

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
August 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually this day via Zoom. Commissioners identified as present via roll call: Vice President Kick Lee, Commissioner Susan Castellini, Commissioner Phyllis McCallum, and Commissioner John Neyer. President Molly North was not present. Vice President Lee called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Lee acknowledged one public comment received via email regarding changing park hours.

ACTION ITEM

Change to Park Hours

Director Jason Barron presented a proposed amendment to Park Board Rule 21 – Closing Time. This comes in conjunction with a City Council Ordinance being considered to create a Special Extended Curfew District for Minors that would require anyone under the age of 18 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian after 9pm within that district. The Curfew District encompasses several Cincinnati Parks, including the Public Landing, Smale Riverfront Park, Piatt Park, Washington Park, and Ziegler Park. Director Barron shared that a Resolution has been drafted to lay out the terms of the amendment to Rule 21. The Commissioners, Staff, and Assistant City Manager John Brazina discussed the intended methods and timing of implementation and enforcement of the rule, as well as the possibility of considering changes to hours at other Cincinnati Parks based on community feedback.

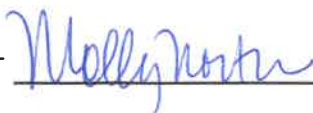
Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the Resolution to amend Park Board Rule 21, closing the Public Landing, Smale Riverfront Park, Piatt Park, Washington Park, and Ziegler Park to unaccompanied minors between 9pm and 6am, to correspond with the conditions of the City's Special Extended Curfew District. Commissioner Neyer seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Lee motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT



DIRECTOR



[External Email] Public comment on August 6, 4pm, Park Board Hours

From Julie Rimer <jlrimer@gmail.com>

Date Tue 8/5/2025 9:37 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Dear Cincinnati Park Board Members,

I am writing to please ask that you change the hours in ALL Cincinnati parks to dawn to dusk. The Mt. Washington community has been asking for this change for over a year, ever since we have had so many issues with unhoused people in Stanbery Park. There is not a single reason for the parks to be open until 10pm. Nothing good happens when people go in the parks after dark.

We follow that policy in the Mt. Washington Cemetery because it keeps vandalism way down to only allow people in the cemetery during daylight hours. The same policy should be followed in Cincinnati Parks. It will also give our police officers more time to make arrests of people committing crime in our parks after dark.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer