

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

FROM: TW Dieckmann, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts

SUBJECT: Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council Meeting Summary

DATE: Wednesday, May 22, 2024



A meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council (PRAcc) was held Wednesday, May 22, 2024 in Conference Room 101 at City Hall.

In attendance were: **Chair Gary Budoor** (Ward IV), **Councilmember Mary Monachella** (Ward I), **Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos** (Ward II), and **Councilmember Dan Hurt** (Ward III).

Also in attendance were: Mayor Bob Nation, Councilmember Merrell Hansen (Ward IV), City Administrator Mike Geisel, Director of PRA TW Dieckmann, and PRA Office Coordinator Ann-Marie Stagoski.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY FROM February 7, 2024

Councilmember Monachella made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary of February 7, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

II. SELECT VICE CHAIR AND LIAISON TO CITIZEN COMMITTEE

Councilmember Hurt made a motion to appoint Councilmember Monachella as Vice Chair of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Mastorakos, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

Councilmember Hurt made a motion to appoint Councilmember Budoor as liaison to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Mastorakos, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. City Administrator Geisel provided a status update on four projects, and reminded the committee that this same communication had been unanimously supported by the F&A Committee at their May 13, 2024 meeting. The archery range project has been abandoned due to increased costs. The amphitheater back of house and additional restrooms project is nearing the 90% construction documents phase. These projects are funded in the FY24 budget from multiple sources. Current estimates suggest that the project may slightly exceed the budget, and Mr. Geisel explained that additional funds could be used from ARPA interest earnings, bond interest earnings, and the budgeted allocation for the abandoned

archery range project. Mr. Geisel also advised that he had instructed the PRA department to prepare the next Municipal Parks Grant application for the purpose of replacing the Central Park playground, which has been previously discussed by City Council. Staff recommends replacement of the Central Park playground for the next Municipal Parks Grant application. PRA Director Dieckmann shared information regarding the impact of our partnership with Perfect Game was provided including their annual fee schedule, tournament schedule, and estimated economic impact among other items.

- B. PRA Director Dieckmann shared that he had received a sponsorship proposal through Perfect Game for the installation of six electric vehicle charging stations at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. The vendor operating the charging stations is Evolve Power Solutions. All costs are covered by Evolve. The City and Perfect Game would split 6% of charging station revenue (3% for each). The agreement is for five years with option to extend the term after that. Director Dieckmann reminded the committee that staff was empowered to approved these sponsorships, but City Administrator Geisel had suggested that the committee be informed since there will be physical additions to CVAC.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Staff presented the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen’s Advisory Committee recommendation to place the 2024 Sculpture on the Move, “Gotta Practice,” at Logan Park. Councilmember Dan Hurt made a motion to accept this recommendation, and forward it to the whole City Council for consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gary Budoor, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.
- B. As directed by City Council, staff had updated the 2019 Railroad Park feasibility study. The only significant change was updating the expenditures due to inflation, which results in increased expense. Access and development of the park remain cost prohibitive. Councilmember Monachella made a motion to receive and file the report. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Budoor, and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.
- C. Staff presented a Chesterfield Citizen’s Environmental Advisory Committee recommendation to appoint Darcy Capstick as Member Emeritus. Councilmember Dan Hurt made a motion to accept this recommendation, and forward it to the whole City Council for consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gary Budoor and passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

V. COMMENTS

Mayor Nation asked the committee to revisit the construction of six pickleball courts and parking in the originally recommended location at Central Park adjacent to Chesterfield Parkway West. Mayor Nation advised that the anticipated donation of the 3 acre parcel from TSG associated with Downtown Chesterfield may be at risk due to an alternative storage concept for sanitary sewerage. Mr. Geisel confirmed this information, and was asked to communicate with TSG relative to same. Mr. Geisel subsequently shared TSG’s response that alternatives are being considered with the full Council via email on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Councilmembers discussed several possibilities and stated intent to explore some options, including climate controlled indoor facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.