



## **PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Conference Room 102-103  
Wednesday, September 10, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** by Charlie Foxman at 6 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** – Charlie Foxman, Eileen Sellers, Elmer Weis, Gary Stein, Janet Baldwin, Laura Schellenberg, Mark Ivancic, Mary Klauke, Matthew Juergens, Rob Kilo, Shaul Ganel, Shilpa Swarup, Susie Fine, Council Liaison Mary Ann Mastorakos, Staff Liaisons Wayne Dunker and Kari Johnson, Guests Gary Budoor, Merrell Hansen, and Pat Tocco
- III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESULTS – July 7, 2025**
  - A. July 7, 2025 Minutes – motion initiated by Charlie Foxman, seconded by Shaul Ganel. Motion was approved with a voice vote of 13-0.
- IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**
  - A. Central Park Master Plan – Council decided to put the Central Park Master Plan on hold. Will be conducting a comprehensive park plan in the future. If purchased, the new office building and parking garage that borders Central Park will be included in the new comprehensive Central Park plan.
  - B. FGMA Pool Replacement Team - Firm that Council has a contract with for the aquatic center replacement process. The team is experienced in pool design, costs estimates, community engagement, etc. Kickoff meeting with staff was September 9, 2025 at the parks administration office. FGMA is working on scheduling stakeholder meetings with various user groups. FGMA's contract will culminate with a ballot initiative in November 2026 asking Chesterfield voters if a new aquatic facility is desired.
  - C. Veterans' Program – This program is a park program with help from volunteers. The event will honor veterans on November 12 at 3 p.m. in front of Veterans Honor Park. A speaker and music have been secured. Plans include giveaways (gun locks), a live eagle for display and photos (secured by Rob Kilo), presentation of colors by Chesterfield Police Department and planned 22 seconds of silence. Working on getting a student from a local high school to sing National Anthem. The Mayor and Parks Director will speak. It was suggested that the Chesterfield American Legion should be part of the event.

- D. Storybook Walk in Eberwein Park- Director spoke regarding adding a story book walk to Eberwein Park. Since this is more of a passive park, this idea would be a good fit. We have story book walks in other parks such as Logan and Central Parks. St. Louis County Library supplies the books for free, and they are geared towards a younger audience. Committee members asked if we could get books on native, trees and pollinators. Staff stated there are some options, but it can be hard to select specific books. The library tries to have themes each year. Budget is \$6,000 in the 2026 budget. Committee members liked the idea, and the consensus was to move this project on to the Parks Committee of Council.
- E. Eberwein Dog Park Amenities/Features – Director spoke about adding dog park play features to the dog park portion of Eberwein Park. Currently there is only a water feature and shelter in the dog park. Budget for play features is \$10,000 in the 2026 budget. Committee members liked the idea, and the consensus was to move the project on the Parks Committee of Council.
- F. Trucks and Treats - volunteers needed

#### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Shaul Ganel asked if the recently passed policy for the Acceptance of Public Art could be distributed to the Committee. Director said it would be emailed to the Committee.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VII. CITY COUNCIL LIASION REPORT**

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - (2 minutes per person)**

- A. Matthew Juergens asked that the City look at a piece of property for sale near Parkway Middle School, off Baxter Road, as a potential park. Discussion was held regarding the need for additional parkland and if the Department could take on the maintenance of additional parkland.
- B. The City was named a Community Wildlife Habitat Community for the past 20 years.
- C. Rob Kilo asked staff to notify the committee when Parks committee of council meets.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT** by Charlie Foxman at 7 p.m.

#### **X. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 8, 2025**

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