



Parks, Recreation & Arts Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 8th, 2019

Attendance:

Present: Mike Whelan (Chair), Laura Schellenberg, Kim Cameron, Mary Monachella, Eileen Sellers, Barbara Briggs, Jim Pisoni, Susan Standish (Member at Large)

City Reps: Tom McCarthy

Absent: Gary Stein, Alan Politte, Kelli Unnerstall, Alan Keathley, Robert Kilo, Don Collins, Darcy Capstick (Emeritus), MaryAnn Mastorakas (Council Liaison)

1. Approval of April 13, 2019 Minutes

Correct typo – (Saks to Sachs). Minutes approved with amendment.

2. Creative Arts Alliance Art Sculpture

- Tom mentioned our selection of artwork was not approved to be installed at the circle. The commission is for 2 years and, upon approval of council, it will be installed at City Hall. It's an \$8K investment.
 - Mike suggested we consider locations for installations in advance, thinking outside the box.
- Tom would like to work with corporations to purchase and install the art. The City will assist with installation.
- Tom said he is looking at pocket park opportunities in the different wards (public place, non-gated community).
- Map on the website will show the layout of the wards.
- Consider a meeting that incorporates a bus tour of Chesterfield.

3. Recycling – The New Program

- Tom discussed putting in new style bottle fillers, drinking fountain and dog watering bowl. (No straws)
- St. Louis county paid for a grant for our signs on our trash cans (recycling and landfill only bins).
- Tom received an email from Republic about issue with dirty paper, changing signs to better serve the recycling needs. Republic is going to pay for new signs on our canisters. About 300 bins in our park systems.

4. Fishing Derby Recap

- Mike offered an update. The rescheduled date of June 4th was successful, but the turn out was about 1/3 the attendance.
- A little girl won her age group for the 2nd year, catching the most fish and aspires to be a professional angler.

5. Pool Operations

- Fully staffed, management is doing a great job. Pool looks great! A couple pump issues have occurred, but things are going really well this early in the season.
- 2 weeks before pool season, Lifeguards Unlimited folded. We were fortunate that our contract was cancelled last fall when we took it in house. Some communities have struggled with staffing and delayed openings.
- Swim team numbers are up (2 years ago we considered cancelling the program as we had limited swimmers).

6. Blues Watch Party

- 500 to 600 people at each watch party

- A-B paid for the T.V., security, specified which A-B products served, no coolers
- A-B is not doing the 3rd game watch party
- Tom said there were attendees who were a new reach (would not typically be there, don't attend concerts, some weren't aware we have an Amphitheatre)

7. Parks, Recreation and Arts Master Plan

- Still working on the Master Plan.
- About 50 people attended the May meeting at City Hall.
- Trails, connectivity and indoor meeting space (community center)
- Meeting the needs of the mature community (meetings, interaction, social, in-door walking)

8. Parks, Recreations and Arts Update

- Trail Updates
- Riparian Trail - Riparian Trail, still finalizing 1 acre land donation from Sachs. 17 acres for the trail. Then construction can begin. ETA is TBD.
- Two massive trees have fallen down in storms on the trail.
- Municipal Grant
- Cannot begin working on this until we have the signed land, to rubberize the land around The Awakening
- Pavilion installation is all part of the grant

9. Bikeable, Walkable Plan

- We have an old plan to be reviewed by Committee as there is a lot of discussion in the Parks Master Plan about connecting the community with a trail system, etc.
- A couple times a year, we do a "walk" in different wards to highlight the pedestrian bike trail system.
- Eileen mentioned a walk around the parkway a few years back with some booths along the way, highlighting the sidewalks.
- Tom will email a copy of the report for our review.

10. Unfinished business

- Mike wants to review volunteer needs.
- Laura asked if anyone knew about Greentrails Mobile. The gas station & land behind it are both for sale, 2 separate owners. Kim will find out details and pricing as there is conflicting information.
- Kim asked about Kelli's report for a park layout off Schoettler. Tom said no update at this time.
- Tom is working on name tags for availability when volunteering.
- Volunteer Needs
- Eileen and her husband are taking care of tonight's concert.
- We will need volunteers on the 4th of July Run.

11. New Business for PRAC

- Tom has a flyer going out to all businesses in the community with license renewal (talks about sponsorship and community involvement) in addition to supporting Veterans Honor Park (a brick or something like that).
- Discussing additional lighting along the parkway.
- Cricket discussion continues.
- Connectivity along the Ameren corridor (Marquette to Parkway Central)
- Council Member DeCampi is interested discussing a trail at the Premium Outlet Mall
- Jim mentioned Wildwood Trail at Centaur. A trail by Top Golf??
- Consider signs along the trail to give you a sense of how far you have been walking.

12. Adjournment at 9:34 a.m.

Next Meeting – July 13th