



DATE: June 26, 2009

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – 6/25/09 Parks and Recreation Committee

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee took place on Thursday, 6/25/09. Those in attendance included Chairperson Mike Casey, Ward 3, Councilmember Matt Segal, Ward 1, Councilmember Bruce Geiger, Ward 2 and Councilmember Bob Nation, Ward 4. Also in attendance were Mayor John Nations, Councilmember Lee Erickson, Ward 2, City Administrator Mike Herring, Director of Parks and Recreation Darren Dunkle, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Steve Jarvis, Superintendent of Recreation Operations Kari Johnson, and Stacey Morse of Chesterfield Arts.

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

Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes - Councilmember Geiger motioned and Councilmember Segal seconded to approve the December 8, 2008 minutes. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Agenda Item #2: Committee Assignments – By unanimous votes, the Committee took the following actions: Councilmember Segal was appointed Vice Chair, as well as the liaison to the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment. Councilmember Nation was appointed as the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Committee; and, Councilmember Geiger was appointed as the liaison to the Beautification Committee.

Agenda Item #3: Park Rules and Regulations – Mr. Dunkle noted that, as a result of the levee trail development, improvements to Central Park and other park areas, Staff has identified the need for changes and/or additions to the “Park Rules and Regulations”, previously adopted/updated by City Council. These changes are

detailed in Mr. Dunkle's memo, dated 6/17/09 (see attached). Mr. Dunkle added that these proposed changes have been reviewed and recommended for approval by City Attorney Rob Heggie. With all of this in mind, Staff recommended that the Committee endorse and that City Council approve an amendment to existing Ordinance 2441 that would reflect these necessary changes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nation, seconded by Councilmember Segal, for the Committee to support and recommend approval of these proposed amendments and that an ordinance be forwarded to City Council, for final review/approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

***(SEE BILL # 2729)**

Agenda Item #4: Proposed Cost-sharing Partnership – Mr. Herring provided the Committee with background on cost-sharing agreements that the City currently has in place with both the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. Mr. Herring stated that the agreements allow the City and the School Districts to cost-share capital improvements to playgrounds at several area schools (i.e. River Bend and Green Trails, within the Parkway School District, and Chesterfield Elementary School, within the Rockwood School District) which, by virtue of the agreements approved by both the City and those School Districts, become City parks, when school is not in session. The School Districts are responsible for all maintenance. Mr. Herring then noted that, the City had been approached by the Rockwood School District and their PTO in regard to the possibility of the City participating in an “upgrade” to the existing playground, at the Chesterfield Elementary School-City Park. The Rockwood School District has sought proposals from various vendors for this project and would be responsible for the oversight and coordination of the project, which would include the removal of an existing piece of equipment (overhead track ride) and surfacing; installation of the new Landscape Structures playground equipment; and the installation of new playground surfacing (Zeager Woodcarpet). As part of this cost-sharing approach, the Rockwood School District and their PTO has proposed a three-way split of the overall costs of \$48,000, instead of the customary 50/50 split between the School District and the City. Mr. Herring commented that this approach appeared to be

very beneficial to the City, as the City's costs would only be 1/3 of the total costs or \$16,000 and that the City would then receive full benefit of the upgrade to this park. He noted that Mr. Dunkle and Ms. Vaughn have confirmed that the City's portion is available within the context of the current Parks and Recreation Budget and that no transfers would be required, from Fund Reserves.

[NOTE: Councilmember Erickson arrived at this time.]

Following additional discussion, a motion was then made by Councilmember Geiger, seconded by Councilmember Segal for the Committee to support and recommend approval by City Council of the proposal as submitted by Mr. Herring. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0-1, with Councilmember Nation abstaining.

Agenda Item #5: Proposal: Sponsored Partnerships – Central Park

Amphitheater – Councilmember Erickson stated that he would like to propose a process to gain sponsorships for the proposed amphitheater facility, as well as for sponsorships for individual events. In doing so, he would like the City to create a task force to nurture arts and the community. As such, the “Task Force” would develop a proposal that would address: the design/needs of the facility; identify what the amphitheater would/could be used for; and reach out to the community and businesses for sponsorship opportunities.

Discussion took place in regard to sponsorships and advertising. It was stated that Council in the past has made the decision that the City would not allow naming rights or advertising in the City Parks. It was further stated that the only exception was the scoreboard at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Members of the Committee stated they were opposed to corporate naming rights, but may consider naming a facility after an individual or family.

Further discussion took place regarding the use and design of the proposed amphitheater. Councilmember Erickson stated that the “Task Force” would need to identify and communicate with potential users to determine their needs/desires, and incorporate that information into the design of the amphitheater and stage.

Mr. Dunkle stated that the City has accomplished much of this task, as the City and its consulting team have already identified potential users and have held forums to discuss their various needs/desires. Accordingly, the City and the consulting team have taken this information and, over the past several months, have been working on the design and engineering for the amphitheater. Mr. Dunkle noted that the consultants are currently approaching 90% completion of this phase of work.

Following additional discussion, the Committee directed Mr. Herring and Mr. Dunkle to provide the Committee, at its next meeting, with detailed information regarding the design of the proposed amphitheater, as well how that design was ultimately determined. Director of Planning/Public Works Mike Geisel will also be asked to attend. Mr. Casey suggested that Mr. Herring and Mr. Dunkle work with Stacey Morse, Chesterfield Arts Exec. Director, regarding this issue, as well.

Agenda Item #6: Next Meeting? – Chairperson Casey stated that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Agenda Item#10: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.