



Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Results

Saturday December 11th, 2021 at 8:15 a.m.

Present

Ward Name

I – Laura Schellenberg

I – Ann Book

II - Barbara Briggs

II – Charlie Foxman

III – Mike Whelan, Chair

III - Kathy Wintermann

III – Mark Ivancic

III – Alan Politte

IV – Jim Pisoni

IV – Rob Kilo

Tom McCarthy – Parks Recreation & Arts Director

Mary Ann Mastorakos – Chesterfield City Council

1. Approval of November 20th, 2021 Meeting Results – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Whelan at 8:15. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Art location for Sculpture on the Move – Tom distributed a list of potential locations and encouraged the committee to recommend other locations. There was discussion about a Central Park location and posting the proposed design of the upgrades, but the design is subject to change.
3. Parks Recreation and Arts Scholarship Program – Tom asked for input on a proposal to establish a Parks, Recreation and Arts Scholarship fund. It would initially be funded from the Parks Reserve Fund (possibly with \$10,000) and used to assist lower income families including seniors in Chesterfield that wanted to attend activities but could not afford the cost. Alan Politte questioned the need for this fund. Rob Kilo suggested calling it a Financial Assistance Program with a smaller amount and suggested a survey to gauge the need for

such a program. Ann Book noted that the city already provides programs at a discounted cost. Charlie Foxman noted that the perception of free is that a program has low value and programs need to be exciting for seniors to attend. Charlie also suggested funding the program through donations. Tom advised that senior programs are well attended. Ann Book made a motion to table the discussion to gather more information and possibly conduct a survey. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Kilo Art Donation Project – Rob Kilo advised that the sculpture is being build and is nearly finished. The Parks department will prepare the placement area once Phase 2 of the Riparian Trail upgrade is complete.

5. Holiday Tree Lighting Evaluation – The event was well attended with an estimated 1500 people. It was noted that the registration fees for the Candy Cane Hunt and Santa Dash were too high. Other comments were the need for more hot chocolate booths, a tent for Santa, and a shorter event. The time for the actual lighting of the tree should also be clarified next year. More advertising was recommended such as contacting Home Owners Associations and posting signs at local businesses.

6. Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – Email Tom if you are interested in nominating someone or yourself for one of these positions. Elections will be held during the first meeting of 2022.

7. Unfinished Business – Tom noted the 2021 accomplishments of the Parks Recreation and Arts Department including Logan Park and Central Park upgrades. There are still pending issues with MSD at Logan Park, but these are close to being resolved. The Pickleball courts location in Central Park is still being discussed by the Parks, Recreation and Arts committee of City Council. The amount will possibly be reduced to two in Central Park with 10 being placed at CVAC. Regarding the Don Collins Memorial, it was noted that he does have a paver at Central Park and the committee is still open to suggestions.

8. New Business – Jim Pisoni asked about the possibility of placing a restroom and a couple of tables at the Monarch Trailhead at Long and Edison Roads. Charlie Foxman asking about adding fitness stations (PVC structures) along some trails and will gather more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.