



Meeting Results from July 13, 2019

1. Attending:

1. Mike Whelan, Ann Book, Gary Stein, Barbara Briggs, Kelli Unnerstall, Robert Kilo, Susan Standish, Mary Ann Mastorakos, Tom McCarthy, Bob Nation

2. Motion to approve June 8 minutes

1. all ayes

3. Tom McCarthy: update

1. "granny's garden" sculpture is up over at Eberwein.

2. "dashes" was installed at the entrance to city hall

3. info for each will be uploaded to website

4. will see if there's interest in purchasing the "dashes" piece. We have it for two years, so there's time to think about it.

1. may be do a Go Fund Me page for purchasing it? Rental price goes toward the purchase price. purchase price \$8600, with rental fee/year \$750/year.

5. At one of the free concerts with Chesterfield — we could look at collecting donations there toward buying art. It was new business a while back, but got lost. Tom says that there's always nonprofits asking to set up a booth at the concerts, people don't like being asked for money too much. Add this to next month's agenda.

6. possible developing concept of hiring a fundraising/sponsorship employee of parks department, but that's in the future.

7. "The Awakening" has been donated to Chesterfield, both land and sculpture, by Sam Sachs. October 12, 2009 was the official unveiling of the structure. Donation will be announced on website, etc. Further enhancements (rubber surfacing around base, second pavilion to be built near pool) will be done this year, since funding finally came through.

8. Riparian Trail update:

1. south access to trail is open between Lydia Hill and Veteran's Parkway. We already have the funding for second section of the trail. that should be done by 2020 if all goes as planned. third section goes past that. Fourth goes over the creek, flood wall, and train tracks — that's in the future. (need to understand that better)

2. new part that opened will be advertised on website and other communications.

4. Kelli Unnerstall: Pedestrian/Bike Plan

1. residents have a desire to have a bikeable walkable community.

2. suggests put together a subcommittee "Trails and Connectivity Subcommittee" to start pushing this plan forward.
3. see priorities on handout (see below)
1. Faust Park access is believed to be an important access point.
4. Subcommittee to-do list:
 1. update the plan map from 2009.
 2. implement City of Chesterfield bikeable walkable community plan
 3. connect neighborhoods to existing park assets, schools, etc. with pedestrian pathways
 4. ensure residents know about all the trails available by improving signage and communication
 1. feature a trail in every Parks and Recreation publication
 5. Host at least one event per year that promotes use of trails, bike routes, etc.
5. Vote to form a subcommittee:
 1. Ann Book made motion to form subcommittee, Susan Standish seconded
 2. All ayes
 3. Volunteers to be on the committee: Kelli Unnerstall (ward III) volunteered to be chair, Susan Standish (ward 1), Ann Book (ward 1), Rob Kilo (ward 4), Jim Pisini (in absentia) (ward 4), Kelli will send out email to ask everyone else if they are interested, esp. from Ward II.
 4. Per Kelli: There is a difference/disparity between the wards. Ward III has no parks, while others do and have multiple.
 1. Bob Nation arrived late, commented that that it is misstated that there is a disparity, but rather the condition is simply a natural result of how the city and ward developed. In addition, they are pursuing opportunities for parks in Ward III.
5. PRA Master Plan (Tom McCarthy)
 1. still finishing it up. It is on the website.
 2. big five:
 1. trails and connectivity
 2. green space and natural areas
 3. senior meeting location availability (indoor walking and exercise included)
 4. funding
 5. programming and staffing
 1. \$7.5 in budget from sales tax, \$1.5 - 2 revenues from renting, etc.
 2. issue with sales tax and how it's collected by county
 1. revenue generation and disbursement is shockingly unbalanced (Nation)
 2. Des Peres is a POS city, Chesterfield is a pool city. Maryland Heights is a pool city.

3. City gets zero from tax base, because it is a pool city.
3. Disparity between different cities, and therefore their tax base.

6. PRA updates (Tom McCarthy)
 1. roll out programs for fall soon
 1. constant evaluation of what is being used, what is no longer being used, what is now wanted to develop
 2. sports and wellness
 1. soccer tournament, lacrosse and baseball tournaments going on now
 3. 400 runners in Independence Day 5K. Considered successful.
 4. Fireworks display went well, but traffic afterward was affected by two accidents (one on I-64, one on Baxter)
 5. Tai Chi classes are delightful to Ann Book's mom (haha)
 6. potential Schoettler park near Logan is still in process (Kelli Unnerstall)
7. New Business:
 1. Kelli Unnerstall: was at Shaw Park. She liked the fitness stations they had. They are esp. nice there.
 1. PRA looked at putting one like that in the past to add in Central Park, but it just hasn't happened yet.
 2. Mary Ann Mastorakas: asked if Ameren trail is on the subcommittee priority list.
 1. AGENDA Item (for which committee?): a lot of those properties are not owned by Ameren, but rather subdivision common grounds. That involves more players.
 2. Bob Nation: we (the City) are actively seeking locations for new parks particularly in Ward III, etc.
 3. Ameren has programs that encourage native flowers, etc. in its easements.
 2. Barbara: do we have water planning requirements for new developments? Yes
 3. Ann: who works with MoDOT on Olive? Jim Eckrich.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Handout re: Trails and Connectivity Subcommittee

Trails and Connectivity Subcommittee, Kelli Unnerstall, 7/13/19

- At least 1 member from each ward
- Meet monthly for first 6 months then evaluate reducing to quarterly
- Meet either last Monday evening of month at 7pm or last Thursday of Month at noon
- Priorities:
 - Update City of Chesterfield Bikeable Walkable Community Plan (focus on updating map with progress that has been made over the last 10 years)

- Implement City of Chesterfield Bikeable Walkable Community Plan
- Complete Existing Trails
- Add new trails outlined in the plan
- Add bike lanes/routes that are consistent with the plan
- Push to complete work in pedestrian improvement zones and improve other high impact pedestrian areas (especially on major arterial roads and bike routes)
- Connect neighborhoods to existing park assets, schools, recreation facilities and retail centers with pedestrian pathways
- Ensure Chesterfield residents know about all of the bike routes, trails, and pedestrian facilities available by improving signage and communication
- Feature a trail in every Parks and Recreation publication
- Evaluate effectiveness of website and app
- Host at least one event that promotes use of trails, bike routes, and pedestrian facilities
- Consider making nature/trail walks part of regular Parks and Recreation programming
- Need a chairperson for events

Meeting adjourned at 9:25am