



PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

Wednesday September 11, 2024

Attendance:

Charlie Foxman – Chair
Shaul Ganel
Mark Ivancic
Gary Stein
Dylan Schoen
Rob Kilo
Eileen Sellers – Vice Chair
Laura Schellenberg - Secretary
Meera Vasudevamurthy
Gary Budoor – City Council, PRA Committee of Council Chair
Merrell Hansen – City Council
Kari Johnson – Superintendent of Recreation
Bob Nation - Mayor
Mike Geisel – City Administrator

1. Charlie Foxman called meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Motion by Rob Kilo to approve the July 10, 2024 meeting results. Seconded by Dylan Schoen. Motion approved as amended unanimously.
 - A. discussion in regards to the minutes from July. Under Announcements 6a. of July minutes: TW reminded members to use the city's new work order system, SeeClickFix, to report issues. He pointed out that "picking up dog waste" is not an appropriate use of SeeClickFix. Staff had received two such reports, and park staff will not complete those requests. Per Mike Geisel, submit the requests per the work order system to pick up dog waste, contrary to last month's minutes comment by TW that it is not appropriate. Per Mr. Geisel, there is a liability to not tending to requests in the system, including picking up dog waste as staff deems appropriate.
4. New Business
 - a. Charlie Foxman asked for a few minutes of silence to commemorate Patriot Day. Rob Kilo was asked to say a few words.
 - b. Kari introduced Mr. Zach Wolf, city engineer. He shared info/updates on the city's bikeable walkable plan and consultant from Kansas City - will be in town Sept 25. Would like 3 members of this committee to attend? Charlie Foxman volunteered to be the lead for the group of three. Mark, and Rob (if avail) & Gary (if avail)
 - c. Public art: "Gotta Practice" has been installed at Logan Park. Gary complemented the installation (saw it while playing pickleball).
5. Department Updates:

- a. Staffing update: we don't currently have a park director and Geisel has no immediate intentions to fill the roll. He is working with the 4 leads directly himself.
 - b. Per M. Geisel, started working on budget in June to be ready to go to council in October. No timetable for filling the park director job
 - c. Per M. Geisel, the PRACAC committee with the city relationship has suffered and he apologized on behalf of the city. City will be working to use PRACAC more.
 - d. Kari discussed PRACAC meeting start time for all. Committee agreed to start meetings at 6pm going forward.
 - e. Municipal Park Grants – The Miracle Field and Playground is complete. This was one of the many Municipal Parks Grants we have received.
 - f. Aquatic Center Replacement Strategy update
 - g. Amphitheater Back of House improvements. The work is under contract. This is first improvement to the amphitheater since built in 2011.

 - h. Forestry management plan. Kari gave an update. Lowest bid was from Native Landscape Solutions and Missouri Department of Conservation said it was too expensive. Kari & Jeff are going back to NLC to see what they can do differently to get the grant.
 - i. Programs and events. Chesterfield Citizen has been mailed. City is completely out of the Chesterfield mall where they were hosting the Chesterfield Community Center and has moved programs elsewhere.
 - j. Kari said there are approx. 30 events/month for seniors.
 - k. Shaul asked if there is a place to look up online for current revenue numbers for CVAC. Kari said she will share with committee at the next meeting.
 - l. Kari looking for volunteers for the 5 upcoming events. Would really like to see PRACAC members and their family/friends. Email will go out this week to sign up to volunteer.
 - m. Marketing: Kari noted that there are people who don't know what Chesterfield amenities exist. Asked PRACAC to promote the city when at subdivision mtgs, etc. and share what is happening and upcoming. this is another avenue to share what's happening in the city
 - n. Do the same at businesses, offices, etc. and be an advocate w/in the parks. If you're in a park and see something, say something. If you see a branch on a trail, move it if it can be readily addressed.
 - o. Geisel brought up the police VIP liaisons years ago and he's discussing to see if there is an opportunity for individuals to be parks ambassadors with scheduled time in the parks and they're identified with city shirts
 - p. "We need a way to multiply our visibility" per M. Geisel. This would be a companion to the police VIP program
 - q. Charlie has idea: put a sign on vehicle dashboards so people will ask about parks
6. Unfinished business: none

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for October 9, 2024.