



PRACAC Meeting Results

Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 6:15 p.m.

Central Park Pavilion (new pavilion near pool)

Attendees: Tom McCarthy, Mike Whelan (Chair, Ward III), Gary Stein (Ward I), Laura Schellenberg (Ward I), Ann Book (Ward I), Barbara Briggs (Ward II), Alan Politte (Ward III), Robert Kilo (Ward IV), Alan Keithley (Ward IV), Mary Ann Mastorakos (Council Liaison, Ward 2) Merell Hansen (Planning Commission Chair)

1. Approval of Feb 8, 2020 meeting results
 - a. Affirmed unanimously
2. Municipal Grant Update
 - a. The pavilion that we are sitting in was finished in May as part of the Municipal Parks Grant program from round 19 with the sod being installed. We have had 3 or 4 reservations so far, because of the slow reservations, cancellations and rescheduling due to COVID. This pavilion is suggested as a model for the pavilion at the new Logan Park, which was recently announced. Two pickleball courts and a playground with a rubberized surface and more shade than in previous playgrounds will go in at Logan Park. Feedback advisory committee input was requested for the overall park, amenities, the pavilion and playground. There will be a physical sign at the park, similar to our other park signs. Alan Keathley suggested the possibility of an electronic sign. There is a history of unease with electronic signs so that will have to be further considered. Rob Kilo suggested the possibility of a full bike rack, a water fountain/water refill station with the traditional drinking fountain, but ensure it also has a water bottle filler and a dog bowl at the fountain. Other recommendations from members on the committee included a native pollinator educational garden that we work with the Missouri Conservation Department, the National Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Foundation, signage on the restroom building. We are also planning to have a playground "build" with volunteers. All ayes on forwarding these considerations to the next level up (of committee). Expected opening of the park to be in fall 2021 if we receive a Municipal Parks Grant in Round 21. Director McCarthy reiterated that the park development will be built in phases with a heavy dependence on grant funding. The park will also have walking trails that in the future will connect to the rest of the Logan campus trail system and in the future to the Ameren Trail.
3. Sculpture on the Move Update
 - a. *School's Out* was the selected statue. Negotiated to finish the contract with the artist for over a month without success. COVID hit, and the parks department decided to cancel pursuit of the sculpture and simply save the money this year.
4. Day Tripper Bus Program
 - a. This is a no-cost, two-year trial program for senior transportation. It will be a shared transportation van used by several municipalities in the West County area to enable senior citizen destination trips at lower cost. The only cost to

Chesterfield will be for gasoline and driver. The van will be housed in Ballwin.
See addendum for more details.

5. Friends Grove
 - a. An idea for a park expansion near the Sachs Branch library's reading garden to plant trees, add benches, and possibly a buy-a-paver section for people.
Ongoing.
6. Parks, Recreation, and Arts Department update
 - a. Staff/COVID
 - i. 7-10 park maintenance workers were furloughed.
 - ii. Did not hire 10 part-time seasonal, 4 long-term seasonal workers.
 - b. Some plantings, mowing, etc. didn't happen this year due to the cutbacks. Fountains at the Veterans Park and Dierberg's Meditation Park were left turned off. Amphitheater has been closed. Sports tournaments have been cancelled. Pavilion rentals were cancelled but are starting to come back. Budget has certainly taken a hit.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. 8 acres in front of the amphitheater was purchased by Chesterfield in the spring for event space and common areas. More updates later.
 - b. Compliments to Alan Politte for his long-time drive to add pavilions to the parks in Chesterfield. The pavilion this meeting is held in is a beautiful new example of what he has long sought for in Chesterfield parks.
 - c. Sidewalk extension along Wildhorse Creek Road: Archdiocese gave easement for a sidewalk along property line of Ascension Church. This will ultimately help connect the current sidewalk from Baxter Road to Santa Maria Drive (along the Jewish Community Center) and the future sidewalk along the Aventura apartment complex (at Old Chesterfield Airport Road and Wild Horse Creek Road), and the eventual future sidewalks from Old Chesterfield Airport Road across the I-64 eastbound exit ramp #19A to connect to the sidewalk along Chesterfield Parkway W. The decision is now in the hands of St. Louis County.
8. New Business
 - a. None
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.