



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Final Parks and Sustainability Committee

Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Vice Chair Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Thursday, August 27, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Fowler introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members present attended virtually.**

Present: 6 - Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Pat Mulvihill (D-10)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk
Lisa Franklin-Gray, Assistant Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [R-104-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$238,165 OF FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY NATURAL LANDS TRUST (KNLT) IMPERILED BAT CONSERVATION FUND (IBCF) FOR PURCHASE OF TRACTS, WHICH WILL ADD TO JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST (JMF) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

Sponsors: Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [R-104-20 V.2 CABS 082720 Kentucky Natural Land Trust.pdf](#)

[R-104-20 V.1 082020 Kentucky Natural Land Trust.pdf](#)

[RES 090 2020.pdf](#)

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

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Committee Member Peden, that this Resolution be Amended by Substitution (see attached document titled "R-104-20 V.2 CABS 082720 Kentucky Natural Land Trust.pdf").

The motion to Amend by Substitution carried by a voice vote.

Bennett Knox, Metro Parks, stated that Kentucky Natural Land Trust oversees this fund which makes land and habitat with endangered species available for purchase. A bat inventory was done, and it was discovered that this area is considered a Habitat 2 with this species of bats being on a Federal list. With this discovery it makes this project eligible for Federal funding and properties available for purchase by the public. This will allow the habitat to be conserved and benefit the forest.

The following spoke to the Resolution:

- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Peden
- Committee Member Triplett
- Committee Member Coan
- Chair Fowler

The following was discussed:

- This forest is the largest forestry division in America
- The amenities are appreciated
- The land around McNeely Lake is constantly being developed, and the park area needs to be expanded
- Metro Parks needs to be developing parks in areas where there are no parks
- Grant funding needs to be looked at for expanding parks in the Metro area
- New areas subdivided need parks as well
- New green space property management versus taking care of the green space Metro has at present
- Land acquisition for future parks is greatly needed before it is developed commercially or residentially
- Louisville and Jefferson County Environmental Trust has the ability to hold

conservation easements

- Approaching land development to inquire about future plans for parks
- Scott's Gap Road now has wetlands, handicap access, and a new entrance for buses and an area for buses to park easier
- In terms of green space, there are 156 public schools; Jefferson County Public Schools have 1,500 acres of green space
- Joint use agreement between the school system and the parks system in North Carolina could be looked into and possibly force this issue in terms of greater cooperation with the city
- Metro Council already invests in Jefferson County Public School properties such as recreation facilities; grants are also awarded to the Jefferson County Education Foundation
- Looking into school yards and play yards as useful spaces

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

Announcements

- Upcoming meetings on September 10, 2020 and September 24th, 2020, will be topics regarding the mowing calendar, and what has taken place at the golf courses since the beginning of this fiscal year.
- Committee Member Peden asked how long the contracts have been in place and Chair Fowler stated they have been in place since the beginning of 2020, and this will also be discussed.
- Chair Fowler stated that she is particularly interested in knowing what has happened at Bobby Nichols golf course and the Cherokee golf course with Metro Parks running those two courses now. There are negotiations in place now for a golf pro at Bobby Nichols.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 3:27 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 September 3, 2020.