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## PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS June 3, 2019

Chairperson DeCampi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance included:

Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward I;  
Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II;  
Councilmember Dan Hurt, Ward III;  
Councilmember Chairperson Tom DeCampi, Ward IV.

Also in attendance were:

Mike Whelan, Chairperson, Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee,  
Councilmember Ben Keathley, Ward II;  
Councilmember Michael Moore, Ward III;  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts, Tom McCarthy;  
Executive Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Arts, Ann-Marie Stagoski.

### **Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes**

The meeting results of the April 23, 2019 Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Councilmember DeCampi made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness, to approve the April 23, 2019 meeting results. A voice vote was taken to approve the meeting results with a 4-0 unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

### **Agenda Item #2: Creative Arts Alliance Art Sculpture Placement**

Director McCarthy announced that Granny's Garden has been delivered by the artist and will be installed at Eberwein Park shortly. Our second piece Dashes (12 feet tall and painted blue) has been delivered. The first choice of location was not approved by Sachs at Park Circle Drive. Councilmember Hurt asked for clarification of the land owner's process. Director McCarthy explained who was contacted and their response. A second option in a garden bed near the amphitheater flags was determined to not be a viable option. The Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Committee has recommended the area in front of the City Hall entrance to place the sculpture. There are currently two concrete pads there. The flower box garden area would be removed because the concrete pad is beneath it.

There was discussion on if there were areas with less art and whether the general public would see it as well given that it is in the "back" of City Hall. Placing art in other areas of the City on private property, in a Parkway median, in a subdivision or Dierberg's Park were discussed. Councilmember Mastorakos liked the idea of placing it at City Hall and was concerned that if it was placed in another business in the city then it wouldn't feel like it was city art. Director McCarthy was concerned that placing it in a median greatly increased the possibility of it being struck in an accident and the medians are not ours in most situations even

though we maintain them. Councilmember Mastorakos stated having it at City Hall made it available to all the people who attend council meetings, subdivision meetings, court and to those who do business with the City.

Councilmember Mastorakos moved that the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Committee to place the art piece, Dashes, in front of City Hall be approved. Councilmember DeCampi seconded the motion. There was further discussion on the timing of the installation. Director McCarthy said that it could be installed once approved by full council which would not be before June 17<sup>th</sup> at the earliest. Councilmember Hurt suggested that the committee give consideration to areas outside city owned property in future discussions of where to place art. Director McCarthy stated that there has been discussion about putting them at trail heads, other parks and around the city but the consideration of maximum visibility was taken into account. Director McCarthy also mentioned the piece was on loan only for two years.

A voice vote was taken to approve the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Committee with a 4-0 unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.

### **Agenda Item #3: Unfinished Business**

- Councilmember McGuinness asked for an update on increasing lighting on Veterans Parkway. Director McCarthy informed the committee that he had received a bid for \$128,000 to retrofit the lights from the pavilion down to the amphitheater but was looking for other bids due to the cost. Councilmember McGuinness asked if Ameren had a program that we could get involved in. Director McCarthy stated that we did retrofit the Parks office, concession stands and pool with LED lights utilizing an Ameren grant. There was further discussion of the process of changing the fixtures and Director McCarthy said he will bring back additional information to the next meeting.
- Councilmember McGuinness asked about the Music Man style Gazebo for The Awakening area. Director McCarthy has gotten a quote for a “roof style system”. Parameters of a design contest were discussed. Director McCarthy will bring the information back to a meeting a later date.
- Councilmember Mastorakos asked about the status of the new pavilion. Director McCarthy is waiting for the final documentation of the “The Awakening” land transfer from Sachs. As soon as that is complete, Parks will move forward with the surfacing around The Awakening, and the pavilion construction as they will both be in one construction package.
- Councilmember DeCampi asked for an update on the Cricket discussions. Director McCarthy stated that Ganesh is reaching out to the airport about the possibility of building fields over there. Superintendent Schuh reached out to Ganesh to see if he would be interested in doing a tournament at our complex and hasn’t heard back from him. Director McCarthy met with Councilmember Keathley at the possible site the city owns. Costs to improve the site would be approximately \$27,000 (\$12,000 for seed, irrigation and grading and an additional \$15,000 for the pitch itself). Councilmember McGuinness asked who would be funding that amount. Director McCarthy stated that Ganesh said he would pay for it but he wants field credits. Director McCarthy stated that this will not work and we will need to discuss an agreement with Ganesh.
- Councilmember Mastorakos asked how pool operations were going. Director McCarthy stated that 65 guards had been hired to date. He also informed them about the leisure pool filtration pump breaking and that it was brought to the pump shop for repair. The pump ended up not being able to be fixed, so a new one was ordered. It should be installed Wednesday and the leisure pool reopened on Thursday. Attendance is a little off due to the amount of rain early in the season but pool pass sales and River Walking sales are going great. There was additional pool discussion about timing and cost of replacement and how to pay for it.

- Councilmember DeCampi brought up the discussion on where downtown Chesterfield was thought to be and discussion pursued about the need to expand Central Park. The committee would like this discussion to be brought up in an executive session.
- Councilmember Mastorakos asked about space under the Ameren lines in Ward III. Director McCarthy stated he has met with Mr. Johnson from our GIS/IT Department who is working on mapping out potential land that would accommodate a small park. He had talked with Great Rivers Greenway about trail systems they have been under utility lines or in the Ameren Corridor. Ameren doesn't necessarily own all the land under utilities, often there is a utility easement for that property. Director McCarthy will bring information to the committee at a later date.
- Councilmember DeCampi asked about an update on the Levee Trail. Director McCarthy stated that it is still closed/flooded under the 40/64 bridge but the rest of the trail is dry.
- Councilmember DeCampi talked about a Monarch Levee Trail Head at the Premium Outlet Mall in place of the rough makeshift entrance to the trail that is currently over at the north parking lot at the outlet mall. Councilmember DeCampi moved to request Director McCarthy to get more info about extending the trail at the trailhead. Councilmember Mastorakos seconded the motion. Director McCarthy stated it is about 300 feet and must be ADA accessible. Councilmember Mastorakos stated that enhancing trails was a priority on the Parks Master Plan. Councilmember Moore stated that creating access to the Katy Trail would be a great enhancement. Director McCarthy stated we would need approval from the Levee District, the mall and potentially Corps of Engineers for this. A voice vote was taken with a 4-0 unanimous affirmative result and the motion was declared passed.
- Councilmember Mastorakos inquired if Granny's Garden artwork has been installed. Director McCarthy stated that the maintenance team is working on it.
- Other topics of Discussion
  - Parks Fund Fund Reserve

**Agenda Item #4: New Business**

**Agenda Item #5: Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson DeCampi adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.