



Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee

October 8, 2025 6 p.m.

City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Room 102-103

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 6:05pm by Charlie Foxman
2. ROLL CALL Laura Schellenberg, Mark Ivancic, Elmer Weis, Rob Kilo, MaryAnn Mastorakos, Meera Vasudevamurthy, Mary Klauke, Janet Baldwin, Wayne Dunker, Charlie Foxman
3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESULTS motion initiated by Rob Kilo, seconded by Charlie Foxman. The motion was approved with a voice vote of 8-0.
 - a. September 10, 2025 Minutes – Rob reminded the committee the city was named a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat Community by the National Wildlife Federation for the past 20 years
 - b. Please notify PRACAC when Parks Committee of Council meets
 - c. Ballot initiative for the pool clarification – ballot is “do you (residents want a pool”
4. DEPARTMENT UPDATES
 - a. Sculpture on the Move –
 - Charlie had the Out & About Magazine and shared that the Maura sculpture is featured and an A-List Readers’ Choice Awards Finalist
 - Per Wayne – in summary, the sculpture on the move artist sold the piece of art we were supposed to receive. Next choices by the committee were all selected by other cities except for our #5 choice Winter Wheat.
 - Mary K made motion to go with choice #5 Winter Wheat at Eberwein. Rob 2nd vote. Approved by 8-0 vote.
 - b. Contracted Honeysuckle Removal – Central Park
 - Fall removal started
 - Addressing final locations of stewardship program
 - Staff be removing invasive Pear Trees as well
 - Rob mentioned there is still tall honeysuckle on the Lake SW Apron, near Flo artwork
 - c. Aquatic Center Replacement Stakeholder Meetings
 - Wayne said there have been several stakeholder meetings this week (including PRACAC)

- Survey has been going out via several outlets
 - Firm will be starting drafts and cost estimates in the next few months
 - Firms will have town hall meetings with first drafts of drawings
 - Rob asked if there will be a dollar amount for new aquatic center on the November ballot. MaryAnn M. said there will be a cost estimate on the ballot
 - Janet mentioned concerns about getting survey results from broader group of Chesterfield residents rather than just primary pool users. Wayne stated that this was being taken care of.
- d. 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee
- Per Wayne, many communities doing celebrations in conjunction with July 4 and throughout the year
 - Parks Committee of Council to choose 2 people from each ward to help come up with ideas, celebrations, etc.
 - There will likely be a bigger than usual July 4th celebration
 - Parks staff will help guide the committee members and there will be a budget designated by city council in the future.
 - Charlie recommended that Jason should organize an event at the amphitheater and Wayne said yes, that was an idea brought forward
- e. Veterans Tribute Event – November 12 event at 3PM, photos with bald eagle start at 2:30PM and will extend past the event
- Rob went through the timeline of events and presenters starting at 3PM including the band, Tom’s Quartet
 - Fliers are out
 - Rob said Elaine Collins has volunteered to be photographer for photos w/ Eagle
 - There will be light refreshments sponsored by local senior centers
 - There will be Challenge Coins that are only given from a veteran to a veteran.
 - Rob mentioned K9’s for Warriors and brought sample brochures
 - Rob showed a sample of a bracelet that will be given away
 - American Foundation for Military is sending brochure hand-outs for the event
 - Janet shared contact information with Kari for a 100 yr old neighbor that is a veteran. Janet is willing to ask the neighbor to attend the event if Parks Dept would like
- f. Programs
- Candy Cane Hunt - December 6 –6 volunteers, arrive 9am
 - Turkey Trot – November 27- need 4 volunteers, arrive 7am
 - Cookies with Claus – December 5 - arrive 5:30pm at City Hall. 2 volunteers needed
 - Trunk or Treat Recap
 - Police made special appearance in a helicopter
 - Record number of attendees

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mayor Hurt said currently the financing for the new Central Park building and parking garage purchase is going through. There is one more reading. August 12th public meeting was well attended
- b. Building and garage is located at a key corner to Central Park
 - Great asset so we don't have to use green space for parking
 - Goal is to increase green space
 - When city was first started, there wasn't any designated green space. Now have over 600 acres.
 - Even with this new garage, there won't be enough parking spaces at the park
 - City is always looking for opportunities for parking

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Regarding Flo's lights not working - Charlie suggested calling an electrician to repair, rather than the artist, who hasn't been responding
- b. Rob brought up Wildhorse Village parking was supposed to be built for \$26M from the city. He asked if the project doesn't happen and the money is unused, is the money "assigned" to another project?
- c. Rob asked Mayor Hurt if anything on the 3 acre Staenberg property has progressed. Per MaryAnn - will we get the property. Who will design the staircase? There are many answers to other projects needed to help decide what direction to go.

7. CITY COUNCIL LIASION REPORT

- a. Per MaryAnn, for 250th celebration, have something at our four major parks
- b. The four Parks Committee of Council members were asked to find two residents from each of their wards to be on the 250th committee.
- c. Committee has come up with some great ideas

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 minutes per person)

- a. Elmer asked if the geese problem is gone at Central Park Lake. Wayne said it's seasonal and the problem is currently gone but will likely return in the spring
- b. Rob showed the Chesterfield Historical Society calendar to the group.
- c. Rob stated that people who have events at Central Park's lake throw flowers in the lake with rubber bands and plastic pedals. Now a lot of non-bio debris around Monarch Grove. Unsure of the culprits at this point
- d. Rob suggested the small green space near the library could be turned into 60-80 parking spaces.

9. ADJOURNMENT by Charlie Foxman at 7:38pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING; December 10, 2025. No meeting in November.

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