

DATE: October 9, 2006

TO: Michael G. Herring, CA

FROM: Mike Geisel, DPW\CE



SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 9/28/06

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2006. Those in attendance included, Chairperson Dan Hurt (Ward 3), Councilmember Jane Durrell (Ward 1) and Councilmember Connie Fults (Ward 4). Also in attendance were: Mike Herring - City Administrator; Mike Geisel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Brian McGownd - Deputy Director of Public Works/Assistant City Engineer; Darren Dunkle - Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts, and four visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2006 meeting. The motion passed, 3- 0.

Agenda Item #2a: Mr. Dunkle summarized his memo dated September 19, 2006. He stated that the recommendations submitted by the PRACAC were of a preliminary nature; however, if approved by the Committee, the PRACAC would develop final proposals for the Committee's consideration. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to approve the preliminary proposals submitted by the PRACAC, to direct the PRACAC to develop final proposals regarding these events as well as other similar events for final approval by this Committee, and to direct Staff to place \$5,000 in the proposed 2007 Parks budget for these specific events, which will be considered by the City Council when they review the 2007 budget. The motion passed, 3- 0.

Agenda Item #2b: Mr. Geisel summarized his memo dated September 21, 2006. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to recommend that the total contract authorization with EDSI for CVAC design services be increased to a maximum fee not to exceed \$1,250,000, and forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion passed, 3- 0.

Agenda Item #2c: Mr. Dunkle summarized the Municipal Parks Grant application for site coverings at the existing CVAC. He stated that if received, the grant would fund 100% of the project. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to recommend approval of a Resolution of Support for the Municipal Parks Grant application for site coverings at the CVAC, and forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion passed, 3- 0. The Committee agreed with Staff's request to forward this one item directly to City Council, for consideration at the 10/4/2006 City Council meeting, due to deadlines for submission of such requests.

Agenda Item #3: Councilmember Durrell gave a brief history of Hog Hollow Road and the problems associated with the road that date back to 1991. These problems range from deficient alignment and pavements, to maintenance related to drainage and erosion. She stated that the site plan for the Briarcliffe Manor development was tabled at the last City Council meeting so that this issue could be discussed at Committee. Based on conversations with the City Attorney and the City's insurance carrier, Mr. Herring advised the Committee that the City has no legal obligation to upgrade the road and no liability exposure if the road is left unimproved. In response to a request from Chairperson Hurt

for an update on the status of the extension of Route 141 north of Olive to the Maryland Heights Expressway and the possibility of the extension of Baxter Road into Maryland Heights, Mr. Geisel said that a consortium of local agencies, both public and private, had been formed to push for the extension of Route 141. Chesterfield has been actively participating in this group. St. Louis County was spearheading this proposal and the consortium was gaining momentum. In fact, the consortium was working on engaging a firm to perform a feasibility study for the extension, with the members of the consortium contributing to covering this cost, currently estimated to be approximately \$2 million. Mr. Herring advised that the City's financial participation in this effort would be \$125,000 and would be brought to City Council for consideration at a later date. The best case scenario would put construction initiation for the project in 7 to 10 years from now. Mr. Geisel said that a feasibility study for the Baxter Road extension had also been completed through a joint effort of the City of Chesterfield, the City of Maryland Heights and St. Louis County. The study indicated that if the road were constructed, it would immediately carry in excess of 40,000 vehicles per day. He said there were issues associated with the road in the vicinity of the Missouri American Water plant that would have to be resolved and the study estimated the cost of the extension to be \$30 million. He stated at this time, unlike the Route 141 extension, there did not appear to be significant regional support for the Baxter Road extension at this time. Mr. Geisel stated that the total cost to reconstruct Hog Hollow Road could be up to \$4 million, which includes utility relocation. He said if Missouri American Water Company were to relocate their lines and if there were an opportunity to reduce the earthwork costs due to the availability of fill dirt from adjacent development, the total to the City could potentially be reduced to approximately \$2 million. He said the waterline relocation was the big issue. To date, after much communication between the City and Missouri American, they have yet to commit to relocate their lines, at their own expense. It was explained that the Briarcliffe Manor project had excess dirt that would need to be hauled off the site. Rather than haul the dirt off the site, it could be utilized as fill material for the road project, which would also eliminate the need for an extensive retaining wall system between the development and the road. The developer of Hardesty Homes is agreeable to this arrangement and is willing to work with the City, provided that the timing of the road project does not delay their development progress. Mr. Geisel stated that Missouri American has indicated that they are not required to relocate their facilities if the project is driven by a private development. Mr. Geisel stated that regardless of the agreement with the developer to utilize their excess fill material, the reconstruction of Hog Hollow Road does not benefit the Briarcliffe Manor development. He said the development does not have access to Hog Hollow and no road improvements were demanded in conjunction with the project. After further discussion, Mr. Geisel stated that in order to move the project forward, a detailed engineering design must be completed and a demand made upon Missouri American Water to relocate their lines at their expense. He said the design would cost \$150,000, and that no funds were available in R&S, therefore funds would have to come from fund reserves.

Councilmember Durell moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to recommend authorization of \$150,000 from fund reserves for the design of the reconstruction of Hog Hollow Road, and forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion passed, 3– 0. No decision was made regarding whether to “demand” that Missouri American Water relocate their lines.

Agenda Item #4: Mr. Geisel summarized his memo dated June 6, 2006. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Fults moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to recommend a partnership**

with the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District to excavate within the 26 acre stormwater reservoir and to utilize funds available, resulting from prior successful forward funding agreements, to design and construct a temporary pumping station, and to forward to City Council for their consideration. The motion passed, 3– 0.

Agenda Item #5: Mr. McGownd summarized his memo dated September 20, 2006. He stated that funding for this project would be provided by the TDD. After a brief discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to recommend approval of the proposal submitted by Kuhlmann Design Group in the amount \$203,800 for surveying services and easement exhibits for Phase II of the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail project, and forward to City Council for approval in an amount not to exceed \$220,000. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

Agenda Item #7: Mr. McGownd summarized the 2007 State Stormwater Grant applications. He stated that the local match for the Chesterfield Hills project would be provided by the subdivision utilizing a NID, and the City would be responsible for the \$20,000 local match for the Old Riverwoods Lane project, which will be provided in the 2007 budget. After a brief discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Durrell seconded to approve the 2007 State Stormwater Grant applications, as prepared by Staff. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

Agenda Item #6: Mr. Geisel summarized Mr. McGownd's memo dated September 20, 2006. He stated the trustees of Ladue Farms were in favor of the proposed modifications, as was St. Luke's and MoDOT. He made it clear that the modifications would not be constructed until such time as the site specific zoning for St. Luke's required it, which could be several years down the road. After a brief discussion, **Councilmember Durrell moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to authorize Staff to submit a request to the Missouri Highway Commission for a break in access on Route 141 at Ladue Farms Estates. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

Agenda Item #8: Mr. Geisel summarized the request for a parking restriction on Justus Post. After a brief discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to recommend approval of an ordinance restricting parking along the entire length of Justus Post, and forward said ordinance to City Council for their consideration, so long as letters supporting the ordinance were submitted to the City Administrator by the trustees of the subdivisions that abut Justus Post. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

Agenda Item #9: Mr. Geisel summarized Ms. Hubert's memo dated July 7, 2006. He stated that this issue did not have to be forwarded to City Council. After a brief discussion, **Chairperson Hurt moved and Councilmember Fults seconded to authorize the attachment of the escrows held for the Chesterfield Grove subdivision. The motion passed, 3– 0.**

Agenda Item #10: Mr. Geisel stated that City Council had previously authorized \$600,000 for grading operations on the east end of the CVAC, which was another successful partnership between the City and the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District. He said due to final measured quantities and due to the shrinkage factor of the fill material achieved as a result of compaction, additional material will be needed, at an

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additional cost of approximately \$30,000. He said that a final change order would be brought back to City Council for approval as soon as the project was complete. Inasmuch as this would likely occur prior to the next Committee meeting, he wanted to update the Committee and obtain their approval to proceed prior to committing to the additional, but necessary work.

Chairperson Hurt recognized a member of the audience, who identified herself as Meg Allen, a resident of Chesterfield who resides at 2048 Tramore Court. Ms. Allen stated that she was in support of the development of a dog park within the City. She said the closest dog park in the area was located in Wentzville. She stated that the community needed an off-leash park that would provide a safe environment for both dogs and the public. Chairperson Hurt stated that a dog park was something the Committee was interested in developing and that it was being investigated, with the biggest issue being location and land acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Cc: Mayor John Nations
Department Heads/Executive Staff