

Park, Recreation & Arts Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes

February 10, 2021

Present via ZOOM:

Ward - Name - Role

I – Lauren Schellenberg
I - Kim Cameron
I - Gary Stein
II - Eileen Sellers
II - Barbara Briggs
II – John Davis
II – Bill Blankenship
 Mike Whelan, Chair
III - Kelli Unnerstall
IV - Jim Pisoni
IV - Robert Kilo
 Dana Degnam, Staff
 Ann-Marie Stagoski - Staff
 Tom McCarthy - Staff
 Michelle Ohley, - Council Liaison
 Darcy Capstick, Emeritus

1. Approval of 10/07/20 meeting minutes

Tom McCarthy noted a correction to 2.a. needed to read: “Laura Schellenberg entered a motion to vote on planned application for a Municipal Planning Grant...” Tom also pointed out that 6.a. should read “5 residents formed...” instead of “4 residents formed.”

Rob Kilo noted a correction be made to Page 1, Item 2.c.iii, adding ‘with citizen input’ to read “Park amenities, lighting options, landscaping, traffic flow and water features are examples of conceptual ideas the consultant would recommend with citizen input.”

Rob motioned for approval of the minutes with changes as discussed, and Barbara Briggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Creative Community Alliance/Sculpture on the Move

Dana Degnan reported that she collected and ranked artwork according to PRACAC members’ votes. There were several ties that we need to break in the second round of voting. Dana will send us a revised list from our top 20 chosen art pieces, and the photos of the artwork in the semi-final group. She needs our final ranked preferences no later than 5 pm on Monday, 2/15. Chesterfield is one

of many municipalities participating in a “draft” procedure on 2/17/21 that determines the order of our turn for selection of artwork that day.

Dana noted that two of our current sculptures on loan will be leaving in May 2021: Grannie’s Garden and Dashes.

3. Municipal Planning Grant Central Park Schedule

Tom reported the Committee of Council approved the application for the Municipal Planning Grant, and we received the grant for use on parcels near Central Park. A meeting will be held on March 18 from 6 – 7:30 via Zoom. SWT (who has worked for Forest Park, the Munny, etc.) is the company selected for the work after the bidding process. SWT representatives will present their preliminary assessment and conceptual ideas pulled from the Master Plan. Then they will survey the participants for input.

4. Eberwein Trail Closure Information

Tom reported that due to heavy rains that washed out the Eberwein Trail, it was closed. The City contracted with Horner and Shifrin to provide conceptual recommendations and budget numbers for Council to consider on 2/16. This may include such things as permanently moving sections of the trail and annual maintenance plans and associated cost, through a phased approach. There will still be a nice trail in the park when complete.

5. Logan Park Update

Tom reported that the City acquired (30 year lease) 9 acres near the South entrance to Logan Chiropractic College for the new park. We are now interviewing landscape design groups. There will be restroom facilities as well as a pavilion similar in design to the new one at Central Park, which accommodates 60 people. Since most pavilion rentals are for as few as 10 and as many as 30 – 40 people, the Logan Park pavilion will be scaled accordingly. We hope to have amenities there by late Fall 2021.

6. Pool Changes

Tom reported that the Committee of Council approved the PRACAC’s recommended pool fees, opening/closing changes, etc.

7. COVID Update

Tom reported that the Athletic Complex will open for league play this Spring, with restricted fans. They are still working through the amphitheater schedule, and hope to have some concerts this year. He will keep us informed.

8. Parks, Recreation & Arts Updates

Tom will send us preliminary meeting dates and times, with location to be determined.

a. Staff – We have several openings and few applicants.

b/c/d. Recreation, Arts, Sports & Wellness – Events will be planned, but tentative due to the pandemic.

e. Parks – Maintenance staff are busy keeping up as best they can.

Jim Pisoni asked if the Council approved the Monarch Levee Trail. Tom said it was still in progress because of various parties involved. Tom suggested to check the City website for the Public Works monthly reports to get the latest updates on that as well as such things as the construction on the Riparian trail.

9. Unfinished Business

Rob Kilo and Kelli Unnerstall requested the addition of the notes they submitted by email below for clarification of a topic discussed during our October 7, 2020 meeting:

Here's the proposed addition regarding the October Meeting minutes under the Trails and Connectivity Follow-up' section of the minutes:

During the 2/10/21 meeting, Rob Kilo added the following to clarify the minutes from the October meeting, since he was not able to attend due to a work event. A priority list of 'Trail & Connectivity' items was created by members of this 5 member sub-committee representing all four Wards, with the participation of City Council members. Ascension Catholic Church is one of many 'grandfathered' properties that does not have a sidewalk along Wild Horse Creek Road, although properties on both sides have sidewalks, so this provides no continuous sidewalk on Wild Horse Creek Road from Baxter Road to Chesterfield Parkway. In 2020, Rob Kilo scheduled a meeting with City of Chesterfield Public Works, Ascension leadership, City Council members, etc. and Ascension provided approval for St. Louis County to build/maintain a sidewalk. However, St. Louis County has not approved this to move forward. Ward IV also brought up the priority of a crosswalk at the intersection of Baxter Road and August Hill to ensure that residents can get to Chesterfield's core amenities, and although received support from several members of City Council, St. Louis County has not approved this to move forward.

Kelli Unnerstall added: I think it's really important that it be clarified that the priorities that were worked on were distributed through all 4 wards, not just ward 4, and that they include both major projects and a few minor projects. Most of the priorities were pulled straight from the City of Chesterfield Bikeable Walkable Community Plan dated February 2010. There are a few exceptions and most of these arose since publication of the document. The work on the sidewalk at Ascension represents one small part of the total work of the subcommittee. Other accomplishments include working with MODOT to ensure all of the pedestrian and bike facility priorities are implemented in the Route 340 project (this was done with Jim Eckrich and Dan Hurt and the subcommittee) and work with St. Louis County to ensure that Chesterfield's priorities are on the St. Louis

County Bikeable Walkable Plan. Thanks everyone for your support of this subcommittee. As I shared, we will continue to work as "Citizens for Trails and Connectivity" in a private citizens group and we hope you all will stay involved. We will try to keep you updated on any major items and we hope to engage the Citizens Committee for support as appropriate.

10. New Business for Parks, Recreation & Arts

Rob suggested we consider a sculpture on Wildhorse Creek Road near the planned developments. Kelli expressed appreciation and excitement for the first park in Ward IV.

11. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING – March 13, 8:15 AM Location TBD