



PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Room 101, City Hall

Present	Name	Ward	Position
X	Jerry Duepner	I	Member
X	Mary Klauke	I	Member
X	Laura Schellenberg	I	Member
X	Gary Stein	I	Member
X	Barbara Briggs	II	Chair
X	Charlie Foxman	II	Member
	Shaul Ganel	II	Member
X	Eileen Sellers	II	Secretary
	Ryan Harrison	III	Member
	Mark Ivancic	III	Member "At Large"
X	Alan Politte	III	Member
	Kelli Unnerstall	III	Member
	Kathy Wintermann	III	Member
	Brendan Block	IV	Member
X	Robert Kilo	IV	Member
X	Jim Pisoni	IV	Vice Chair
	Meera Vasudevamurthy	IV	Member
X	Gary Budoor	IV	Council Member
X	Merrell Hansen	IV	Council Member
	TW Dieckmann		PRA Director
X	Kari Johnson		PRA Staff
X	Glenn Meyer		Guest - GORC
X	Kyle McCawley		Guest – Water's Edge

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Briggs at 6:15 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Members and guests introduced themselves. Guests included Kyle McCawley (Water's Edge Aquatic Design) and Glenn Meyer (Gateway Off-Road Cyclists, GORC).
3. **MEETING RESULTS APPROVAL:** Rob Kilo presented an addendum to the minutes. Jim Pisoni approved the addendum. Jerry Duepner seconded the addendum. All members approved.
4. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**
 - a. **PRA organizational chart**
A department organizational chart was sent to the committee for awareness.

b. **Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center (CFAC) 2024 summary**

Summer was busy at CFAC. Revenues were 106% of budget. Programming was 108% of budget. Attendance including programs was almost 60,000. A summary of data was provided.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **MUNI grant aquatic study presentation**

Kyle McCawley of Water's Edge Aquatic Design presented the feasibility study for CFAC. After the presentation and discussion was complete, Alan Politte motioned to move the proposal to the Parks, Recreation and Arts (PRA) Committee of Council meeting to be held November 1. Jim Pisoni seconded, with a unanimous in favor vote.

The presentation consisted of a facilities assessment to determine current conditions at CFAC, identifying future needs through staff surveys, public engagement to determine the priorities of the community, and identifying potential opportunities for concept development. Below is a summary of key points. Please read the *draft* report (in agenda packet) for further information.

- 1) Facility Assessment: Water's Edge/CAPRI pools performed facility assessments when the pool was both empty and full. The results of this assessment are below.
 - a) CFAC is 26 years old. The lazy river, splash pad, and slides were added in 2006.
 - b) Repairs from 2019 - 2023 totaled \$119,000 above normal maintenance costs.
 - c) Spray Pad – deteriorating deck surface, cracking concrete, non-functioning spray nozzles
 - d) Leisure Pool – leaks, play structure corrosion, nonfunctioning pool lights
 - e) Lap Pool – leaks, cracks in concrete basin
 - f) Lazy River – leaks, non-functioning pool lights
 - g) Water Slides – corrosion on tower, slide seam misalignment, plunge pool floods
- 2) Public Engagement: Water's Edge conducted public engagement efforts in multiple ways. This included surveying visiting patrons at CFAC, online community surveys, a staff survey, and a town hall meeting. The goal was to collect data, assess current program utilization, and understand how patrons prioritize and use CFAC.
 - a) Online Surveys: The public survey had 92% of 596 responses from Chesterfield residents. Of this, 2/3 were satisfied or highly satisfied.
 - b) Staff Survey: Employees indicated they are happy working here and with the facility.
 - c) Town Hall: A town hall meeting was held July 18. Approximately 35 people attended.
- 3) Market Analysis:
 - a) Our population is projected to grow.
 - b) Comparison of facilities in nearby cities and subdivisions (within 10-minute drive radius).
 - c) The 60,000 overall attendance includes residents and non-residents.
 - d) 60% of season passes were purchased by residents.
 - e) Utilization of CFAC by residents was slightly above the national rate of 20%.
- 4) Concept Development: Based on feedback and data, Water's Edge Design explored a variety of options for the future of CFAC. A brief summary of options presented is listed below.
 - a) Option 1: Decommission CFAC. Transition area to undeveloped parkland. Estimated cost \$1 - 1.75 million.
 - b) Option 2: Repair deficient facility items identified in assessments. No upgrades. Estimated cost \$2.5 - \$4.5 million.
 - c) Option 3: Repair deficient facility items identified in assessments, add unisex area in bathhouse, optimize concession area. No new aquatic amenities added.
 - d) Estimated cost \$5 - 7 million.

- e) Option 4: Repair deficient facility items identified in assessments, and make changes based on community and staff feedback. Estimated cost \$10 - 12 million.
- f) Option 5: Full replacement and redesign of CFAC. Likely within the same footprint. Estimated cost \$15 - 18 million.

b. GORC BIKE TRAIL PROPOSAL

Residents indicated trails are a priority in our 2019 Master Plan. Woodland around Rivers Edge Park provides a great opportunity for new trails. GORC submitted a proposal to add 2.5 miles of dirt trails at no cost to the City of Chesterfield. Below is a summary of key points.

- 1) GORC has been around for 30+ years, and has built/maintains over 100 miles of trail.
- 2) GORC volunteers build, maintain, and repair the trails. Trails are built in stages, but are completed rather quickly.
- 3) Motorized vehicles and horses are not allowed on the trails. Only bicycles and pedestrians.
- 4) The US Army Corps of Engineers are required to review and approve the proposal due to flood plain considerations and conservation easement requirements. Based on their findings, they indicated no issues, and sent a letter of approval to PRA Director TW Dieckmann.
- 5) Rob Kilo motioned to move the GORC proposal to the PRA Committee of Council meeting November 1. Alan Politte seconded, with a unanimous in favor vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Railroad Park discussion

A proposal was made by committee member, Alan Politte, for the PRA department to conduct a feasibility study. The study would determine the viability of developing Railroad Park to include pavilions, water, restrooms, playground, and BBQ pits. Discussion informed the committee that the park currently has a disc golf course, flooding issues, and accessibility challenges. It was also stated that securing funds for this could be difficult. Superintendent of Recreation, Kari Johnson, suggested for Alan to speak with Mike Geisel, City Administrator, for historical knowledge of the park. Alan agreed to contact Mike. It was also noted there are several other PRA projects being considered, but are not funded.

b. Highlighting Public Art

- 1) Highlighted this month were Aspire and The Awakening in Central Park. Public art can also be viewed online at www.chesterfield.mo.us/artinthecity.html.

c. Public Art Proposal

A proposal was made by committee member, Rob Kilo, to carve a totem pole sculpture in a dead red oak tree at Central Park. The tree is next to the observation deck, along the trail from the playground to the lake. Jerry Duepner motioned to move Rob's proposal to the PRA Committee of Council meeting November 1. Alan Politte seconded, with a unanimous in favor vote. Below is a summary of key points.

- a) The city would trim the tree down to a 14 feet height trunk from the ground.
- b) The Kilo family would commission a wood artist to carve animals into the trunk, with a cardinal at the top. The artist would also paint, stain and seal the wood.
- c) The Kilo family would fund the project.
- d) Staff instructed Rob to write a proposal for further consideration by city leadership.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- a. The committee requested an update on the Veteran's Honor Park paver purchased in honor of late PRACAC member, Don Collins.
- b. Rob Kilo provided an update on his family's donation around the Monarch Grove sculpture.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.