

Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Results

June 16th, 2021 at 6:15 PM.

Present

Ward Name

I – Ann Book

II – Barbara Briggs

III - Kelli Unnerstall

III – Mike Whelan, Chair

IV – Rob Kilo

IV – Jim Pisoni

Tom McCarthy – Parks Recreation & Arts Director

Dan Hurt – Chesterfield City Council

Mary Ann Mastorakos – Chesterfield City Council

(4) Guests – Residents of neighborhoods around Logan Park

Bob Wulff, Bill and Jane Hemberger

(1) Guest representing the Butterfly House- Jennifer Mullix

1. Approval of March 13, 2021 Meeting Results – Minutes were review and unanimously approved without changes.

2. Creative Community Alliance / Sculpture Update – Tom provided an update on the ‘Joy’ sculpture selected by Chesterfield.

3. Monarch Grove Artwork Donation – Rob Kilo advised that his family has purchased a Butterfly sculpture entitled ‘Portal to Metamorphosis’ and presented a plan to create a Monarch Grove area near the intersection of August Hill Drive and the new Riparian Trail phase. The sculpture will be donated to city free of charge in the form of 5 year recurring loans and placed in the proposed Monarch Grove. The area will be approximately 24’ in circumference with crushed stone/gravel surface and stone benches for seating. The estimated cost to build Monarch Grove is \$25,000 and it is not funded at this time. The committee reviewed the proposed plan and approved it with a unanimous vote.

4. Municipal Planning Grant Central Park Schedule – Tom announced that a public open house will be held on July 28th, 2021 in City Hall Council Chambers to review plans for the new 8 acre parcel of land in Central Park.

5. Logan Park – Tom presented a revised plan for Logan Park development that moved the parking lot to the northwest corner of the park with an entrance off of Logan Drive. Ann questioned the lack of sidewalks in the plan and stated that this was a concern. Councilman Hurt advised that sidewalks were not in the initial phase due to a lack of funding and would be addressed in future phases of the development. Rob Kilo noted that room for sidewalks should be left in the landscape buffer area. It was also noted that there is no signaled crosswalk in the current proposal. A motion was made to advance the plan to the Parks, Recreation & Arts committee of council. It passed 5-1 with Ann Book casting the no vote.

Tom advised that more drawings are being done to prepare for the Municipal Planning Grant Round 22.

6. Volunteer Opportunities – Tom advised that there are volunteer opportunities for the committee at the July 4th event at CVAC. Volunteers are also needed to monitor a Parks, Recreation and Arts information table at the free Chesterfield Amphitheatre concerts. The first one is June 26th. Contact Tom if interested in either of these.

7. Parks, Recreation and Arts updates – New voting and term limit policies are being developed for the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Committee and the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment. Jim asked how the pool operations were going. Tom reported that there is a shortage of lifeguards and attendance was a little low.

8. Unfinished Business - Rob asked about the possibility of putting QR codes on sculptures that would provide information and location details on sculptures through the parks system. Tom suggested using the Chesterfield Parks App. Rob asked if any honeysuckle removal events were planned and Tom advised that one will be held in the fall.

9. New Business – Rob noted that the retaining wall around the Central Park Lake path was failing in some places near the YMCA. Rob requested a summary of comments from the zoom meeting that was held to review proposals for the new 8 acre parcel of land in Central Park.

Kelli is going to send Jim an email version of the comments from a resident of a Logan Park area neighborhood regarding the park development proposal. Jim will include in the minutes.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.