



AGENDA
PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMITTEE
OF COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Room
101
Monday, September 22, 2025
4:00 PM

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- A. Approval of the August 19, 2025 PRACC Meeting Summary

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Storybook Walk in Eberwein Park - Vote Required
- B. Dog Park Amenities in Eberwein Park - Vote Required
- C. 250th Celebration - Vote Required
- D. Tree List for yards from CCEAC - Vote Required

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Street Pole Banner Update

IV. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council will consider and act upon the matters listed above and such other matters as may be presented at the meeting and determined to be appropriate for discussion at that time.

PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD CONTACT ANN-MARIE STAGOSKI AT (636)812-9501 AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL CHESTERFIELD CITY HALL 690 CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY WEST CONFERENCE ROOM 101

August 19, 2025

Chairperson Mastorakos called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mastorakos, Ward II
Council Committee Member McGuinness, Ward I
Council Committee Member Koch, Ward III (proxy for Councilmember Moore)
Council Committee Member Hansen, Ward IV
Councilmember Tocco, Ward II
Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, Wayne Dunker
Parks, Recreation & Arts Superintendent, Kari Johnson
Parks, Recreation & Arts Office Coordinator, Ann-Marie Stagoski
Darren Bevard, Counsilman-Hunsaker
Rod Wright, Discovery Works
David Kehm, FGMA
resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Hansen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness, to approve the August 11, 2025 Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee Meeting Minutes. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed.

FGMA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE CHESTERFIELD FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Councilmember Mastorakos stated that the Parks aquatic center study that was completed in a few years ago indicated that residents wanted an aquatic

center. City Council then directed the Parks Department to investigate replacement. If a bond issue is needed, it could possibly go on the November 2026 ballot.

Director Dunker stated that per the direction of the Committee he double-checked references for FGMA. Individual references can also be found in the packet. He called three references and received all positive recommendations. O'Fallon, Illinois built a pool which opened in June and they were very happy with FGMA's services. Mt. Vernon, Illinois used FGMA about 10 years ago and they are using them again for a recreation center. Farmington, Missouri used the services of FGMA about 10-12 years ago for outdoor pool improvements and then again, a couple years ago, for improvements at their outdoor pool and indoor pools. In addition, Farmington is getting ready to use FGMA for improvements to a fire station, library, and police station.

Discussion included the age of the current aquatic center (built in 1997) as well as what the expected life cycle of an aquatic center should be and it was stated 30-50 years, depending on variables. While pools typically don't make money they can be programmed with that goal in mind. Director Dunker stated that most often municipal pools are considered a service to the community. The Committee stated they would like the new pool to break even or turn a small profit.

One of the goals of the process involved in the contract is to investigate financing options with public engagement helping to uncover what residents are willing to support. The contract with FGMA would take the process through the financing/ballot (if needed) phase. If a new aquatic center is approved by voters, a new contract would be issued to build the new aquatic center.

The process would begin with a Needs Analysis uncovering what amenities residents desire as well as what planning principles Council had regarding whether the facility should be a revenue neutral or a revenue making facility. Then options would be presented to the community to get input. Options presented would include pricing details, including the option of demolishing the current aquatic center and returning the area to park green space.

The current aquatic facility loses over \$200,000 per year. A question was asked regarding how long equipment should last. It was noted that filters have about a 15-year warranty, fiberglass tanks can last 30 years, pump motors have 1-2 year warranty. Mr. Bevard suggested a "sinking fund" contribution. It was also noted that operations costs would be greatly reduced with a new aquatic center.

Many ideas would be explored including opening the concession stand to the park as well as the pool.

Currently the Department analyzes pool pricing with neighboring community pools, as well as staffing salaries and concession prices. There are facilities who adjust pricing in real time considering outdoor temperatures and other factors.

Experience has shown April is generally the worst time to put large projects on a ballot. Mr. Wright stated that "Doing it once and doing it right is better than picking the right election day."

Staff recommend the Committee approve the contract and transfer \$596,000 from Parks Fund, Fund Reserve and move the contract to full Council.

Councilmember Mastorakos made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Koch, to approve the recommendation of staff and approve the contract with FGMA to seek professional design, to develop concept plans, to develop construction plans, estimates, scheduling and provide construction services and move the FGMA contract on to full council. It was requested that FGMA team representatives attend the work session prior to the next council meeting on September 2, to answer questions other council members may have. A vote was taken with an affirmative result (3-1) with Councilmember McGuinness dissenting, and the motion was declared passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

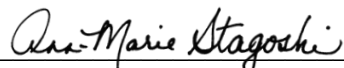
No unfinished business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Wayne Dunker
Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts


Ann-Marie Stagoski
Office Coordinator

Approved: _____



Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

From: Wayne Dunker, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts

Date: 9/15/2025

Subject: Storybook Walk – Eberwein

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At the September 10 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee, staff introduced a proposal to install a Storybook Walk along the trail at Eberwein Park. This concept builds on the success of the existing Storybook Walks at Central Park and Logan Park, both of which have been well-received by the community.

Following discussion, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously in support of the Storybook Walk, agreeing that it would be a valuable and engaging amenity for Eberwein Park; enhancing the recreational and educational experience for park visitors, particularly families and young children.

The estimated **one-time cost of \$6,000** for the purchase and installation of the display frames has been included in our **2026 draft budget proposal** currently under review. We respectfully submit this proposal for consideration as part of the upcoming budget deliberations.



Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

From: Wayne Dunker, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts

Date: 9/15/2025

Subject: Dog Park Amenities – Eberwein

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At the September 10 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee, staff presented a concept for enhancements to the dog park area at Eberwein Park. The proposal includes the addition of agility equipment designed to enhance the user experience for both dogs and their owners. These improvements aim to support the continued popularity, functionality, and enjoyment of the space. The Advisory Committee expressed strong support for this initiative and views it as a positive response to community feedback and a meaningful investment in park amenities.

The estimated one-time cost for the proposed enhancements is \$11,000 and this amount has been included in the 2026 draft budget proposal, which is currently under review. We respectfully submit this information for the Committee's information. If supported by the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee, such endorsement will be included in the draft budget presentation during budget workshop #1.



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To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

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Date: 9/15/2025

Subject: 250th Celebration Proposal

The year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America — a historic milestone that offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to honor our nation's founding, celebrate our community, and recognize the individuals and values that define us.

Mayor Hurt and multiple Councilmembers have stated that the City should plan to expand our regular Independence Day celebration and incorporate the 250th anniversary celebration in our programming throughout the year.

Assuming the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee agrees with the City's expanded 2026 celebration, I recommend that the PRA Committee authorize an ad hoc committee to work with staff in developing programming and budgetary recommendations for a wide range of patriotic and community-oriented events that will both enhance our existing programs and introduce special commemorations throughout the year.

We respectfully request that the PR&A authorize formation of a committee and definition of its membership categories to work alongside Staff in formulating a program and budgetary proposal for the PR&A to consider.

Please let us know if any additional information or detail is needed.



Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

From: Wayne Dunker, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts *Wayne Dunker*

Date: 9/15/2025

Subject: Tree list for residential yards

The Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CCEAC) has developed an informational native tree list intended to serve as a helpful suggestion for residents interested in planting native trees in their yards. This list has been reviewed by Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts staff and the City Arborist, Geoff Wegrzyn. Please know that this document does not impact the unified development code, does not amend or otherwise alter approved street tree list or the landscape requirements for development. This is strictly an informational publication to assist residents with tree selection within their privately owned property.

CCEAC respectfully requests Council approval to distribute this list to residents through various outreach avenues. In addition to listing recommended native tree species, the accompanying flyer provides tips for successful native tree planting. This information is solely intended as educational and informational. It is not intended to serve as requirements or mandates.

Action Recommended

Staff recommends that this action item be forwarded to the PRA Committee of Council for their review and recommendation. Should the PRA Committee of Council concur with staff's recommendations the proposal would be forwarded to the full City Council at their next meeting.