



Parks & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes August 8, 2015

Minutes taken by Kimberly Cameron

Attendees:	Michele Keesal John Gruender	Tricia Whelan Don Collins	Mike Whelan Bill Dowdy	Kimberly Cameron Gary Stein	Darcy Capstick
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Staff: Tom McCarthy

Start - 8:30am

1. Approved July Meeting Minutes - Darcie emailed changes. Approved with changes as proposed

2. Volunteer opportunities (Tricia Whelan)

Need help with Fresh 102.5 Movies

- 8/28 HOME
- 9/4 MADAGASCAR
- 9/11 WRECK IT RALPH

Pedal - 3,000-5,000 people involved

10/3 Backstop Palooza and Trucktober (same day)

3. Municipal Parks Grant (through St. Louis County) - about \$3.6M in the grant funds available.

\$1.7M projected for Veterans Honor Park.

- \$500K Grant to be requested. Committee has already raised \$400K and believe another \$200K will be raised in next couple months
- Options for sponsoring a brick, bench, etc. are available

Other improvements from grant funds 2014/2015

- Playground surface and Rivers Edge received grant money
- Council is very interested in getting the grant for veterans Honors Park. It will be included in grant application

- Darcy asked if any artifacts are being considered. Tom said the goal is to get it through, can add later (keeping costs down)

Darcy made a motion to proceed with moving forward with preparing and submitting the grant. Tricia 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.

Darcy asked for consideration of an Arbor Day planting opportunity at the site. Tom agreed that is a good consideration.

4. Events & Program Updates

King of Pain - Police Tribute band (July 11th)

Full stage projection - \$50K of equipment to make this happen, came with the band. 3 professional photos of the stage will be purchased

- Promote venue to ticketed event, offering full stage projection
- Promoting this option to InBev for Taste of St Louis.

Pickle Ball - evaluating install of 2 courts vs. parking lot as interest is taking off. Already requests for indoor option in winter

Art Walk during Taste - location will be in front of amphitheater along the fence (25 applications already submitted)

Monthly Solar Report - most current report was not with Tom, will review at next meeting

Additional Events - review photo and add list

8/8 - FREE Concert Whisky Dixon

8/10 - CBSA starts. Fall Ball

8/13 - School Pool schedule starts

8/15 & 22 - Ascension Tournament

8/16 - CFA Pg Skin (football)

8/22 - FREE. Concert 7 Bridges (last free concert of the summer)

8/25 - Chamber sponsored concert - Rockin Chair (rained out concert at Faust, first time moving to this location)

8/28 - CFA League Play begins

8/28 - Fresh 102.5 Movie Series (3 Fridays scheduled)

Mock of Ages

Boat Races - in the pool, kids making cardboard boats

Rivers Edge

- Road from Monarch to parking lot has just been paved

- Paddle Boarding continues to grow

4.5 Shoeman Water Project www.shoemanwater.org

- used shoe donations used to build and promote clean water in 3rd world countries

- run this project through Parks Dept.

- No cost

- Creates good will in the community

- Goal 25K pairs of shoes

Execution

- Cardboard container at city hall
- Barrels at amphitheater, ball park and events
- Parks Dept. will monitor drop off sites and have a main area in their building for the Shoeman Organization to pick up shoes so the barrels and cardboard containers are not overflowing with shoes.
- this is a 1 year commitment if we move forward

Bill made a motion to move forward with project as proposed. Tricia second. Motion passed

5. Retreat November 14th

Location: PR&A Office

Time: 8:30am - 11:30am

Continental B'Fast provided

Two years since the last retreat. Review progress and path moving forward.

6. Park Reviews

Tricia and Mike visited Rivers Edge with out of town family, did some fishing. Mike helped some women with their catches

Gary visited Central Park with his granddaughter. Her complaint was hot slide Tom said Steve is working on shade options, opportunities to improve

Bill - handicap parking needed for trail access at ice arena.

Tom said it's not our property, so we do not have ability to dictate Tricia knows the facility manager and they are probably not aware of the issue Tom can make a call to see if one of the spaces can be designated handicapped space

Bill talked with several people as he was on the trail, all, positive feedback

Kimberly - CAC comments, super clean, fields are draining....games being played after rain when other fields are closed.

7. Staff Reports

Construction Update

- Musco lights are in on A3 and A4
- B7 has partial re-sodding
- Doggy Pot is in at Rivers Edge
- Pavilion painting D Quad
- B5 Xgrass installation
- A3 and A4 Frazee Mowing and reseeded (helps with drainage)

Program Update

- Pickle Ball continues to grow
- Start smart soccer starts this month
- 10/3 Trucktober preparation
- 10/3 Backstop Palooza

8. New Business

Gary made a motion to start meeting at 8:15am. Darcy 2nd.

SEPTEMBER MEETING IS CANCELLED.

9. Old Business

Bill - Rosters for committee members, it's been a while since that was shared. Tom will work on an updated roster

Darcy - 11/7 at Central Park/Pool Drive Thru 9am - 1pm

Bill moved to adjourn. 2nd by John. Meeting adjourned at 9:32am

Next Meeting: October 10th at 8:15am