

Public Art Proposal – Central Park  
Submitted 10-18-23

Location:

Chesterfield Central Park

16365 Lydia Hill Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Dead Red Oak tree: From Central Park parking lot, take trail pathway to the right of the playground, stay on trail past the stairwell to the stream, stay on trail past the wooden deck with the two benches, and the dead Red Oak tree is directly on the left.

Red Oak tree trunk to be cut down by the City at exactly 14' above the ground level trunk base. The surrounding base area will be cleared 10' wide of all honeysuckle, large weeds, all dead tree debris, etc. down to the dirt.

Draft proposal of 'totem pole' of animals – *final design may vary from draft*

Tree front side facing trail, bottom up from ground level: turtle, then rabbit, then bear, then butterfly. Or butterflies woven throughout. Painted large red Cardinal bird on top.

Tree back side facing away from trail visible from wooden deck, bottom up from ground level: raccoon, then deer, then partially carved Native American face/feathers.

Painted/stained/sealed. Proposal to include completing the same one year after.

Examples of Wood Den chainsaw carving from their website is provided in the attached photo.

Wood carving company:

The Wood Den 'Chainsaw Carving'

Ryan Meyer

2 North 6<sup>th</sup> St., Festus, MO 63028

Wood-den.com

636-209-0514

Funding: Full payment to be funded privately. Payment of 50% down and 50% at completion. Estimated total cost is <\$4000.00

Final sculpture name, City website art description, and signage wording to be submitted by The Rob Kilo Family. City to provide all signage, City web listing, ribbon-cutting and unveiling, etc.

City to provide any future maintenance after the first year's repainting/staining/sealing.

Proposal submitted by The Rob Kilo Family



Item 2.c



- B. Councilmember Wahl made a motion to approve staff recommendation to transition an existing part-time Recreation Specialist position, currently held by Jamie Hopkins, to a full-time position in association with the 2024 budget, and send the recommendation to F&A committee for approval with the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.
- C. Councilmember Wahl requested that City staff investigate the cost to provide holiday decorations along Chesterfield Parkway as well as around City Hall. Staff acknowledged the request, and agreed to review and report at a future meeting. Councilmember Monachello made a motion to discontinue the evening tree lighting event and send to City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wahl. Councilmember Hurt moved to amend the motion to indicate that the event would be “reformatted” to eliminate the ceremonial evening tree lighting, but to continue the youth holiday candy cane hunt and associated children’s activities. The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Budoor, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0. The motion as amended passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

There was clarification that the holiday tree would still be lit and the budgeted amount remains available for the reformatted event, but the event would be promoted and structured around the youth Candy Cane Hunt, and would be scheduled during the day.

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Councilmember Wahl made a motion to approve the use of \$40,000 of the existing budgeted ARPA pickleball funds to install fencing and windscreens around the existing four courts at CVAC, and send the recommendation to City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Monachella, and passed by voice vote of 4-0.

Councilmember Hurt made a motion to initially earmark \$500,000 from the General Fund, Fund Reserves over the 40% fund reserve policy, for the future construction of pickleball courts on the three acres of potentially donated land along Chesterfield Parkway, with the potential of adding future funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wahl, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0. It was clarified that funds could be redirected in the future if so desired.

- B. Staff summarized the history of the City’s efforts to date with regard to providing cricket facilities, youth programs, batting cage(s), and the failed negotiations with the cricket community regarding both the capital construction costs and long-term use/rental commitment. Staff advised that at the present time, there were no further efforts underway, nor any action pending relative to cricket. If City Council desires to initiate efforts, Staff requests further direction. The Committee discussed the concerns and issues that still remain to be addressed. There was no further action taken after discussion of a cricket pitch and batting cage.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.