

Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2017

Minutes taken by Tricia Whelan

Attendees: Robert Kilo, Cindy Lau, Darcy Capstick, Tricia Whelan, Don Collins, Alan Politte, Mary Monachella, Alan Keathley, Gary Stein, Laura Schellenberg, Eileen Sellers, Mary Ann Mastorakos
Staff Liaison: Kari Johnson and Sukanya Mani; Committee Chair: Mike Whelan

Mike Whelan called the meeting to order.

Approval of August 12, 2017 minutes.

The minutes of the August 12, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Darcy Capstick and seconded by Don Collins.

Kari Johnson introduced Sukanya Mani who discussed the Creative Cities Alliance Program. This is a Coalition of municipal and nonprofit organizations. It is a supportive Art Network and Chesterfield would be involved in the development of practices and the process. This program would help circulate Art in various communities. At this time Chesterfield, Manchester, Creve Coeur, and Grand Center are the members of this group. The first request would be Sculpture on the Move. There would be a call for Art and Artists apply. Each city would have a 4x4 pad. The art would be a two year loan program. The city can make preliminary selections. This will help bring in Artists, and we hope to get more Artists. The program would be involved with marketing. We would hope to get up to 10 pads with 10 cities. We would like to get 40 applications. There would be a lottery process in determining which city would get the Art but on a rotating basis. There would be criteria for the Art such as outdoor display, size and scale appropriateness, artistic excellence, professional behavior, etc. At the end of the two years, the Art could be purchased. The call for Art is national in scope, but the idea is to support local Artists. The 4x4 pad would stay in the same spot for the next Art piece. We will have to consider where to place the pad. That is for discussion at a future meeting. Regarding the Artist, once the art is in place, we will pay them \$1,000.00 for two years. That amount is subject to change as this program is in the development phase. It is thought that the first year we will do one pad and see how it works and then we could do more if that is what the group decides. It is hoped we will get bigger and better Artists. Other ideas involve private sponsorships. We could approach some of the businesses through some of the communities that are part of this Creative Cities Alliance (CCA). Sukanya asked if this is something that the committee would like us to pursue? A workshop has already been completed with some Artists.

Alan Politte made a motion to support the CCA. Darcy Capstick seconded the motion. There was some discussion. All members voted in favor with none opposed.

Sukanya Mani updated the committee on the Flow Art piece. The concrete pad has been poured. The Artist will come in and get the solar flower lighting started. Two of the pieces will be installed next week and the whole project should be completed within the next three weeks.

Alan Politte asked about the erector set at Central Park. Sukanya stated that it was a beautiful piece that was put up during the Burbs festival and we asked to keep for a month. It will be taken down shortly.

Kari Johnson discussed a volleyball proposal. This is to bring a new element to the CVAC. We are working on getting sand volleyball courts. We plan to do this on field B-6. This was used for soccer for younger kids but is not getting a lot of usage. We are trying to go with the trends. Sand volleyball is becoming a collegiate sport. It could also be used as a fundraiser. We will have the concessions available. We will have leagues and two to four sessions. (\$9,600.00-\$19,000.00) We can include rentals for weekends. We estimate that we will start in March, 2018 and end in October, 2018. The cost per team would be estimated at \$250.00. We may have up to six courts. The cost to install would be around \$100,000.00 and materials to purchase. That number does include lighting. Kirkwood has a private sand volleyball program. This could be for kids and adults. It was noted that we did have sand volleyball at one time. Other communities have done this such as St. Charles. The maintenance is less costly than for soccer. The sand has to be raked and we will have to add sand as needed. There is a drainage system with rock etc. The program will be presented to the council.

Alan Politte made a motion to put the sand volleyball program to the committee of council. Laura Schellenberg seconded the motion. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Farmers Market Update

Kari Johnson stated that we have had four Farmers Markets. 200 people in attendance. We have three Farmers. We are doing a big push for the last one which is October 5, 2017. We have talked about rebranding for next year. How do we approach this? We will brainstorm and come up with other ideas. It is clear that there is a lot of competition in the area for Farmers Markets.

Volunteers: Tricia Whelan discussed volunteers needed at the Taste of St. Louis event. A volunteer sheet was passed around for review.

Arts and Entertainment Update. Sukanya Mani discussed the current art updates. There are two pieces of Art going up. The Mondella which was made at the Burbs festival. This is a painted circular design. It will be put on the website. The second piece is a watershed project we did with St. Louis Art Works. This is a mermaid fish tail. It will be up at the CVAC at the west end. It was done in partnership with St. Louis Art Works which brings in kids every summer to do art.

Recreation Update: Kari Johnson discussed the recreation. This weekend is the opening weekend for soccer. In October we will have two large softball tournaments. The local restaurants have been notified of the tournament schedules. We are excited about basketball. We have painted the basketball court. The Turkey Trot is coming up in November.

Senior Task Force Update: We are doing more with the Senior Task Force and have added more educational elements. We have educational seminars and are doing more with OASIS. We have bike rides on Mondays and walking on Wednesdays. We are doing a trip to the Hill and going to Branson. Becky and Mary are assisting with these programs.

Other: We will have a St. Patrick's Day Run on March 11, 2018. The pool is now closed and we are fixing and repairing it for the next season. Maintenance is very busy. They are maintaining the fields and helping with the events and working the Taste of St. Louis. We expect to have between 150,000 to 200,000 people. We have a gravel parking lot and four lanes are paved. At the end of the year we reassess and add a few lanes of asphalt.

Citizens Committee for the Environment: Darcy Capstick updated the committee. There is a new member, Ram Kurapati from Ward 4. The committee has received a county grant for recycling. Tom McCarthy helped and worked with the staff to ensure most everything at concessions is getting recycled. Recycle Bins are also at the amphitheater. It was a \$11,500.00 competitive grant. Tom has purchased the recycle units. Darcy discussed recycling, education, neighbors, and the county hazardous waste sites. Recycling handouts were provided, especially on 'concessions recyclables' in our Parks System. She stressed 'empty' concessions containers are to be recycled. There is a library education table at Sachs Library regarding freshwater, sustainable gardening and recycling. On 10-4-2017 at the YMCA there is a free pollinator education session with sustainable gardening. On 10-7-2017, the second segment of the YMCA's native flora for butterflies garden will be installed at the backside of the YMCA; it is a lot of hard work from 3 Girl Scout Troops and the CCE. On October 16 CCE will showcase elements of sustainability through its Signature Garden Program, and will be awarding the Top Honor Award of the 2016 BiAnnual Family Native Gardening Grow Off to the winning family at the City Council meeting. There will be a power point presentation before the Council meeting.

Kari Johnson stated that she, Tom and Steve will go to Nationals in New Orleans and will find out if the City is getting re-accredited. The city only missed two of the 185 standards.

Laura Schellenberg stated that she attended Two Flicks and Chill at the Amphitheater and loved it. Cindy Lau asked about the status of Rivers Edge. Kari stated that the Parks Maintenance are working on it and have to move the toilet that is on the walking path. There is also a dock being built at Eberwein Park.

New Business: Alan Keathley stated that we had a meeting at the levee trail in the past. Maybe next month we should have a meeting at a Park or an outdoor meeting space.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.