



Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2017

Minutes taken by Tricia Whelan

Attendees: Robert Kilo, Cindy Lau, Darcy Capstick, Tricia Whelan, Don Collins, Alan Politte, Mary Monachella, Alan Keathley, John Gruender,
Staff Liaison: Tom McCarthy; Committee Chair: Mike Whelan
Council Liaison: Guy Tilman.
Guests: Michele Keesal, Dennis Keesal

Mike Whelan called the meeting to order.

Approval of March minutes.

The minutes of the March 11, 2017 were approved as amended on a motion by Darcy Capstick and seconded by Alan Keathley.

Tom McCarthy welcomed Robert Kilo as a new member of the committee.

Mike Whelan discussed the Committee process. Last month's meeting was a little involved in the process. Some members may have gotten frustrated with the process as we get bogged down on Robert's Rules of Order which is cumbersome for a citizens' voluntary committee. If the Committee chooses to continue the formal order, we can do that, however, just talking about issues and having a roundtable discussion may be more productive. Especially when we are talking about art. There was open discussion about the process.

Guy Tilman stated that you can have rich open discussion but you do need to vote on your recommendations, however, it is ultimately the vote of the Council that matters. Once a motion is made, then the floor is open for discussion. The decisions should be concise and the vote is how that is determined. Robert's Rules of Order is important and we can be fully open about it. We do want to make the members feel welcome and hope that they can contribute to the discussion without a lot of bureaucracy.

We want to encourage good attendance by the Committee members at the meetings. We don't want Robert's Rules of Order to restrict any discussion on the committees. It helps to follow it so that you can get things done on the agenda in a short amount of time. It is designed to get certain activities out of the way. One thing we need to do is make sure when we have open discussion that everyone has had a chance to weigh in on a particular topic. Some people may be reluctant to voice their opinion. We do want to remember to keep our meetings to one hour to respect our members' time as we are all volunteers. Darcy Capstick stated that she appreciates it when people step up to volunteer to be Chairs of committees and the minutes-takers.

Review and Placement Recommendations for the Art Piece "Flow" by Leland Drexler-Russell

Tom McCarthy discussed the Art Piece titled "Flow". It was the piece previously chosen by the Committee. The original location was to be at the Lake at Central Park. The reason it is on the agenda is to approve the final location. There was a request for Proposal for Artists, it went through the formal process. There were four to five people from this

Committee who judged the various pieces and chose "Flow". The physical model of the piece was at a previous meeting for review. The piece represents nature/water/cattails. The inspiration was flowers and cattails. There will be lighting at the top of the cattails, a soft light and there will be four similar pieces around the lake and the light at the top of the cattails is activated by motion. This piece should blend in fairly well with the natural landscape. The artist liked the lake location. The lighting is fiber optic and it will connect all the lights to the same power source.

Robert Kilo asked about security and surveillance at the Parks. The police have talked about updating the surveillance in the Parks. This particular art piece will be in or near the water. There could be damage done to it, however. Possibly video surveillance in the Parks at the Trailheads. There has been some vandalism in the past, some smash and grabs in parking lots at the CVAC, bike trails heads and at Eberwein. The City currently has nine pieces of art work now and only a couple of instances of vandalism. Vandalism in the city is minimal at the present time. There have been some skateboarders at the Amphitheater which is prohibited.

Cindy Lau made a motion that we accept the recommendation of putting the "Flow" Art piece at the Lake at Central Park. Darcy Capstick seconded. All members voted in favor with none opposed.

Farmers Market/Party off the Parkway

Cindy Lau updated the committee on the Farmers Market. They are presently working on the marketing of the Farmers Market. She asked everyone to please use the cups as they have the logo and the dates. Lisa has worked on getting all the Farmers signed up. They are getting Farmers signed up online. Working on Annie Gunn's. They have hired a part time marketing person to help Lisa. Her name is Michelle Gentile. We will hand out the cups and 4 Hands Microbrewery will be there. Just try to get the word out. Tom McCarthy met with Sachs and we can use their parking spaces. There are almost 500 spots. A lot of people will park at the mall. We do not need shuttles at the moment. Guy Tilman had a parking question. We use the surface lot next to the Awakening. We call it the VIP lot and everyone is a VIP. We have used golf carts in the past for handicapped assistance. There can be parking between the Awakening and the large field. We would use the golf carts before getting a shuttle in place. There are times when we need shuttles for the larger events. There will be adequate handicapped parking at the Veterans Honor Park Event. There will be a need for more handicapped parking for that event. Also we can use the larger golf carts. Traditionally we don't park at the library.

Mike Whelan discussed the Youth Fishing Derby. Mike Whelan has called Captain Nestor and will add a few police officers to this volunteer event for community involvement.

Volunteer Sign Up

Earth Day-We need volunteers for the Earth Day event. There will be staff there to assist.

Tricia Whelan passed the volunteer sheet around for members to sign up for events that they would like to volunteer for.

Bill Dowdy

Tom McCarthy informed the committee that Bill Dowdy had a stroke and asked everyone to sign a get well card for him. Betty says that he is paralyzed on the left side and was eating through a feeding tube and he is still interested in being on the Committee and he is getting better and we are looking forward to having him back soon.

Updates:

Earth Day-Darcy Capstick discussed Earth Day. Pedros Planet will be there. There will be native plants. There will be an opening ceremony. There will be Recycling and Eycling by Macy's. Ranger Rick will come and Guy Tilman will be providing the music.

Veterans Honor Park Dedication. The Dedication begins at 5:30 and the flag raising will be at 6:00 p.m. There will be an orchestra/choir and flags will line the Parkway. An Admiral will be the keynote speaker. Tom McCarthy updated the

committee on the Concerts and the Party off the Parkway. Robert Kilo asked about a PDF of the concert schedule and Tom indicated it is on the APP and the website. There is a whole calendar and schedule on the App and the website.

Darcy Capstick discussed Arbor Day. On April 28, 2017 at 1:00 pm, CCE will be at Eberwein Park planting trees. All PRACAC was invited. Darcy Capstick discussed CCE's St. Louis County – DOH competitively-awarded 'pilot project' recycling grant. Guy Tilman was thanked for his robust review of the Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) at the Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

Darcy Capstick discussed the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment and handed out the brochure.

Alan Politte asked about next years' budget and about the Parks Master Plan. Cindy Lau asked if the small subcommittee could meet soon. Tom McCarthy is working on finalizing a presentation to the Committee. Once the Council approves, we can start the process.

Cindy Lau asked about the new sports complex. Is there any interface between the new complex and the CVAC? Tom McCarthy stated that it would provide partnership opportunities and that we will work together.

Unfinished Business

Robert Kilo discussed Wildhorse Creek and Baxter near the J. There are two very large vacant grass lots. Sachs owns both. Is there any opportunity to allow them to grow their grass taller? There are plans for a three story Senior Citizen Center there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.