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June 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Discussion on Reopening of Park Facilities, including the Dog Park, Pavilions, Restrooms, and Playgrounds (Wards – All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Administration and Public Works Committee Members
Economic Development Committee Members
Sam Anselm, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

In late March, much of the City's parks facilities were modified or closed due to the global pandemic surrounding COVID-19 Coronavirus. With the evolving restrictions associated with the Stay-at-Home Orders, changing habits on how people gather and play, issuing of new guidelines from State, County, and federal health agencies and departments, all coupled with the need to get outside and exercise, the Department is working to schedule the reopening of the City's park and recreation facilities. In reviewing the proposed reopening schedule of St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (the largest department of this nature in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area), the Department is proposing the following schedule for reopening and seeking the Committee Members' input:

Facility Type	Proposed Reopening Date	Recommendation & Proposed Modifications
Dog Park	June 22 nd	New gates are being installed this week. Park can open safely the following week (week of June 22 nd).

Facility Type	Proposed Reopening Date	Recommendation & Proposed Modifications
Anniversary Park & Old Pond School Pavilions	June 29 th	Both pavilions have a rental capacity of thirty (30) individuals, which is in compliance with the County Executive's Order on reopening these types of facilities.
Community Park Pavilion	July 6 th	Proposing allowing pavilion rentals after the July 4 th Holiday. Parties would be limited in size to be in compliance with the County Executive's Order of less than fifty (50) people.
Restrooms (Anniversary Park & Community Park)	Undetermined	Temporary restroom facilities are available at both parks. The Department proposes continuing utilization of the temporary facilities, which can be cleaned in mass, at a much lesser cost, with a sanitizing disinfectant spray, than the City's permanent facilities. To open the permanent facilities, they would have to be sanitized at least once a day, which has a significant expense associated with it.
Playgrounds (Anniversary Park, Community Park, Glencoe City Park, and Old Pond School Park)	Undetermined	The Department is awaiting direction from St. Louis County Department of Public Health and the County Executive's Office and will reopen playgrounds, when authorized by these entities.

The Department is respectfully requesting the Committee's review of this list and endorsement of it. This endorsement will allow Department staff to facilitate rescheduling of pavilion rentals and communication of their scheduled openings.

If any of the Committee Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this matter at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review and input on this information.