

DATE: November 17, 2006

TO: Michael G. Herring, CA

FROM: Brian McGownd, Deputy Director of Public Works/Ass't City Engineer



SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 11/16/06

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006. Those in attendance included, Chairperson Dan Hurt (Ward 3), Councilmember Jane Durrell (Ward 1), Councilmember Bruce Geiger (Ward 2) and Councilmember Connie Fults (Ward 4). Also in attendance were: Mike Herring - City Administrator; Brian McGownd – Deputy Director of Public Works/Assistant City Engineer; Darren Dunkle – Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts and Mindy Mohrman, Parks Resource Specialist. Ms. Linda McDonald, Chesterfield resident, and Mike Neary, THF Realty, were also in attendance.

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

Agenda Item #1: Councilmember Geiger moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2006 meeting. The motion passed, 4– 0.

Agenda Item #5: Mrs. Mohrman gave a brief summary of the proposed street tree list. Mr. Herring explained that, currently, the City has two different street tree lists: one as part of a previously-adopted Council policy; and, one that is included in the “Tree Manual”. He said the policies were different, causing confusion, and also had not been updated. In order to remedy this situation, the Planning Department, along with the Parks and Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, worked together to formulate one, comprehensive, updated street tree list. Discussion ensued regarding the different species and varieties of the trees listed. Councilmember Geiger expressed concern that Sweetgums were on the approved list. Mrs. Mohrman stated that the variety of the Sweetgum listed does not produce fruit; however, she said this variety was new, and she had no experience with it. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Geiger moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to remove Sweetgum trees from the street tree list. The motion passed 3-1,

with Chairperson Hurt voting “no”. Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Geiger seconded to recommend approval of the amended street tree list and to City Council for approval. The motion passed, 4– 0.

Agenda Item #2b: Mr. Herring explained the proposal submitted by THF Realty for the display of two horse sculptures in the detention area behind Lowe’s, adjacent to Edison Avenue. He said the proposal had been endorsed by Chesterfield Arts. He explained that, if approved by the Committee, a license agreement prepared by the City Attorney and Jim Mello, special Legal Counsel, would be forwarded to THF for their signature. Once the executed agreement was returned to the City, a Resolution would be brought before City Council which would authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement, on behalf of the City. Discussion ensued regarding the sculptures. Councilmember Fults expressed concern regarding the style and color of the horses. She said she was in favor of the outdoor display of public art, and appreciated THF’s commitment to this effort, but was just concerned about the appearance of these particular sculptures. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Geiger moved and Chairperson Hurt seconded to approve the proposal submitted by THF Realty for the outdoor display of public art, and forward to City Council for their consideration, upon receipt of a signed agreement, from THF. The motion passed, 4– 0.**

Agenda Item 6 - Other: Chairperson Hurt recognized Ms. Linda McDonald who asked for an update regarding the status of a dog park. Mr. Herring told Ms. McDonald that, at their recent Budget Workshop, City Council discussed dog parks as well as other potential park projects. He said that in 2007, all Tier 1 projects that were approved as part of the passage of Proposition P would be under contract. He said that, in mid-2007, City Council would meet to discuss and prioritize a variety of projects beyond Tier 1, including a dog park. He said that projects on the prioritized list would be constructed as funds became available. In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. Herring stated that Staff would develop a list of potential locations and associated costs for a dog

park, and would present the information at the next Committee meeting. Ms. McDonald spoke briefly about other dog parks in the area as well as in other parts of the country, and gave Mr. Dunkle a packet of information.

Agenda Item 2a - Mr. Dunkle gave an overview of the proposed Central Park Master Plan, which was developed by Staff and HDR. He stated that several meetings had been held with Sachs Properties, as well as with the YMCA. Mr. Herring emphasized that Staff had worked hard with Sachs Properties so that their “Downtown Chesterfield” development would be integrated with the City’s proposed Master Plan. He also stated that Mayor Nations and he, along with Mr. McGownd and Mr. Dunkle, have had discussions with the local American Legion Post and Don Wiegand, regarding the possibility of locating a Veteran’s Memorial at the park. Mr. Wiegand, creator of the Spirit of Hope Medal, had indicated his willingness to include a sculpture of the late Bob Hope within the park, adjacent to the Veteran’s Memorial, since the Hope Medal is awarded to people who support the military, as Mr. Hope did. Mr. Dunkle then explained that the Tier 1 improvements associated with the Master Plan are primarily for site improvements only, such as grading work and utility extensions. **Councilmember Geiger moved and Chairperson Hurt seconded to recommend approval of the proposed Central Park Master Plan, and forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion also included authorization for Staff to finalize bid documents, for the Tier 1 improvements, to be funded by bond proceeds, resulting from the passage of Proposition P. The motion passed, 4– 0.**

Agenda Item #3: Chairperson Hurt stated that a physically handicapped student attending Parkway West High School and living on the north side of Clayton Road, was not presently able to get to school, via wheelchair, due to the fact that there are areas where no sidewalk exists, only a paved shoulder, and there are curb cuts that do not have the appropriate handicap ramps. He asked Staff about the possibility of working with MoDOT to remedy this issue. Mr. Herring stated that the issue of sidewalks along Clayton Road had

been discussed with MoDOT. He said they plan to construct sidewalks as part of their project to widen Clayton Road from Baxter to Kehrs Mill; however, they had no intentions on constructing sidewalks along Clayton, east of Baxter. Mr. McGownd stated that grant opportunities were limited. He said there was a grant available to construct sidewalks near schools that were attended by Kindergarten through 8th grade, but not for high schools. After some discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Geiger seconded to direct Staff to prepare cost estimates and review easement requirements to provide an accessible sidewalk along the north side of Clayton Road from Baxter to Parkway West High School for two scenarios: one which would include new concrete sidewalks, such that there would be a continuous sidewalk, on the north side of Clayton Road, from the shopping area, located at Baxter and Clayton, to the High School; and the other scenario, utilizing the existing asphalt shoulders, but adding sidewalks to “fill in the gaps” and to report back to the Committee at their next meeting. The motion passed, 4– 0.**

Agenda Item #6a: Mr. Herring explained that the next opportunity for the submission of applications for federal funding, for various projects, would need to be submitted to East-West Gateway in January. Since the next Committee meeting had not been scheduled yet, Staff needed direction regarding submitting applications for various projects. He stated that Staff was recommending that grant funding be sought for TWO PROJECTS: the completion of Phase II of the Pathway on the Parkway (Clarkson to Schoettler Valley – southeast quadrant), and the reconstruction of Stablestone/Greentrails North. Mr. McGownd stated that the City only had a few streets that qualified for federal funding, one being Stablestone/Greentrails North. He said he was not sure, but thought Country Ridge/Schoettler Valley and Appalachian Trail were recently added to the list. Councilmember Durrell asked what improvements were planned to Stablestone/Greentrails. Mr. McGownd said that the street would be completely reconstructed. Mr. Geisel and he had determined that this street would require significant work, over the next several years, and it seemed appropriate to seek

federal funding support, especially given the total estimated cost for this project. Mr. Herring stated that City Council would have to approve funding for the “local match” for any grant received and that, generally speaking, the City would be responsible for approx. 30% of the total cost. After a brief discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Geiger seconded to authorize Staff to submit applications for federal funding to East-West Gateway for Phase II of the Pathway on the Parkway (local match estimated at \$400,000) and for the reconstruction of Stablestone/Greentrails North (local match estimated at \$550,000), as recommended by Staff. In addition, the motion included seeking federal funding support for the reconstruction of portions of Country Ridge, if eligible (local match unknown, at this time). The motion passed, 4– 0.**

Agenda Item #6b: Councilmember Fults expressed concern regarding the condition of Wild Horse Creek Road. She said that the road was very rough and in need of repair. She frequently receives multiple complaints regarding the condition of the road. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to authorize the City Administrator to submit a letter to MoDOT, expressing the City’s concern regarding the condition of Wild Horse Creek Road, and to request that MoDOT schedule significant repairs, as soon as possible. The motion passed, 4– 0.**

Agenda Item #4: Mr. McGownd summarized his memo dated November 9, 2006. After a brief discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Geiger seconded to recommend approval of a Resolution which would adopt an operation and maintenance program for the “Prevention and Reduction of Pollution in Stormwater Runoff from Municipal Operations”.** The motion passed, 4– 0.

Agenda Item #6c: Councilmember Geiger asked if there was a need or any interest in developing a city wide “Arts Master Plan”, which would identify outdoor locations that art could be displayed, as well as, identifying various

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styles of art that would be acceptable. Chairperson Hurt stated that this might be a project that the Arts Commission/Chesterfield Arts could help with. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Geiger moved and Chairperson Hurt seconded to authorize the Arts Commission to prepare a “scope of work” and cost estimates for the preparation of a city wide “Arts Master Plan”.** **The motion passed, 4– 0.**

Agenda Item #6d: Councilmember Fults asked if she could be given a schedule of tree trimming operations planned for Ward 4. Mr. McGownd said that he would provide her with a schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cc: Mayor John Nations
Department Heads/Executive Staff