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In light of the current public health crisis and the Federal, State, and County Emergency Declarations, and in accord with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public. The Commission also recognizes the need for the public's business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In order to balance both the need for continuity of government and protection of the health and safety of our residents, business persons, and employees, this meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will not be open to public attendance in person. The meeting will be accessible to the public in real time ONLY by following the instructions in the box below.

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Topic: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

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City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026
7:00 PM
In-Person and Via Zoom

----- Agenda Topics -----		
Topic		Notes
1. Call to Order	Toni Siering	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Toni Siering	
3. Approval of Minutes	Toni Siering	
4. Bob Chapman Memorial Pad	Alex Elmstead, CCF	
5. SPAC Cabana Rental Proposal	Micky Kaufman Ryan Harrison	
6. Hanley Park Free Little Art Gallery Request	Toni Siering	
7. Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reschedule August Meeting to August 10th 	Toni Siering	
8. Old Business/New Business	Toni Siering	

Attachments:

- Minutes – 03.02.26
- RFCA – Bob Chapman Memorial Pad
- RFCA – SPAC Cabana Rental Proposal
- Hanley Park Free Little Art Gallery Request

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, June 1, 2026 - hybrid

Clayton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, March 2nd, 2026

Commission Members Present: Karen Berry-Elbert, Stephen Eisele, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Erin Sucher-O'Grady

Commission Members Absent: Paul Courter, Matt Durham, Adam Weygandt

Ex-Officio Members Present: Ben Beinfeld, Becky Patel, Kami Waldman

Staff Present: Valerie Egel, Micky Kaufman, Toni Siering, Justin Whipple

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

Livable Communities Master Plan Project (LCMP) Update:

Toni Siering, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the final planning stages of the Livable Community Master Plan Project, noting that donor opportunities for features like pavers and VIP seating will be explored once the project moves forward. The design consultant will move forward with the final construction drawings this spring, pending funding decisions from the City and Clayton Community Foundation (CCF).

The Commission discussed various funding opportunities for the project, including applying for Municipal Park Grant funding up to \$525,000 per year for two years. Ms. Siering mentioned that the two lighting projects would need to be completed by August 2026 to apply for funding for 2027. The City plans to use the Engage Clayton website to gather feedback on how the project design meets community needs.

Parks and Recreation Project Review:

The Commission focused on reviewing completed and ongoing Capital, ERF and CCF projects in the park system. Ms. Siering highlighted that the flooring at SPAC had been redone due to installation errors and is ready for the 2026 season. Current projects for 2026 include lighting upgrades at the Shaw Park Tennis Center and at Oak Knoll Park, Hanley House exterior repairs, and new pool grates at SPAC. The Commission also discussed the need to get Dark Sky compliance approval for the Tennis Center lighting project. Justin Whipple, Parks Superintendent, confirmed that masonry repairs for the Hanley House will begin in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Siering noted that additional repairs at Hanley House will be prioritized based on need. The City received grant funding for the Tennis Center and Oak Knoll Park lighting projects, totaling just over \$525,000. Ms. Siering again emphasized the importance of

completing these projects by August to apply for additional funding.

Ms. Siering reviewed the City's proposed budgets for future projects, with 2027 recommendations to include Shaw Park fields 3-4 renovations and Shaw Park lighting upgrades. She mentioned that some future projects may be moved up in scheduling as a priority based on cost and available funding. Ms. Siering highlighted the need for improvements at #1 Oak Knoll Park, such as new windows, exterior repainting, and ADA accessible entrance replacement. These items are currently scheduled after fiscal year 2027.

Special initiatives, including some projects based on CCF contributions, were highlighted, including enhancements to the Sensory Garden and Follman Plaza in Shaw Park, as well as the development of a fruit orchard in Anderson Park. The Commission discussed potential naming options for the Arboretum at Oak Knoll Park and considerations related to donor recognition. Ms. Siering also provided updates on the Osage Memorial Project in Oak Knoll Park and the work of the Remembrance Park Plaque Subcommittee.

Director's Report:

Ms. Siering shared updates on park programming efforts, including exploring the establishment of a chess program at Remembrance Park.

Staff continues to address ongoing water leak issues in Shaw Park, including a significant leak at the North shelter and some leakage in the dive tank at Shaw Park Aquatic Center. The water meter at the North Shelter is scheduled to be replaced this spring, along with re-caulking the dive tank, which is a first step in addressing these leaks.

The Commission discussed the outdoor fitness circuit in Shaw Park, specifically its current use by children and the potential need for a redesign to better integrate both fitness and play elements. Ms. Siering noted that replacement of this equipment is currently scheduled for fiscal year 2028, and a conceptual mixed-use fitness and play area was discussed for future reference.

Ms. Siering also noted that the damaged saucer swing at Oak Knoll Park playground has been ordered and is expected to have a six-to-eight-week lead time.

Next Meeting:

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on April 6th, 2026, in person and via Zoom.

Old Business / New Business:

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Doris Patzius



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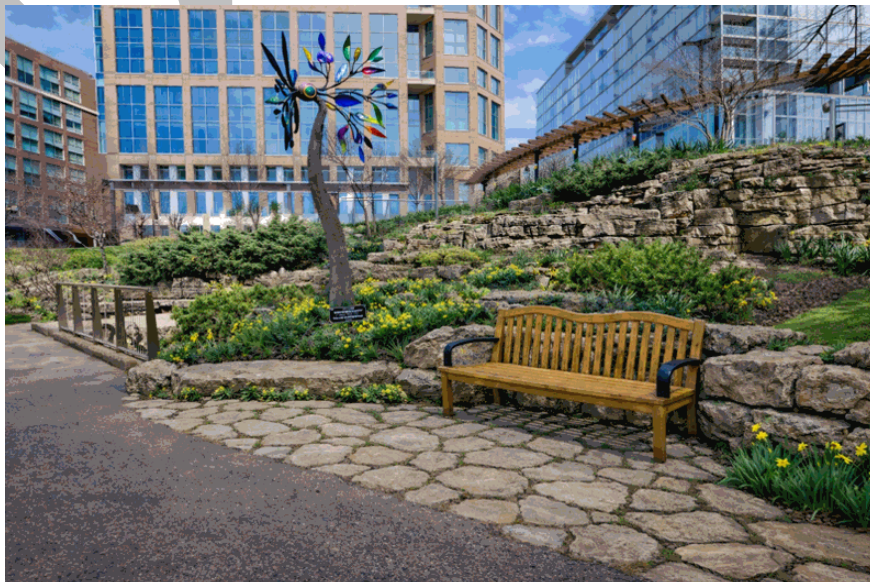
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Alex Elmestad, CCF Executive Director
DATE: May 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Bob Chapman Memorial Pad in Shaw Park

Since the passing of Robert (Bob) H. Chapman, the family has expressed the interest in mild enhancements honoring their late Chairman of the Board of Barry-Wehmiller.

Below is a rendering of the enhancements, which are in summary a memorial bench pad, similar in scope and scale to a Follman Plaza in Shaw Park. Any donor recognition signage will be comparable to this model, as well as match the quality & aesthetic standards throughout the asset. These enhancements will be paid in full through private funding and donations to the Clayton Community Foundation (CCF). All design and implementation is contracted through M&P Landscaping, the firm already under contract with CCF for ongoing care and maintenance of the Chapman Plaza Falls, Fountain, and Ponds. All scope of work and details are approved by City Parks and Recreation staff, and will be implemented in close coordination with the department as well as CCF (nonprofit partner) to ensure excellence and continuity within their master plan frameworks.



Recommendation:

The Clayton Community Foundation recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission approval to the City Council the project as presented, recognizing the alignment with parks standards, CCF's ability to facilitate the gift, and the value-add benefit to this important Clayton asset.

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Micky Kaufman, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Ryan Harrison, Aquatics Supervisor

Date: May 4, 2026

RE: Shaw Park Aquatic Center Cabana Rental Program Proposal

Staff proposes implementing a cabana rental program at the site of the former “misting tent” adjacent to the bleachers at Shaw Park Aquatic Center (SPAC). This area currently has a small children’s picnic table, and the misting feature was removed several years ago as it needed repeated repairs throughout the season. A complete refresh of the area will allow for the cabana to be designed for a variety of guests, from families celebrating a special day, to friends gathering at the pool, to members who just want a more comfortable, shaded, relaxed spot by the pool.

The proposed pilot program for summer 2026 will allow for evaluation and refinement before full-scale implementation in subsequent seasons. We believe cabana rental program will provide:

- Enhanced guest experience through premium shaded seating areas during open hours of operation
- Additional revenue stream for the aquatic center operations
- Exclusive amenity for members and residents while remaining accessible to all patron types
- Dedicated space for families and groups seeking privacy and comfort
- Competitive positioning with regional aquatic facilities offering similar amenities

Staff suggests implementing a rental fee of \$100 for a four-hour block of time, which are prescheduled as follows:

	Regular Season		End of Season	
Monday – Friday	12noon – 4pm	4pm – 8pm	11am – 3pm	3pm – 7pm
Saturday/Sunday/Holidays	11am – 3pm	3pm – 7pm	10am – 2pm	2pm – 6pm

Each cabana rental includes exclusive use of shaded area with premium outdoor furniture, with seating for up to 10 guests. Users will pay the standard day fees to Shaw Park Aquatic Center or have an existing membership to rent/use the cabana area and will have access to all pool amenities during rental period. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance, with full payment received at the time of booking. There will be a 24-hour notice required for refund; cancellations within 24 hours are non-

refundable. Refunds will be issued for facility closures due to inclement weather (similar to other rentals).

To establish one fully equipped cabana area, the following investment is recommended, which is included in the FY26 SPAC budget:

Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
Teva Hawaii Deep Seating Set	\$4,460.00	1	\$4,460.00
Teva Hawaii Wicker End Table	\$273.84	2	\$547.68
Teva Hawaii Arm Chair	\$823.20	2	\$1,646.40
Total Furniture Investment			\$6,654.08



Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Commission Review and Approval	April 2026
Furniture Procurement and Delivery	April-May 2026
Staff Training and Policy Development	May 2026
Marketing and Promotional Campaign	May 2026
Reservation System Configuration	May 2026
Program Launch	Memorial Day Weekend 2026
Mid-Season Evaluation	July 2026
End-of-Season Assessment	September 2026

The cabana rental program aligns with the Parks and Recreation Department's mission to provide exceptional recreational experiences while maintaining fiscal responsibility. With modest initial investment, comprehensive operational policies, and strong revenue potential, this program offers a win-win opportunity for both the City of Clayton and our aquatic center patrons.

- Generate significant new revenue with return on investment
- Enhance competitive positioning among regional aquatic facilities
- Provide tangible value to current members while attracting new membership
- Create memorable experiences that strengthen community connection to Clayton Parks and Recreation
- Establish a sustainable revenue stream for future facility improvements

Recommendation: Approval of cabana rental program for the 2026 summer season.

SHAW PARK AQUATIC CENTER CABANA RENTAL PROGRAM

Operational Policies and Procedures:

Capacity and Safety Requirements

- **Maximum Occupancy:** No more than 10 people permitted in cabana area at any time
- **Wristband Requirement:** All guests in Cabana area must wear facility-issued wristbands
- **Age Requirement:** Primary renter must be 21 years or older and present at the facility for the entire rental period
- **Supervision Ratios:** All Shaw Park Aquatic Center pool rules apply, including age requirements and adult-to-child supervision ratios

Food and Beverage Guidelines

- Guests may bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages
- Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited
- Food and beverages available for purchase at The Dock Concession Area
- Renters responsible for all trash removal and cleanup of cabana area

Prohibited Items and Activities

To protect facility equipment and maintain safety standards, the following are prohibited:

- Decorations including tape, string, glitter, confetti, balloons, and adhesive materials
- Open flames, candles, or heating elements
- Glass containers in pool deck areas
- Smoking or vaping within the aquatic center facility
- Amplified music or sound systems

Damage and Liability

- Renters are responsible for any damage to furniture or facility property during rental period
- Lockers are available at Shaw Park Aquatic Center
- City of Clayton is not liable for personal property loss or theft
- Renters agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Clayton for injuries or damages occurring during rental period

Maintenance and Replacement Plan

- Daily inspection and cleaning protocols will be established
- Cushions will be stored indoors overnight and during inclement weather
- Annual deep cleaning and refurbishment scheduled during off-season
- Replacement reserve of 15% of annual rental revenue allocated for furniture refresh cycle

From: [Meaghan Shaffer](#)
To: [Toni Siering](#)
Subject: Free Little Art Gallery / Hanley Park
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:17:16 AM

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Hi Toni,

I hope you are having a great week! I live on Westmoreland, near the Hanley House / Hanley Park, and I wanted to see if it was possible to add a "free little art gallery" to the park - similar to a free little library in look and size, but it would house pieces of art - painting, writing, etc. This is something I'd be potentially willing to pay for and even install if that were allowed.

Are you the correct person to ask? And certainly, if you need any more information or have questions, just let me know.

Thank you!
Meaghan Shaffer

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Today may you...overcome a challenge, face a fear and laugh...really, really laugh; those are ideal days.



Clayton Parks & Event Calendar

May 2026

Wine & Whiskey Walk

Friday, May 1, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Brentwood Park, 2924 Brazeau Ave. (City of Brentwood)

In partnership with the City of Brentwood, get ready for the Wine & Whiskey Walk at Brentwood Park! This 21+ event invites guests to stroll along the park's scenic trail while sampling a variety of wine, whiskey, and beer from local wineries, breweries, and distilleries. Your \$40 ticket includes unlimited tastings and a souvenir sampling glass to take home. Live music by Gordon & Whitlow will set the tone throughout the evening, and food and dessert trucks will be on site with delicious options available for purchase.

Spring Scavenger Hunt 2026

May 4 – May 18

Visit participating parks and locations to find unique scavenger hunt displays placed throughout the community. When you find them, snap a photo with at least five different displays to earn a prize (for participants age 12 and under). Displays can be found at Hanley House, the Center of Clayton, DeMun Park, Shaw Park, Taylor Park, Remembrance Park, Clayshire Park, Oak Knoll, and Wydown Park—giving plenty of opportunities to get outside and explore. Once you've completed your hunt, bring your photos to the Welcome Desk at the Center of Clayton to claim your prize. Don't forget to share your adventure on social media—tag us on Instagram @downtownclaytonmo and the City of Clayton on Facebook so we can see your scavenger hunt fun!

Neighborhood Block Party: Ward I

Thursday, May 7, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, DeMun Park

Theme: Spring Fiesta

Celebrate the season at the Ward 1 Block Party with a vibrant spring-themed celebration! The park will come alive with upbeat music, colorful décor, themed games and activities for all ages, and delicious food and drink options. Face painting and playful touches will add extra energy to the evening, making it a joyful way to connect with neighbors and welcome warmer days together.

Aquatic Center Opening Day

Saturday, May 23

The Shaw Park Aquatic Center opens for the 2026 season on Saturday, May 23rd. The pool will be open from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm throughout the holiday weekend. Remind your friends and neighbors to purchase their SPAC season pass early to avoid the holiday weekend rush.