

DATE: July 20, 2000

TO: Michael G. Herring, CA

FROM: Mike Geisel, DPW\CE



SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 7/19/00

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th, 2000. Councilmembers in attendance were: Chairperson Mary Brown (Ward 4), Councilmember Barry Flachsbart (Ward 1), Councilmember Barry Streeter (Ward 2), Councilmember Mike Casey (Ward 3), Also in attendance were, Councilmember John Nations (Ward 2), Councilmember Dan Hurt (Ward 3) Mike Herring - City Administrator, Mike Geisel - Director of Public Works\City Engineer, Darren Dunkle - Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- 1) **Agenda Item #1:** Councilmember Streeter motioned to accept the meeting minutes of the PW\Parks Committee from May 31st, 2000, as submitted. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.
- 2) **Agenda Item #2:** Mr. Herring introduced Mr. Tony Lamantia, Municipal Account Representative for Midwest Waste. Mr. Herring explained that Midwest Waste was requesting a revision to the waste collection, holiday pick-up schedule, as outlined in their letter dated June 16, 2000. At the present time, pick-ups are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If a holiday occurs on Monday or Tuesday, those pick-ups slide one day and pick-ups are made on Wednesday and regular pick-ups occur on Thursday and Friday. Under the requested proposal, all pick-ups scheduled after a holiday would slide one day. If, for example, a holiday occurs on Tuesday, each subsequent pick-up would slide one day. Tuesday to Wednesday, Thursday to Friday, Friday to Saturday. Midwest West explained that 42 of their 45 customer accounts use this holiday schedule and it has resulted in less confusion and complaints. Mr. Herring indicated that he had confirmed both the scheduling and the decreased number of complaints received by other communities using the proposed schedule. **Councilmember Casey motioned to recommend revision of the solid waste, holiday collection schedule as proposed by Midwest Waste. Councilmember Flachsbart seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**
- 3) **Agenda Item #3:** Mr. Geisel advised the Committee that a resident had discussed the City's policy relative to spraying of street trees and the Mayor had requested that this item be forwarded for discussion at the PW\Parks Committee. Mr. Geisel provided copies of information relative to the City's activities for street trees and explained that the City's subdivision ordinance originally prohibited street trees within the right-of-way. The City had subsequently revised its ordinances to permit the trees, due to the desirability of the streetscapes created, recognizing the inherent problems created by trees relative to the tree canopy, potential hazards, and the effect of the tree roots on sidewalks. At this juncture, the City treats the trees as an amenity within the right-of-way and not as infrastructure. We have no program of ongoing care and maintenance other than trimming the trees to provide clearance for motorists and pedestrians. Councilmember Flachsbart expressed concern relative to the sprays used for trees, indicating that they are typically oil based and there is a likelihood of overspray and drifting

- onto houses and cars. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to remove this item from the agenda. Councilmember Cased seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**
- 4) **Agenda Item #4:** Mr. Geisel discussed his memorandum of recommendation dated July 14th, 2000 regarding the pilot traffic calming project. Mr. Geisel recommended that the landscaped medians and raised intersections be removed in their entirety. He also advised the Committee that the roundabout appeared to be very efficient in handling traffic and, in his opinion, was a desirable feature to retain. However, in order to properly construct the roundabout, in a permanent fashion, right-of-way acquisition would be required along the east side of the Highcroft\Schoettler Valley intersection and it did not appear as if the property owners were willing sellers. The Committee received comments from the audience. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to direct Staff to again review and study the roundabout at the Highcroft\Schoettler Valley intersection to determine if it were possible to construct a permanent roundabout at that location with little or no additional right-of-way. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion which passed, 3 – 1, with Councilmember Casey voting in opposition.** The Committee discussed the need for a timely resolution relative to the roundabout and suggested that waiting until the next scheduled Committee meeting on September 27th would be too long. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to schedule the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, August 30th to discuss the roundabout. If Staff develops new information or makes a determination prior to the Committee meeting, that the permanent roundabout cannot be constructed, that Staff advise City Council such that it can be addressed at the Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Streeter, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0.** Councilmember Nations advised the Committee that he had become aware of meetings that Staff had with subdivision trustees and selected residents regarding the islands and roundabout, and was concerned that he had not been requested to attend. He indicated that he had spoken with a trustee of Bridle Creek, Tim Englemeyer, regarding maintenance of the landscaped islands and that Mr. Englemeyer did not think that this would be a problem. Mr. Geisel explained that two of the four subdivisions were unwilling to consider maintenance of the islands if made permanent and concurred that Mr. Englemeyer was very supportive. Mr. Geisel also explained that Staff had been directed by the PW\Parks Committee to review the survey in greater detail and make a recommendation relative to the disposition of the traffic calming project. In order to accomplish this, and to make a fully informed recommendation, it was necessary to contact those trustees and residents directly affected to get their feedback regarding the potential permanent installation and any commitments that might be required. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to accept the Staff recommendation to remove all of the remaining temporary improvements. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**
- 5) **Agenda Item #5:** Mr. Geisel reminded the Committee relative to the discussion of a proposed ordinance which would require the review and approval of the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District for grading activities in and around Chesterfield Valley. Mr. Geisel distributed copies of a revised ordinance which would require review, comment and recommendation from the Levee District, but not necessarily require their approval. Mr. Geisel indicated that he had reviewed the proposed ordinance with City Attorney Doug Beach and he was in agreement with

the proposed changes. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to forward the revised ordinance to City Council and recommend approval of same. Councilmember Streeter seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**

6. **Agenda Item #6:** Councilmember Streeter presented the Committee with copies of the PRACAC Mission Statement. He expressed concern relative to the mission statement and inquired who drafted the statement and whether or not the City Council had approved same. He reminded the Committee of the recent discussions regarding the PRACAC open house and any discussions relative to funding mechanisms. He felt that the prior PW\Parks Committee discussions were inconsistent with the content of the mission statement which required the PRACAC to investigate alternative funding mechanisms. Councilmember Flachsbart indicated that he had concerns relative to the PRACAC role in determining the structure and operation of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Committee suggested that the Council liaison ask that the PRACAC review the mission statement in light of the concerns expressed by the Committee. Councilmember Brown motioned to table discussion regarding the PRACAC Mission Statement. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.
7. **Agenda Item #7:** Councilmember Streeter requested that the PW\Parks Committee attempt to reach an agreement for a set of goals and to establish direction for the parks system. After which, the Committee would forward information to the PRACAC for refinement and further action. The Committee agreed that each Councilmember should develop a written version of their vision for the Parks System and be prepared to discuss it at the next Committee meeting on August 30th.
8. **Agenda Item #8:** Mr. Geisel distributed copies of the City's official code dealing with excessive noise, as well as copies of Ordinances #911 and 1568 dealing with the operation of heavy equipment. He reminded the Committee that the City Council had requested that the PW\Parks Committee review the ordinance related to construction noise and attempt to effectively deal with the noise generated on new construction sites. Councilmember Casey motioned to direct City Attorney Doug Beach to review Ordinance #1568 and to prepare amendments such that it includes all noise generated by construction operations, including hammering, vehicles, and any other site generated noise. Councilmember Flachsbart seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.
9. **Agenda Item #10:** Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the PW\Parks Committee is scheduled for August 30th, 2000 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference room.

cc: Mayor Nancy Greenwood
Department Heads/Executive Staff