



Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee

April 8, 2026 6 p.m.

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 6:00 PM by Charlie Foxman
2. ROLL CALL – Mary Klauke, Matthew Juergens, Janet Baldwin, Eileen Sellers – Vice Chair, Charlie Foxman - Chair, Shaul Ganel, Rob Kilo - Secretary, Mark Ivancic, Susan Fine, Mike Whelan, Elmer Weis, Ryan Harrison, Wayne Dunker (Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts), MaryAnn Mastorakos (City Council Liaison & Ward II Councilmember), Pat Tocco (Guest - Ward II Councilmember), Merrell Hansen (Guest – Ward IV Councilmember), Michael Moore (Guest – Ward III Councilmember)

Mike Whelan (Ward III) has rejoined PRACAC.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESULTS

- a. March 11, 2026 Minutes. Discussion included changes to Park Updates: Staff removed all of the Callery Pear Trees in Central Park....changed to Staff removed most of the Callery Pear Trees in Central Park. This was due to many remaining trees with orange ribbons around the lake, etc. Discussion included changes to Park Updates: Canada Geese – geese now come up to people/people fishing...changed to Canada Geese – geese now come up to people/people feeding them/people fishing. This was due to many of our PRACAC have seen people continue to feed geese at Central Park.

The PRA Department and/or City Leadership will continue reviewing and editing the draft PRACAC minutes prior to each upcoming PRACAC meeting. Minutes will be reviewed and edited for clarity and accuracy in order to have minutes posted online.

Motion initiated by Janet, seconded by Shaul. The motion was approved with a voice vote of 11-0.

4. ELECTION – this agenda topic was listed on this agenda in error.

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Aquatic Center Replacement Strategy Update: FGMA captured feedback from open houses, creating a hybrid design of the concepts A, B, and C. Concept D was the green space/green grass/trees concept. The new design will be concept E. PRACAC members are ready to provide advisory input representing their Wards, as soon as requested. Citizen newsletter will have a survey. They'll engage public one final time with another community survey with a QR code, as well as phone text and web survey. This will be statistically valid. Advocacy group will be formed to go out and promote the pool, have a generic Q&A, and encourage getting to the polls.

- b. 250th Anniversary Update: Street Pole banners are up along Chesterfield Parkway. Patriotic bunting is at City Hall, although need to address layout due to wind, etc.. Central Park has flags with information plaque on how to purchase. There's an A-frame with information on how to sponsor a flag. Parks website page has a tab for the 250th Anniversary. Can see future events like concert, drone show, etc. Parks Committee of Council, which will discuss approval of some of the events, will not meet until after the next City Council, which is on April 21st.
- c. Earth Day Celebration - April 18: in the Central Park parking lot and Veterans Place Drive. Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CCEAC) will be there as the host, with community partners for paper shredding, electronics, textiles, old eyeglasses, frayed U.S. flags, latex paint, etc. CCEAC members will be wearing Paul Revere style hats with Reduce/Reuse/Recycle to honor the April 18th date of Paul Revere's historic ride. Volunteers are needed for Earth Day. Janet Baldwin offered to volunteer. Reminder this is a drive-thru event only. Frayed U.S. flags can be dropped off all year at Ascension Parish office with the Knights of Columbus, or at City Hall in the Eagle Scout flag drop box.
- d. Arbor Day Tree Planting – April 17: Planting a Maple tree in honor of 250th Anniversary, at 9:00 AM in Central Park near the West Pavilion. Tree will have a plaque with key information.
- e. Honeysuckle Hack – May 2: (i.e. Invasive Honeysuckle removal). Will be held from 9-12, behind Amphitheatre on park's hillside, to cut down and spray invasive honeysuckle. Volunteers are needed. Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen, tools, etc.
- f. Park Updates:

Native Landscape Solutions (NLS) will be coming back to spray all newly sprouted invasive honeysuckle within previously treated areas. Parks are removing 'volunteer' trees along trail landscaping walls.

Monarch Levee Trail: Paving is in progress. Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) is purchasing new signs for installation in the near future. Planning for Spring trail opening. Member request for 'mile markers.'

Synergism art: Cutting out damaged pieces, then testing, polishing, etc. Separate company will be adding the concrete pad and footing on roundabout.

Canada Geese at Central Park: Parks Dept. ordered two different signs. Yard signs will say why feeding them is bad, etc. Ordered 12 permanent signs, double-sided. Can stake signs in problem areas. Missouri Department of Conservation advised Parks on spray for grass that makes it taste bad to make geese go elsewhere. Recommend signage along North side of lake as many visitors feed geese along the grass area between the retaining wall by the YMCA and the spillway (by the black picnic table).

River's Edge Park Trail. Gateway Off-Road Cyclists (GORC) building out new area trail, trying to avoid areas with standing water.

Volunteers needed: Wear your PRACAC shirt at events

Earth Day April 18th, 9:00AM

Honeysuckle removal: May 2nd, 9:00 AM – 12:00

250th flag installation: June 11th, 8:00AM

Volunteer identification needed for safety: Charlie brought up example of recent fishing event and unknown/unidentified man helped a little kid with their fishing line. Could be cause for concern as there were no parents/staff nearby. Discussed need for volunteer sign-in that includes name, number, email, and would be needed to sign out a yellow vest (volunteer vest) and would need to sign out as well. Charlie recommended a lanyard with city logo and volunteer on it. Parks shirts are available to members to use for volunteer events, if you don't have one, ask for one from staff. Parks will also bring yellow vests for all future volunteer events to identify known volunteers. Request for magnetic name badges for those members who do not yet have one. Discussion that lanyard at volunteer check in may be easier for distribution at sign-in.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Central Park Callery Pear removal still in progress but near completion.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Wayne noted that works/art of Don Wiegand and Mid-America Veterans Museum are displayed in City Hall. The installation is complete and will be up for at least a quarter. Includes Bob Hope exhibit, etc.

b) Member brought up that City Hall entrance sign from Swingley Ridge is filthy/dirty/faded and needs to be changed. Council Members stated that they are aware of this and working on addressing it with a new sign.

8. CITY COUNCIL LIASION REPORT – Mary Ann shared that this may be her last meeting as Parks Liaison, since this municipal election will determine new future committee assignments. She stated that PRACAC is her favorite committee.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 minutes per person) –

a) Rob stated that Meera Ward IV, term expires on 05/15/26, just after our next upcoming PRACAC meeting. Asked if the term is being renewed or letting it expire. Wayne will inquire but he stated that the City Clerk takes the lead on committee member appointments and renewals, as directed by the Mayor and Council.

b) Ryan brought up who from the City can address Old Chesterfield Road, as it is full of potholes. Suggestion was to report it the City in See/Click/Fix.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 7:10 PM by Charlie Foxman

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: May 13, 2026

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