



PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS February 11, 2019

Vice Chairperson Mastorakos called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Those in attendance included:

Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward 1;

Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward 2;

Council Member Chairperson Dan Hurt, Ward 3 (participated via phone until New Business);

Councilmember Michelle Ohley, Ward 4

Also in attendance were:

Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts, Tom McCarthy;

Executive Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Arts, Ann-Marie Stagoski.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes

The meeting results of the January 23, 2019 Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Councilmember Ohley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness, to approve the January 23, 2019 meeting results. A voice vote was taken to approve the meeting results with a 3-0 unanimous affirmative result (Ohley, Mastorakos and McGuinness) and the motion was declared passed.

Agenda Item #2: Creative Arts Alliance Art Sculpture Recommendation

Director McCarthy explained that the Chesterfield Parks Advisory Committee voted at their February 9th meeting for their top 15 choices of artwork submitted from the Creative Arts Alliance Public Sculpture Program. There was a draft held on February 11th. The piece "Dashes" by Jessie Cargas was secured. Chesterfield will pay \$500/year for two years for the rights to display this sculpture. We are able to have the artist paint it the same color as the piece, "Arches". Because we didn't know which piece we would get from the draft, a discussion of location has not been brought up.

Councilmember Ohley asked about the status of the new pavilion. Director McCarthy stated that Steve Jarvis is working on the pavilion project currently and he will keep the committee updated on its progress. Director McCarthy pointed out that most of our artwork is in Central Park. Councilmember Ohley commented that Central Park is most trafficked. Councilmember McGuinness brought up a concern on the "spikiness" of the sculpture and its proximity to children.

Other points of discussion:

We are able to acquire another piece if funding is available.

Director McCarthy will approach the artist about creating "Dashes" in a 12 foot version.

Using Park Circle Drive as a place to display the art was discussed.

Director McCarthy felt that Sachs would potentially be open to that location.

Councilmember Ohley moved to make a request to the artist for a 12 foot version of “Dashes” that is in a similar blue color and texture of “Arches” and recommend Park Circle Drive roundabout to the Citizens Advisory Committee with Director McCarthy approaching Sachs about their approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McGuinness. A voice vote was taken and a 3-0 unanimous affirmative result (Ohley, Mastorakos and McGuinness) to approve the motion and move the selection of Dashes to City Council was declared passed.

There was a discussion of the possibility of acquiring the “Granny’s Garden” statue.

- The Parkway Community Garden property is under contract.
- There is more activity at Eberwein.
- Currently “Coyote” is at Eberwein through Art on Loan.
- The cost to lease “Granny’s Garden” is \$500/year for two years, plus installation and insurance.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to direct Director McCarthy to talk to the artist of “Granny’s Garden” statue and if acquired, place it near Eberwein Community Garden. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ohley. A voice vote was taken and a 3-0 unanimous affirmative result (Ohley, Mastorakos and McGuinness) to approve the motion and move it to City Council was declared passed.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion on Permanent Cricket Pitch

Director McCarthy shared information regarding the discussions with the American Cricket Academy and Club on their proposal to build a permanent cricket pitch and rent field space at Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Issues regarding the proposal include:

- Parks has worked on and off with this group for 3+ years.
- Initially wanted the cricket pitch on A3 and A4 with the pitch between the two fields.
- A permanent pitch is 125 feet long x 12 feet wide.
- Placing it in the group’s desired location (P fields) would preclude CVAC from having Ultimate Frisbee or small sided soccer tournaments and other events there.
- The group’s proposed rental rate of \$30 - \$34 per hour is not close to the current rate of \$60 per hour. With this reduced rate for the cricket club we would be required by contract to lower the rate charged to CBSA thus decreasing Parks revenue in the neighborhood of \$100,000 annually versus the approximately \$8,500 in revenue generated by cricket.
- There is no record to base the estimates of actual rental time on, actual users or resident %.
- Creating a permanent pitch diminishes the flexibility of the complex and decreases its ability to attract large tournaments.

Suggestions included:

- Purchasing a temporary pitch at the approximate cost of \$1,000 and utilizing that on the practice fields behind the levee at \$60/hr. (The temporary pitch is similar to a heavy duty carpet with a canvas back rolled up and taken down.) \$60 rate is based on the four practice field space that will be used for the cricket field.
- Councilmember Hurt suggested allowing the Cricket Club to pay for installation of the pitch outside the protected levee area and discounting his rental fees for x number of years in return. Director McCarthy pointed out that lowering this group’s rental fees would cost the Parks’ program large sums because Parks would then be required by contract to lower the fees of CBSA to match, thus costing around \$100,000 so they would need to pay the going rate on whatever they rent.
- Councilmember Ohley suggested with the organization having no track record with us that we table the discussion until they produce a business plan.

- Councilmember Hurt discussed using the eastern end of our property as an option. Director McCarthy noted that that area is rough, not level and has no irrigation. The land also has plans as future event space because we are running out of space at Central Park.
- This property east of the CVAC is not playable in its current condition.
- Director McCarthy recommended working with the organization for practice fields at available times and (with a temporary pitch) at the regular rental rates until they prove their history of need. We would also need the roster to verify resident percentage requirements for fees.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to direct Director McCarthy to continue discussions and negotiations with American Cricket Academy and Club and bring the information back to the committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ohley. A voice vote was taken and a 3-0 unanimous affirmative result (Ohley, Mastorakos and McGuinness) to approve the motion and move it to City Council was declared passed.

Agenda Item #4: Gazebo Information

Director McCarthy presented a photo of a gazebo that would cost approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 to build. Councilmember McGuinness expressed interest in a different design. Director McCarthy discussed a design competition for the gazebo. Director McCarthy will work with staff to put a proposal together and bring it back to the committee for review.

Agenda Item #5: Lighting Information on Central Park

Director McCarthy discussed lighting information around Central Park

- For approximately \$14,000 the path to the pool and amphitheater as well as Veterans Honor Park and lights near the Awakening area could be retrofitted.
- We would apply for a grant from Ameren (close to \$3,000).
- This would make the lights LED which would be more efficient and brighter.
- Paths in the middle of the park in the woods would not be lit.
- Lights would remain dusk to dawn.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to send to full council a recommendation to allow parks to spend not more than \$14,000 from the Parks Reserve Fund to retrofit the lighting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ohley. A voice vote was taken and a 3-0 unanimous affirmative result (Ohley, Mastorakos and McGuinness) to approve the motion and move it to City Council was declared passed.

Agenda Item #6: Old Business

No old business.

Agenda Item #7: New Business

Councilmember Hurt discussed that the YMCA agreed to partner with Chesterfield by donating the land to build a structure for parking. They envision a 3 level structure with the 1st level being reserved for YMCA members and the 2nd and 3rd levels for city events. The 2nd level would open to Veterans Memorial Parkway. Director McCarthy proposed there could be a park on the roof of the garage. Councilmember Ohley asked if we could get a grant for green space on the top of the garage. Director McCarthy stated that there was a possibility for a \$500,000 grant in the future from the Municipal Parks Grant program. Further discussion on parking for Central Park will be addressed in the Parks Master Plan. There also needs to be a funding mechanism for this

parking garage. The committee needs to take no further action on this. Councilmember Hurt just wanted to inform the committee on his discussion with the YMCA.

Councilmember McGuinness asked if Taste of St. Louis was returning to Chesterfield. Director McCarthy stated that it was not likely, but that we were working with them on other opportunities like “Taste of West County”.

Councilmember McGuinness discussed the Better Together proposal and its negative implications on the City of Chesterfield.

Director McCarthy stated that there were openings on two committees:

- CCE – 2 openings in Ward I
- 2 openings in Ward II
- PRCAC – 3 openings in Ward II
- 1 opening in Ward III

Agenda Item #8: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Mastorakos adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.