.

## Transcript

[ID 26-0539](#)

[See the "Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Parks and Sustainability Committee - June 4, 2026.pdf" attached hereto for additional information regarding discussion of each item.]

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