Call to Order.
Chairman Jerry Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 minutes. Second by Darryl Grace. Approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:
  a) New Parks Department Staff:
      a. Sarah Elder, Nature Center Manager, the position was previously held by Andrea McCoy, who accepted another position out of town. Sarah came to us from the St. Joseph Museums.
      b. Julie Noel, Senior Center Manager, the position was previously held by Ann Salanky, who retired. Julie has been with our department as the Special Events & Communications Coordinator.
      c. Annette Lanham, Special Events & Communications Coordinator, the position was previously held by Julie Noel. Annette came to us from the City’s Human Resources Department.

  b) Playground Installation Update – Hochman & Rest Square parks are completed and open for use. They both have safety approved woodchip surface. As the CIP funds for playgrounds becomes available the woodchips will be replaced by the rubberized surface. Patee Park will have woodchips going down next week. Our staff has begun installing Seitz Park equipment and anticipate completion late next week. They will then move to College Hill and begin installation. Mary Park will be installed by a contracted company.

  c) Riverfront Cleanup Update – The area around the Nature Center is relatively cleared. Heritage Park has also been cleared. The river walk still has areas of water. We have the
issue of more debris and silt washing back onto the walk when it rains or if the river level goes up above 20 feet. The city has applied for a permit from the government to all the silt to be pushed back into the river. We have not heard back on this yet. Community Action Partnership organized with city staff and the homeless to help clean up the downtown riverfront park. There were 18 homeless that assisted with the cleanup. Hunter Lawn Care were also on hand to assist with a small excavator.

d) Tennis Court Update – Hyde Park and Northside Complex courts are complete and look good. The courts were lined for both tennis and pickleball. The new surface material is not approved by USTA and cannot be used for any of their events but is fine for all other play. The new surface slows down play a little, which is why it can not be used for USTA. Noyes Tennis courts anticipated to be complete mid-October. There was a small issue that Herzog had to correct. The painting company has been in town to start painting lines. Noyes surface and lines will follow USTA guidelines. This will enable us to conduct USTA play.

e) Hyde Park Splash Park Design Discussion – Ron Auxier has been working on getting plans ready to submit. They will be planning some grass areas that would be used for any future pool or water feature expansion. There should still be a loop drive by Hyde 6 and new parking spaces will be added. Around the water feature they are planning on open area covered spots with permanent tables and seats. An area with synthetic lawn for more open seating for lawn chair, loungers. They had proposed the water feature to be in an Oak Leaf design to represent the Liberty Tree. Planting of some oak trees around the park. The surface under the water features will be rubberized. We wanted it to be a recirculating filter system with push button stop/start features including timers so it cannot be turned on at night. We asked for alternate bids to have a shelter, shade sails. The water feature area itself will have either decorative fencing or retaining wall with fence for safety reasons. The water park will be free of charge. If in the future a pool is installed it will have an admission fee due to staffing. Blue Springs, MO just opened a new water park and they have had large numbers in attendance. Darryl Grace asked if there would be a security system. It had been discussed and may be an alternate. Ron Auxier plans on having his proposal ready for a meeting Wednesday with the city committee team. Ron did mention that he would like to propose the park be named “Liberty Oak Splash Park at Hyde Park.”

f) Bartlett Park LWCF Grant Update – the LWCF grant was for $250,000 through National Park Service and Missouri Department of Conservation. Our portion was in-kind labor and equipment usage. We submitted all the paperwork minus the in-kind amounts as we had been instructed to do earlier. However, the paperwork came back to us, requesting that we also were to include all documentation of the in-kind labor & equipment usage. Staff has been working

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events
A list of events for September and October was provided.

ITEM #4 – Open Discussion
City Council Works session for Parks has been scheduled for Monday, September 23, 4:15pm in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall. The works session is open to everyone. There should be public support present for each of the topics on the agenda.
Worksessions agenda items:

a. Joyce Raye Patterson Senior Center renaming. The Senior Center user group has proposed the center to be renamed JRP 50+ Activity Center. They had conducted a contest for people to give their suggestion on new name. JRP 50+ Activity Center was the winner. The Senior Foundation will be paying for the new signage.

b. Eastside Park Proposal – a group has proposed the city putting in a new park on the east side of town since there are minimal and there is a need. The group has been looking at possible areas. They know that the city has no land available, no funds, and no amenities. They have been working with MWSU and Companies to put together a proposal.

c. Missouri Music Wall of Fame – a potential install of a concrete panel wall to be located at Felix Street Square with the names of Missouri’s Music Hall of Fame listed. They will need to make sure there are future funds available for ongoing maintenance and adding of names.

Chuck Kempf wanted the Board to be aware of rumors going around regarding the School District. There has been discussion by the School District about them only having one or two school campuses instead of schools located all over town. One of the rumors has been to eliminate Fairview Golf Course and the School District taking the property. At this point all of this is just rumors.

ITEM #5 - Adjourn
A motion to adjourn meeting, Michael Heim seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 4pm at JRP Senior Center, 100 S 10th Street.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant