



Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2017

Attendees:

Ward I - Gary Stein, Kimberly Cameron, Mary Monachella

Ward II - John Gruender, Eileen Sellers

Ward III - Darcy Capstick, Tricia Whelan, Mike Whelan, Alan Politte

Ward IV – Alan Keathley, Bill Dowdy

Council Liaison – Guy Tilman

Parks Director – Tom McCarthy

Visitor - Kelli Unnerstall shared her story

1. Introduction
2. Minutes - Mary M. Recommended Revise line #6 on subcommittee
Darcy made motion to approve as revised
3. Art Sculpture Contest update
 - Mock-up reviewed
 - Cattail with illuminated lighting on top, possibly solar. They will be on water's edge, motion sensor end to light up when someone walks by
 - Installation over the summer
 - Tom mentioned, as Art evolves, may add a Subcommittee to manage projects as they come up. Work up a general policy outline to PR&A
4. 2017 Budget

Tom - printed budget passed around. Review and can discuss next month if there are questions. Overall, in "good shape"

5. Volunteers

Mike - Not ready for sign ups yet, but there are a few dates (May - August) to earmark

Check your calendars and let Tricia know if you have availability. Bring a friend or neighbor to help.

Tricia - Tom will email concert schedule (3 orchestra, 6 concerts and ticketed events)

Darcy - April is not on the schedule, Earth Day is April 29th (always last Saturday of April)

Tom - Kentucky Derby is a new event in May

August 5th Burbs Music & Arts Festival will be a pretty major event

May 3rd, Veterans Honor Park Dedication; granite will be installed in a few weeks, followed by benches and ground cover.

John asked if a sculpture would be a consideration through the VHP committee or through PR&A. Tom said that was considered, but the fountain honors each branch of the service.

These programs are not on the website yet, just a list of events where volunteers may be needed.

Darcy - 8/21 Total Eclipse (event, not a band)

6. Major Projects

Tom - working on getting River's Edge restrooms for spring (environmental toilet).

C Quad Concrete

Two multi-sport fields (bring in sand, new irrigation for better drainage and playing)

D and E pavilion upgrade (like F Quad)

- more tables, television, social (sponsorships cover most of the fee)

Cricket field - conversation has ended, one of the visitors from last fall purchased land in Dardenne Prairie. The Chesterfield resident has not been in communication with Tom in recent months

Fencing - maintenance, pickle ball and adding a couple basketball hoops due to request. Trying some solar lights

Extending yard at office

7. Farmers Market Committee Update

Meeting was rescheduled. Tom has connected Cindy with some leaders and a resident of Chesterfield with extensive farmers market experience. Cindy has a ton of information to review and share. She is out of town, awaiting a reschedule of meeting (due to ice storm last week)

8. Parks Master Plan Subcommittee

They have not met. Amiee, Department Head for Planning, is leaving. Justin Wyse will start in February as new Director taking over Aimee's job. Then, we'll get to this subcommittee

9. Parks, Rec and Arts Update

Art walk is not going to happen this year

- People are not coming to The Taste for art (like Clayton). Sloppy and wet ground, several were too high end for the crowd, a few artists did well, most did not

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business for PR&A

Done - update & Land Acquisition

Guy - Approved moving forward with development plan of dome and lease of the land, currently owned by the City

Contract on ground to purchase, but will not move forward on purchase until Council has financials and more information

12 basketball and 6 volleyball courts, 2 indoor baseball fields

Land swap program for hotels, restaurants and retail

4 outdoor synthetic fields, stadium seats 3,000 (can be domed during bad weather months)

They will pay to install synthetic turf on F Quad (priority use October - March)

National Exposure and tournaments

Alan - tournaments, primarily weekends? Any adult softball and league play? Winter leagues, etc. possible. Does not include ice hockey

Alan - Any discussion about minor league team?

Guy - not that he is aware. The group of developers are strong proponents of community engagement with local residents for year round use.

Building for long term community sustainable, paying taxes benefitting the community.

They will build the facility on Chesterfield ground. If they pull out in 20 years (as an example), Chesterfield can take it over or request them to remove the facility at their expense.

THEY will pay to get utilities in place to the facility (costly endeavor)

Tom mentioned road improvement benefits, etc.

Large, long term commitment.

Tom - not all about baseball and softball. The partnership will work along with CVAC

Guy Tilman updated the Committee on the new Dome project. The Council voted 4-3 in favor of the project with one abstention. The lease is a 50 year lease and some of the Council members felt it was too long. Barbara McGuinness did not think the City should be in the leasing business.

Guy Tilman updated the Committee on the proposed ice Rink. There needs to be a plan in place for parents whose kids ice skate and play hockey. The developer needs to provide an update. The current ice rink will be torn down in March, 2017.

Eileen Sellers asked about the pedestrian bridge. Tom McCarthy stated that the bridge should be completed sometime this summer. The bridge will go across Highway 40 to Chesterfield Parkway East.

Tom McCarthy updated the Committee on the Riparian Trail. Part of the current entrance area has been sold to Watermark at Chesterfield Village so the Riparian Trail will be moved west. Some of the trees will be recycled and planted in the parks.

Jeff Wegrzyn is the new City Arborist. He is meeting with the Environmental Committee in the near future. Darcy Capstick updated the Committee on National Arbor Day. It will be celebrated on April 29th, 2017 and Wildhorse Elementary will be planting trees. Darcy Capstick is working on a grant to do a recycling study and the pilot site will be the Amphitheater. New recycle bins may be installed at the Amphitheater. The goal is to build on the success of the household recycling challenge and reduce trash in the landfills.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

