



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 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, March 4, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtually

Call to Order

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 4:01 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.**

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 Keisha Dorsey (D-3)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

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SPECIAL DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON METRO PARKS AND POOLS

The following spoke to this item:

Jason Canuel, Metro Parks
Margaret Brosko, Metro Parks
Chair Fowler
Council Member Dorsey
Committee Member Parker
Committee Member Peden
Committee Member Mulvihill
Committee Member Triplett

The following was discussed:

- Metro Parks had its first lifeguard training in February, 4 lifeguards attended the training and 3 life guards will be moving forward with 3 additional lifeguard trainings starting at the beginning of March
- Sun Valley pool will continue to be closed on Wednesdays
- Fairdale pool will continue to be closed on Mondays
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, pre-registration is required to use the pool
- The pools will have 2 sessions per day; 12-2, and 3-5 to allow time for the pools to be cleaned
- Time has been reserved at the Sun Valley pool for seniors only to swim on Thursdays mornings from 11 a.m until noon
- Metro Parks is working on getting summer swim teams to teach children the fundamentals of swimming at every pool location for 1 day per week and the program is expecting to start this summer
- Volunteers will be helping so the children can have one-on-one training
- The new Metro Parks head lifeguard is Mike Jotautas
- Algonquin pool has had a structure engineer to put in a new pump, and the pool was also painted last year
- Algonquin pool house needs repairs to make it safe and family centric
- Algonquin pool still has major problems, the concrete is breaking away, there is deteriorating concrete, rebar in the concrete is exposed, and there is also leaking
- Question whether Algonquin pool should open this year and what is expected for the future with this pool
- Algonquin pool has security concerns with people coming in at night when the pool is closed
- Question about making Algonquin pool an aquatic center or a closed in pool that could be open year round
- Norton pool was built in 1964
- Algonquin pool was built in the late 1960's
- Concerns and questions about safety issues around Algonquin pool
- Lighting and cameras have been added around the Algonquin pool
- Question about whether the state has been contacted on the guidelines about the capacity level of 60% in pools
- Pools are set to open on Memorial Day and the last day open will be Labor Day

- Pools will be open daily during the summer and when school is in session the pools will be open only on weekends
- Question about what other cities have done to save their pools
- Question whether there have been partnerships with universities and/or community partnerships
- Question about the plan from 2018 for a indoor pool
- Question about fixing pools since there is a surplus in the budget
- Operational dollars have been set aside for repairs
- Questions about what investments can be made and what visions does Metro Council have for the pools
- Question about making cosmetic updates at Norton pool
- Questions about whether to reduce the number of pools in the city by making a new location with larger pool
- Question about whether the golf deferred maintenance plan for golf only
- Question about whether there has been a 2-years plan for deferred maintenance submitted to Office of Management and Budget
- Question about whether there is a prioritized list of the most pressing needs of the Metro Parks system and if so can they be handled in-house

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.