

MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
October 13, 2012
8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Tom McCarthy	Don Collins	Cindy Lau
Darcy Capstick	Tricia Whelan	Bridget Nations
Gary Stein	John Gruender	Laura Schellenberg

Cindy Lau called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Tom McCarthy informed the committee that several members were absent due to travel and other commitments.

Tricia Whelan introduced a potential new member, Mike Whelan, who lives in Ward Three. His email address is Mike@RDShomeplans.com. He is President of Residential Design Services.

Cindy Lau discussed the Tour De Parks for 2013. Some of the ideas discussed include planting trees and gardening. Cindy Lau suggested allowing the subgroups to each take one of three parks and decide what the action plan will be. She discussed dog murals and possibly talking to Chesterfield Arts. Cindy Lau started with Eberwein. We have talked about doing the dog murals and whiteboards. The kids would paint them and they could be put on the fence. Another idea is a dog statute that could be painted. Tom McCarthy stated there was a group out of Chicago that organizes that type of painting. There could be an artist involved in painting the dog statute. Tricia Whelan discussed having the Bubble Bus come for the kids. Tricia Whelan volunteered to handle the Eberwein Park activities for the Tour De Parks. Bridget Nations volunteered to assist Tricia Whelan. Cindy Lau asked about Central Park and what activities we could do there. Darcy Capstick suggested that the kids could do some signs for the trails and possibly put some maps up. Tom McCarthy said that we could also work with Mindy our Arborist who could do nature flowers and garden plantings. Bridget Nations stated that they had been successful in planting flowers in the past. Tom McCarthy suggested that Mindy come up with what they would want to plant. Gary Stein suggested a caricature artist, animals made from balloons and refreshments. Tom McCarthy said that balloons have been discussed for the 25th anniversary of the City. They were planning to decorate the pavilion. Cindy Lau suggested an action plan for the Tour De Parks activities. Cindy Lau stated that we should also consider Central Park as one of the Parks and that the time for the Tour De Parks would be from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Tom McCarthy discussed the Rivers Edge Park. There are some trails at that location. Gary Stein suggested Meditation Park. It was recommended that Guy Tilman be in charge of Meditation Park.

Laura Schellenberg volunteered to assist Guy Tilman. Guy Tilman and Laura Schellenberg will talk to Montgomery Bank to see what their thoughts would be on the Meditation Park activities. Cindy Lau stated that we now have a rough outline of an action plan for the Tour D Parks as follows:

Eberwein Park: Bubble Bus and Dog Painting Activity

Central Park: Caricature Artist and Balloon Animals

Meditation Park: Garden plantings and also discuss with Montgomery Bank other community building activities.

Staff Reports

Tom McCarthy stated that there are municipal grants available through the county. He stated there is a grant application out for F Quad improvements. The cost is approximately \$141,000.00. Chesterfield has gotten 8 or 9 grants for the concessions in the past. If the grant is approved then it would be put out for bid. Work would not begin until next fall.

Tom McCarthy discussed dates for the mini retreat. He is looking at March 2, 2013 or March 9, 2013. It was decided that March 2nd would be the date for the mini retreat. Tom McCarthy will formulate the agenda and the meeting would be from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. There would be bagels and coffee available.

Tom McCarthy talked about doing a Parks Tour. Maybe assign each group to a Park. This will be discussed further when Michelle Keesal comes back. Gary Stein suggested that we get a tour bus and everyone could go and we could give people a checklist and have a Park Orientation. We could also consider adopting a Park.

Tom McCarthy reported on the recent Yappy Hour at the Dog Park. There were over 100 RSVP's prior to the event. There were approximately 150 to 175 dogs and their owners at the event. It was a great event. Tricia Whelan stated that she attended the event and really enjoyed it. The weather was perfect. There are already requests for another Yappy Hour. Jason took pictures of the event and Veritas was the vendor. Tom McCarthy discussed the Moonlight Run. 100 people attended and ran. It was held at 10:00 p.m. at the CVAC. The event was considered a success and will be held again next year. Tom McCarthy discussed the Boo Fest which will be on October 20th. There will be games, movies, tricks and treats, Halloween crafts, and hot dogs. Reservations are required.

Construction Updates

Tom McCarthy discussed construction updates. He is working on better signage and putting signs on the lights. They are in process of doing more dugouts and doing them in house. Depending on the weather, they may move into E Quad.

Tom McCarthy discussed the barn at Eberwein Park. They are doing structural upgrades on the barn. The next phase will be siding and a new roof, windows and doors that reflect the time period. Once it is completed, it will still be used as a barn and will be used to store equipment. Tom McCarthy updated the committee on the garden plots. They will be putting in 5-10 more garden plots. Tom McCarthy stated that they are working on the 25th anniversary plans and working on sponsorship programs. They are working on the lacrosse program and bringing in more soccer events. They are working on alternate uses for the fields such as ultimate frisbee. The two fields at the west end are now multipurpose fields. Tom McCarthy updated the committee on the bike trail. It will go under Highway 40 and stop. The trail is getting a lot of use. When they redo the Bridge, it will be connected to the Katy Trail. There will also be a bike/pedestrian path on the bridge.

John Gruender asked about how the two new outlet malls would affect Chesterfield. Tom McCarthy stated that they are adding a lane to Boones Crossing and MSD is upgrading the area. There will definitely be more traffic in the area. More discussion was held regarding the two outlet malls and their impact on the City of Chesterfield.

Tom McCarthy discussed Rivers Edge. It has been donated to the city. It is 188 acres behind the Taubman property. There is a little road that would be the entrance to the park. It will be a nature and passive park. It will have lots of wildlife and bird habitats. It will not be an active park. There will be space available to put in a parking lot. There are lots of turkey and beavers in the area. It is a gorgeous piece of property and will be a real asset to the city.

Additional Business

Darcy Capstick stated that October is Energy Awareness month. Darcy Capstick stated that the 16th annual America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day will be held at the CVAC on November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:30 a.m. by Cindy Lau with Tom McCarthy seconding the motion.

