

Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2015

Minutes taken by Tricia Whelan

Attendees: Gary Stein, Guy Tilman, Cindy Lau, Darcy Capstick, Mike Whelan, Tricia Whelan, Eileen Sellers, Don Collins, Alan Politte, John Nations, Laura Schellenberg
Staff Liaison: Tom McCarthy; Committee Chair: Michelle Keesal
Council Liaison: Barry Flachsbart
Also in attendance was guest, Ted Lau

Michelle Keesal called the meeting to order.

Approval of June Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2015 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3 Old Business: Add Plastics after #6. Change wording from Wildlife to Campout. Change wording from whole month to entire summer.

Chesterfield Challenge Proposal

Michelle Keesal and Tom McCarthy discussed the proposal that was emailed to the members called "The Chesterfield Challenge" Program. Michelle Keesal and Tom McCarthy met with Louise Nation to discuss her ideas on improving the health of Chesterfield and to get the proposal on paper.

Discussion was held regarding the proposal. Healthier citizens would lead to a happier community. The budget for this new program would be zero in 2015 and approximately \$5,000 in 2016. This would include funding for pedometers. It is possible a sponsor could be found for the pedometers. Discussion was held as to whether the health program could fit with the Parks and Recreation mission. Michelle Keesal stated that the mission statement of the advisory committee would need to be revised just as it is going to be revised to add the Arts. Also it may help if Louise Nation goes directly to the City to get a separate committee/structure formed as it is not certain how much volunteer and staff would be needed from the Parks Committee for the program. More discussion followed on how the Health Program would be staffed, would the committee be expected to staff it. Tom McCarthy stated that there could be a concern about staffing levels. Since the Parks and Recreation recently added Arts. We want to make the Arts as successful as we have done with the Amphitheater, the Dog Park, Rivers Edge, etc. Guy Tilman reviewed the proposal and commented that some of the ideas could be itemized as some go to business, some go to community, and some go to Parks. Some of the activities don't necessarily involve the Parks Committee. If the items could be bucketed, it would be easier to communicate what the plan/framework is. It was discussed whether Louise Nation should be made a Member of the Parks Committee if the health proposal moves forward.

Councilman Barry Flachsbart stated that he would talk to the council about making the health program part of the Parks committee or a separate committee. Barry Flachsbart also stated that he would talk to council about getting money for the health program, if needed. Motion was made, seconded and

approved to have Barry Flachsbart take this proposal to the council and get their input. Alan Politte and Eileen Sellers have agreed to volunteer to be a part of the health committee.

Volunteer Opportunities

Tom McCarthy discussed adding an Art Concert called Art Invasion which would be held on July 18th and will benefit The Chesterfield Public Sculpture Projects and Art Unleashed. Also, another Concert has been added on August 25th, at the Amphitheater. Rockin Chair will perform as they were rained out at the Chamber Faust Park event. Tricia Whelan discussed other volunteer opportunities and passed around the sheet for signups.

Events and Program Update

Tom McCarthy discussed the Air Force Band and the Fourth of July Event. It was the best ever. The weather was fantastic and the Fireworks finale was great. Alan Politte commented on the mall parking and how much more spread out it has become as the event has matured. Tom McCarthy noted that the Amphitheater was also crowded. The Bubble Bus was there also. Tom McCarthy discussed Kayaking classes at the Rivers Edge. The water has topped the trail and the Pavilion is currently under water. There was a recent campout and Serengeti Steve was at the west end of the levee for a staycation event. The wine and jazz festival was a great success with approximately 7,000 people in attendance. The Friends of the Park now has 700 members. Tom McCarthy asked the committee to get friends and neighbors to sign up. Tom McCarthy discussed the bleacher covers and the revenue savings with solar. A transit vehicle was recently purchased and skinned and has photos of Maura, the dog park and other park activities. The windows can rotate to add new pictures. Tom McCarthy discussed the cardboard boat races. The concert tonight is Contagious. July 17th is another family movie, and July 18th is the Art Invasion. July 25th is a free concert, King of Pain and July 31st is the teen pool party. Also another concert event will occur on August 29th, called Mock of Ages. The Bather sculpture is now in by the pool.

Don Collins asked about portable restrooms on the levee. Tom McCarthy discussed the Riparian Trail. The Parks Department is putting markers on the trail to better locate your position for safety reasons.

Park Reviews

Cindy Lau discussed the Rivers Edge and the packages of feces at the entrance. Tom McCarthy will work on getting a dog waste station near the entrance. The Parks Department has been asked to police the area in a golf cart. The Riparian Trail is destabilized. This will take time to correct. There are some water issues with the Fountain at Dierberg Park. There has been work to keep it clean and power washed. Barry Flachsbart asked if there could be a seal put on or a plastic cover. Don Collins stated that there is a concrete sealer that can be purchased. There has been lots of rainouts at the CVAC. This has been a hard summer due to all the rain.

Staff Reports

Tom McCarthy discussed the lighting at the CVAC. Musco lights should be installed late July for the fall season on Fields A-3 and A-4 and the Pickleball at the CVAC parking lot and the Miracle Field. The Parks Department is working with Harry Weber for an Art on loan piece (Coyote) at Eberwein Park. They are also working on a Pavilion Project down at the F Quad. Corporate Sponsors AB-Imbev and Direct TV will provide a large screen TV and high top tables and will be doing a news feed. The Parks Department will

also be doing the Art Walk at the Taste of St. Louis this year. On July 18, 2015 the Art Invasion Concert will feature Flaming Pie and is sponsored by Sterling Bank. On August 25, 2015 there will be a Chamber Concert featuring Rockin Chair at the Amphitheater. The Blue Angels will also be back sometime in 2016.

New Business – none

Old Business

Darcy Capstick discussed the CCE's Oldest Living Tree project. This previously occurred in 1999-2000. The goal was to find the oldest trees. There were two and both were oak trees. The list is being revalidated and we are looking for other 100+ year old trees so we can honor them at Earth Day next year which will be the CCE's 25th year. Darcy Capstick discussed the 19th year event for Chesterfield-MO-America Recycles Event which will be on November 7, 2015 at Central Park is a complete Family because each family member contributed to conservation endeavors through the years including Riley the Family Dog.

Darcy Capstick discussed the gardening program. There will be a large garden winner and a small garden winner. Darcy Capstick discussed the Clothesline of Barn quilts across the United States. It is the fastest growing Art movement in the U.S. There are requirements as follows: A barn over 50 years old and visible from a service road. Chesterfield meets these requirements. The Boonslick quilt project has been funded by The Missouri Arts Council. Darcy Capstick will visit with the new Arts person about the painted quilts program. It started in Kankakee, Illinois.

Michelle Keesal discussed having a retreat in the fall to review our mission statement and set our objectives and review our priorities. It will be scheduled for the second Saturday of November, 2015. The date would be November 14, 2015. It will be held from 8:30 to noon.

Guy Tilman stated that this would be his last Parks meeting as he has been asked to serve on the Chesterfield Planning Commission. The Members of the Parks committee thanked him for his many years of service to the Parks Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2015.