

PRACAC Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2019 8:15 a.m.

City Hall rm. 102-103

Present: Mike Whelan, Ann Book, John Davis (new, Ward 2), Mary Ann Mastorakos (councilmember Ward 2), Mike Moore (councilmember Ward 3), Alan Politte, Kelli Unnerstall, Laura Schellenberg, Eileen Sellers, Dan Hurt (councilmember Ward 3), Alan Keithley, Don Collins, Tom McCarthy (Parks Director).

1. Approval of July 13, 2019 Meeting Results
 - 1.1. motion, all ayes
2. Trail and Connectivity Subcommittee update (Kelli Unnerstall)
 - 2.1. Subcommittee met twice since the last committee meeting
 - 2.2. Subcommittee focused on priorities per Master Plan from 2009(?)
 - 2.2.1. each ward selected its priorities for its ward in three categories: Pedestrian Improvement Zones, Trail, Bike Lane/Route
 - 2.2.1.1. Ward 1: Olive Blvd east, Missouri Greenway (GRG), —
 - 2.2.1.2. Ward 2: Clarkson/Olive (esp. Clarson retail development), Ameren Trail South, —
 - 2.2.1.3. Ward 3: Schoettler Rd. (curve south of bridge and area by Logan), Ameren Trail South, Chesterfield Trails/Yarmouth Point Dr.
 - 2.2.1.4. Ward 4: Wildhorse Creek East (w/addition of August Hill and Baxter)* add crosswalk or stoplight at the intersection of Benton Taylor Drive, August Hill and Baxter for safer pedestrian access to Central Park facilities, Monarch Levee Tail - complete section from Top Golf east to Hwy 64 underpass, Bike lane on Edison west of Long Rd.
 - 2.2.2. Dan Hurt discussed that there are significant difficulties with any improvements to get accomplished. The current city council is more amenable to these improvements than previous administrations.
 - 2.2.3. Tom McCarthy discussed other difficulties: the trail under Hwy 40 as an example — mud slide when rains, Mr. Graeler's property — looking in his breakfast room.
 - 2.3. The sign at the front of the Riparian Trail will eventually reappear. They are putting asphalt down now.
 - 2.4. Lots of discussion of how terrible it is to cycle on roads, esp. Conway and Schoettler.
 - 2.5. Planning to meet September 26, where we will discuss signage for bike routes and event in spring. There will not be to allow time to reflect and review. Tom will send a map out to all committee members. Ann will present to the committee on Oct. 12.
 - 2.6. Promote trails: Riparian Trail in spring.
3. All Inclusive Playground Opportunity (Tom)
 - 3.1. Playground near Miracle Field is not ADA compliant. Doesn't have all the adaptive pieces for kids that need it. Kari Johnson is considering working with an outside fundraising group, Unlimited Play, has offered to help fundraise for a new playground set there. Details are unclear. This would limit us to one manufacturer.
 - 3.2. Parks Dept. is considering hiring an outside contractor to do fundraising for parks etc in the city. Just considering.
4. Fundraising for Art Discussion (Tom)
 - 4.1. Crowdsourcing option (no longer calling it GoFundMe)
 - 4.2. Letter in Parks Brochure

- 4.3. Corporate donations
- 4.4. Living Legacy
- 4.5. Other
- 4.6. Tom emphasized that if there was a person devoted to fundraising, we could raise a lot of money. Mike Moore supported that notion.
- 4.7. Alan Politte dislikes the heavy advertising style of sponsorships at the St. Louis Zoo.
- 4.8. Mike emphasizes that the sponsors and potential sponsors are aware of their specific intent.
- 5. New Pavilion Update
 - 5.1. At Central City Park between playground and pool.
 - 5.2. in process; Breaking ground
 - 5.3. Side note: Rubberized surface around The Awakening will likely be installed in November
- 6. Parks, Recreation and Arts Master Plan Update
 - 6.1. Continuing to finesse it before it is complete.
 - 6.2. Council will have to approve it.
- 7. Volunteer Opportunities
 - 7.1. Bush Honeysuckle Removal Opportunities - Faust Park Oct. 19, 9am-1pm
 - 7.2. Honeysuckle Bush Removal - Central Park, Nov. 16, 8:30-11:30am
 - 7.3. Recycle Event Nov. 2 8:30am - 1pm
 - 7.4. Turkey Trot - Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 7:15 a.m.
 - 7.5. Candy Cane Dash - Dec. 7, TBD
- 8. Parks Recreation & Arts Updates
 - 8.1. Recreation - lots going on
 - 8.2. Arts - no specific mentions
 - 8.3. Sports and Wellness
 - 8.3.1. St. Louis Youth Soccer Association had their league games here instead of St. Charles County because of flooding issues, and it went well.
 - 8.4. Municipal Grant
- 9. Unfinished Business
 - 9.1. Is Saturday the best time to meet? Would a weeknight be better for everyone's availability? If we think about days and times, you can almost see seasonal blips. When we set the time, perhaps consider seasonal schedules. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10. New Business
 - 10.1. none
- 11. Adjournment 9:22 a.m.