



RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

September 22, 2025

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

PRESENT

ABSENT

Chairperson Mastorakos, Ward II
Council Committee Member McGuinness, Ward I
Council Committee Member Moore, Ward III
Council Committee Member Hansen, Ward IV
Councilmember Monachella
Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, Wayne Dunker
Parks, Recreation & Arts Superintendent of Recreation, Kari Johnson,
Ann-Marie Stagoski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Hansen made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness, to approve the August 19, 2025 Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee Meeting Minutes. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (3,0) with Councilmember Moore abstaining due to his previous absence, and the motion was declared passed.

Storybook Walk in Eberwein Park

Storybook walks are a popular amenity in both Logan and Central Park. Staff recommends the installation of a storybook Walk in Eberwein Park. The department would need to purchase the cases that the books are displayed in, while the library donates the books at no cost to the City. Books are changed every two months. Staff can recommend themes and approve all books that go

on display. Committee members recommend books about trees, gardening and dogs.

Councilmember Moore made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness, to recommend approval of a storybook walk in the 2026 budget. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed.

Dog Park Amenities

Staff recommends the addition of dog park amenities or features (rather than agility-oriented equipment) in Eberwein Dog Park. The new features could be in both the large and small dog areas. Dog park members have expressed a desire for amenities or features in past surveys. Councilmembers were generally in favor of adding amenities but desired more details.

Councilmember McGuinness made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, to postpone the decision on dog park amenities until more photos are brought to the committee prior to the City Council Budget Workshop Meeting on September 30. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed.

250th Anniversary Celebration

July 4, 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Suggestions have been made to expand the celebration beyond our annual 4th of July festivities. Staff recommends 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 existing programs and introduce special commemorations throughout the year.

The committee's role would be to brainstorm types of activities that could be incorporated and bring those ideas back to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council for approval. Suggestions and points raised during deliberation included enhanced 4th of July celebrations, enhanced activities throughout the year, historical reenactments, historical displays at City Hall, and an anniversary cake, among other ideas.

It was recommended that the committee be limited to no more than 10 members to facilitate scheduling and address the immediate urgency of planning. With the anniversary event commencing in approximately three months and budget approvals imminent, a streamlined group will enable timely development and integration of the plan into the budgeting process. Further discussion suggested included having one councilmember on the committee and searching for committee members that aren't currently engaged or active on existing committees. Each councilmember agreed to submit a name or two from their ward to Director Dunker by Friday, September 26.

Councilmember Moore made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, to form a committee to work alongside staff and the Council Liaison in development of programming that would come back to PRACC for approval. Councilmember Hansen made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Councilmember Moore to clarify that the committee has a clear understanding of its role. A vote was taken on the amendment with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and a vote was taken on the amended motion with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0) and the motion was declared passed.

Native Tree List for Yards

The CCEAC committee developed an informational native tree document that residents could use as a resource if they desire to plant a tree in their yard. This list is different than the City's Residential Street Tree Program list. The City Arborist has reviewed the native tree list and deemed the native trees appropriate for residential yards.

Discussion centered around the possible confusion of multiple tree lists located on the City's website. Residents may not understand the differences between the proposed native tree list, the Residential Street Tree Program List and the Developer's Tree list. While the committee is in favor of encouraging residents to plant native trees, they are concerned about how to implement the native tree list idea.

Councilmember McGuinness made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to postpone the decision on the native tree list until the next meeting to possibly incorporate the native tree list into the Residential Street Program List. A vote was taken with a unanimous affirmative result (4,0), and the motion was declared passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Street Pole Banner Update – Councilmembers Hansen and Koch are preparing materials outlining the City's overall branding strategy. Once finalized, they will present proposed designs for street pole banners to the committee for review. Councilmember Koch would prefer tweaking the proposed designs and Councilmember Hansen would like to redesign the banners in their entirety. They will bring back a stronger recommendation at the next committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Festival is scheduled for October 18 in Central Park. Veterans Event is scheduled for November 12.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne Dunker
Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts

Ann-Marie Stagoski
Office Coordinator

Approved: _____