

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

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

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

DATE: Tuesday, August 8, 2023



A meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of the Chesterfield City Council was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 in Conference Room 202.

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

Also in attendance were: Nathan Bruns, City Attorney; Mike Geisel, City Administrator; TW Dieckmann, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts; Ann-Marie Stagoski, Parks, Recreation & Arts Office Coordinator; and resident Rob Kilo.

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

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of the November 29, 2022 Committee Meeting Summary

Councilmember Budoor made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary of Nov 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt and passed by a voice vote of 3-0. Councilman Wahl had yet to arrive.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of the April 24, 2023 Committee Meeting Summary

Councilmember Hurt made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary of April 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Budoor and passed by a voice vote of 3-0. Councilman Wahl had yet to arrive.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Councilmember Hurt made a motion to approve staff recommendation to apply for MUNI Grant Round 24, in the amount of \$546,250 with a minimum 5% City match of \$28,750, and to recommend that City Council approved the required resolution as required by the Municipal Parks Commission. The grant will allow the City to resurface Miracle Field, replace its scoreboard, and replace the adjacent, existing playground with a universal ADA accessible playground. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Budoor and passed by a voice vote of 3-0. Councilman Wahl had yet to arrive.

- 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 Monachella 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.