



Parks & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes January 10, 2015

Minutes taken by Kimberly Cameron

Attendees: Kimberly Cameron John Nations Guy Tilman Cindy Lau Darcy Capatick
Tricia Whelan Mike Whelan Alan Politte Don Collins Eileen Sellers

Welcome New member: Allison Harris

Staff: Tom McCarthy

Meeting began at 8:31am

Approval of Minutes

Darcy Capstick made a change to a typo, Tom made changes (clarify 4 items, 1 typo), John Nations had a clarification about Hollow Island (Not actually in Chesterfield, not sure of the ownership). Tricia Whelan is making changes

Minutes approved as amended

Review of survey & input from Tom

- Tom said they are putting it in Survey Monkey
- Cindy asked about topic for future amenities
- Kimberly suggested the material is too much for one survey, ideal to break down into multiple surveys
- Kimberly suggested putting sample survey into Survey Monkey and send it to the group for review and changes before it goes out to the public

Arts Update

- Tom does not have an update
- Mayor is going to veto the motion to bring it in house
- Someone was missing at the last meeting, so they have postponed the vote
- Alan was there, and there is a chance they may override the mayor
- next meeting is Jan 21st

Volunteer Opportunities from Tricia

- Tom created a spreadsheet
- Tricia will be managing the list and put it online

River's Edge

- Ribbon Cutting, March 25th at 4pm, short ceremony, press release & PR
- Event opening is April 11th, 10am-1pm.
- Working with Alpine Shop
- Mindy is working on Tree Plantings, talking with Audubon Society for a walk & talk Mike offered an update:
- Working on fishing (kids & adults), possibly casting contest since the lake is not suitable for fishing at this time
- Mike is considering fly casting lessons
- Mike talked with fly shop in Brentwood (Saturday is their busiest day, he got a name of a guy who runs youth fishing outreach program at MO dept of Conservation)....games, giveaways
- Approach Bass Pro Shop & Cabella's
- Snack ideas (gold fish & stick pretzels, gummy worms)
- With young children having a short attention span, coloring booth may be a good idea
- Small duck pond (stick with string & magnet), instruction on knot tying techniques

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Darcy suggested Boy Scouts may be able to help with a contact

- Alan asked about continues trimming and manicuring of weeds
- Tom said there will be some additional clearings along the lakes and walkways
- Tom mentioned the future ramp & dock that will be built into the lake down the road
- Alan asked about bathrooms. Tom said there are none, but will be brought in for April Event.
- Alan asked about boardwalks to nowhere. Tom said they were put in for times of wetness (not a wetland).

Darcy will have information at the event about planting trees and why they are planting in preparation for Arbor Day

Fishing Derby - May 9th

- Darcy mentioned affiliates of CFM and a contact for Bass Pro Shop if needed.

Park Reviews

- Tricia & Mike visited Rivers Edge, nice path
- Eileen had questions about walking to the water
- Tom said there are signs up & he will bring a map of the park to the next meeting
- Gil asked if there is a plan or visual of the improvements for the park to show to the group
- Allison asked about where the park is, so Tom updated her
- Cindy asked about parkways around the lake being disrupted by trucks, they will be fixed
- Cindy mentioned there are signs at Bluebird Park having signs at start of their bridges & Boardwalks that say "Boardwalk slick when wet". Cindy mentioned them being slick at a past meeting. Signs could reduce liability

Graffiti at rivers edge spill way

- John mentioned
- Guy suggested we engage an artist to consider a mural
- Kimberly suggested a contest to paint, removing graffiti issues

Staff Report from Tom

FOTP: Friends of the park tri-fold marketing piece

- Logo for FOTP, stickers that can be displayed on cars Dates for events, passed out a list
- Pedal for the Cause, moved from the city to Chesterfield

Eileen brought up concern with bikers on Conway Good chance roads may be closed during this event John chimed in on biker road rights

- Pedal will be week after Taste of St Louis

Concessions, still being renovated (a bit slow due to weather)

- adding storage, larger capacity, current code, adding a window, replace trusses) Waiting on word for playground surface to be rubberized (next to pavilion) Working on dock at rivers Edge (waiting on the county) Rolling out new stuff in 2015

Cindy had a question about ground off Wilson, 7 acres given to Chesterfield from the School.

Tom said a developer couldn't use it so it was donated to the schools who gave it to Chesterfield and there is little that can be done with it.

Tricia complimented Tom & Staff and thanked

Old Business to review

Darcy April 25th (24th Earth Day): Chesterfield Mall, activities Inside and Outside events

- Darcy passes out Milkweed seeds to the group to plant

Alan moved to adjourn, Don 2nd at 9:29am

Next Meeting 2/21