


MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 1992

TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator

FROM: William C. Hawn, Director of Public Works/City Engineer 

RE: Minutes - Meeting 2/6/92 Public Works/Parks Committee

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee was held on February 6, 1992. Those in attendance included Councilmember Jade Bute, Chairperson, (Ward II), Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Councilmember Nancy Greenwood (Ward I), Councilmember Linda Tilley (Ward IV), Mayor Jack Leonard, City Administrator Michael G. Herring, and Director of Public Works/City Engineer William C. Hawn. Also in attendance was Bud Hirsch, Chairman of the Parks Committee and Barry Thalden.

The following is a listing of those items discussed by the Committee at this meeting:

1.a. Councilmember Politte updated the Committee on this year's first Recreation Program entitled "Cultural Treasures in Chesterfield". Councilmember Politte indicated that the total cost seems to be a little higher than anticipated. However, over 94% of the total cost has been funded through donations raised by Mrs. Neil. Councilmember Bute commented that flowers have also recently been donated and members from the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee have volunteered to do the serving. As a result, it now appears that this event will be at "no cost" to the City of Chesterfield. The Committee commended everyone involved for this accomplishment.

b. Councilmember Politte informed the Committee that the Parks Study - Phase I has been completed. Chairperson Bute introduced Bud Hirsch, Chairman of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee, who informed the Committee he was present to answer questions and to express the support of his Committee for moving on to Phase II. He commended the work of Mr. Thalden with regards to Phase I. Chairperson Bute then introduced Barry Thalden from Thalden Corporation. Mr. Thalden discussed with the Committee the accomplishments in Phase I of the study. Mr. Thalden outlined the proposals for the Parkway System, the Greenway System, and alternative areas/sites to be considered in the City for possible acquisition. Mr. Thalden suggested that it would be appropriate to have a public meeting to inform our citizens in regards to the ideas and concepts contained within the Study, and to solicit citizen input. Part of what this study has done is to evaluate the

recreation needs of the City, based upon national standards and the City's recreation poll. Chairperson Bute commented that the Thalden Corporation had done an excellent job with this phase of the study. City Administrator Herring asked Mr. Thalden if he could explain the National Standards to the Committee in further detail. Mr. Thalden explained that the Federal Government developed standards, which the State of Missouri has adopted, in regards to types of recreational uses that should be available in cities, based on their population & size. There were adjustments made from the National Standards to make this concept applicable to Chesterfield. Phase II is intended to take the recreational needs of the City and apply them to specific parcels of land that are presently vacant. Mr. Herring asked Mr. Thalden to categorize the availability of land in terms of needs and long term goals. Mr. Thalden stated that the City is very timely in getting the parks program started.

Councilmember Polite made a motion to accept the report and send it on to City Council, with a recommendation for acceptance and to set a date as soon as possible for a Public Hearing. Councilmember Greenwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairperson Bute summarized the feelings of the Committee that there be a public meeting scheduled, hosted by the Public Works/Parks Committee of Council and Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee. At this public meeting Mr. Thalden will present the Phase I Study findings, specifically that there are appropriate sites available in Chesterfield that warrant additional study. Once the meeting date is set, the packet will become a public document, and anyone can come and review the Phase I Study prior to the meeting. The Committee agreed on the date of March 3, 1992, at 7:30 P.M., for the Public Hearing on the Phase I Parks Study.

Councilmember Polite made a motion that an outline Request for Proposal (RFP) be prepared by Mr. Herring and the Director of Planning/Economic Development in regards to Phase II of the Parks Study. This should be submitted to the Committee for review. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Everyone agreed that a decision to process would not be made until the Public Hearing noted above as been held.

2. Councilmember Greenwood updated the Committee on the Highway Beautification Committee meeting. Skip Soule from the Missouri Highway & Transportation Department attended the last meeting to present the Program. Mr. Soule informed the Committee that the Highway Department will not do any maintenance on interchanges West of I-270. Mr. Soule did agree to provide design assistance, if the City identified areas to be landscaped. The maintenance and installation of the plantings would be the City's responsibility. The Committee is asking the City to approve the appropriation of \$25,000 for landscaping the intersection of

Olive/Clarkson & Highway 40. Further, the Committee would like Council authorization to develop a 3-5 year plan for further highway beautification. Councilmember Politte requested that plans be submitted to the Committee before a decision is made in regards to funding support from the City. Councilmember Greenwood made a motion to have Mr. Soule develop a plan, including costs, for the initial planting and ongoing maintenance for the Olive/Clarkson/Highway 40 intersection. Councilmember Politte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Councilmember Tilley and Director of Public Works Hawn reviewed the stormwater situation at 15057 Old Clarkson. Mr. Hawn explained the concern with the creek which runs under Mr. Vomberg's driveway. He indicated that there are currently two pipes that go under the driveway. What has been proposed, replacing one pipe under the driveway with a larger one, minimizes storm water from coming out of the creek and washing onto Clarkson Road. The cost for this would be slightly less than \$7,000.00. Mr. Hawn received a call from Mr. Vomberg stating that the two pipe solution was not acceptable. Mr. Vomberg is indicating there should be one large pipe, as opposed to two pipes, to prevent the pipes from becoming clogged. Mr. Hawn then explained to the Committee what would need to be done to install one large pipe. Mr. Hawn pointed out that the City Attorney recommended, and the Committee previously agreed, that Mr. Vomberg will have to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the structure. In addition, Mr. Vomberg would need to sign a hold-harmless agreement and acknowledge that the City has no responsibility for the creek-bed, either. It would cost about \$3,000.00 more to put the one large pipe in. The Committee directed Councilmember Tilley and Mr. Hawn to contact Mr. Vomberg and discuss splitting the cost of the difference to install the larger pipe. (City - \$1500.00; Vomberg - \$1500.00). This will be discussed at the next meeting of this Committee.

4. Director of Public Works Hawn explained the stormwater system dedication to MSD, as detailed within his memo, dated 2/3/92. Mr. Herring pointed out the importance of this work and commended Mr. Hawn and his department.

5. Director of Public Works Hawn updated the Committee on the following Engineering projects:

a. Mr. Hawn advised that the guardrail at Green Trails Drive South is currently in the design phase. Escrow funds from St. Louis County have been received to cover the cost of this work. There was also a request that a sidewalk be installed on the other side of Green Trails. There are no escrow funds for this location. This project is to be completed this summer.

b. Mr. Hawn updated the Committee on the proposed Capital Street Improvement Project - 1992. Mr. Hawn advised that while working with Havens & Emerson, some streets have been selected, which have a high priority. Some of the major streets that have been selected include: Schoettler Valley Dr., from the Chesterfield parkway to Highcroft; portions of Schoettler Valley and Country Ridge in Ward 3, south of the power lines and along Country Ridge in the vicinity of Cedarmill going towards Baxter Road; a section of Country Ridge near Clarkson in Ward 4; Westbury Subdivision - Glen Cove Dr. in Ward 1. Mr. Herring presented the issue of splitting the \$650,000.00 into two separate projects. Mr. Hawn stated that it would be better, from a project management point, to keep the bid as one contract. After discussion, the Committee agreed to continue with one contract for \$650,000.00. Mr. Herring added that a separate contract will be sought for the \$200,000 budgeted for the newly-annexed area.

6. The next meeting for the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group is Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00 P.M.

7. Councilmember Tilley suggested that staff prepare a hand-out comparing Chesterfield's refuse collection and costs with other municipalities. She indicated she and other Councilmembers receive calls from residents who are not happy with the Refuse Collection contract with Environmental Industries, stating the cost is not competitive with other cities. The cities to be surveyed include Maryland Heights, Ballwin, University City, Clayton, Ellisville and Creve Coeur. The Committee voted unanimously to direct Mr. Herring to obtain this information.

8. Director of Public Works Hawn updated the Committee on the Chesterfield Valley Study. Mr. Hawn stated that it is time to schedule meetings with the focus groups noted within the study. The four groups would be "landowners", "businessmen", developers and "people interested in the environment". Mr. Hawn will send out invitations as soon as possible. Some names that were suggested include:

Landowners:
Graeler

Developers:
Tom Shaw
Al Vitt
Denis St. John

Businesses:
Jim Collins
Mark Andrews
Phil Melton
Paul DeMay

Environment:
Bud Hirsch
MO. Dept. Cons.
SCS
Fish & Wildlife

Mr. Herring stated that he had asked Jerry Duepner to obtain the same sort of input from the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

9. Councilmember Greenwood next expressed concern about Old Woods Mill Road near Conway Springs and made a motion to send a letter to St. Louis County to make the necessary repairs. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Herring will prepare and send this letter.

10. Councilmember Bute made a motion that a letter be sent to St. Louis County, requesting that a pedestrian walkway be designated on the west side of the bridge over Highway 40, on the Chesterfield Parkway (eastern position). The motion passed unanimously.

11. Director of Public Works Hawn updated the Committee in regards to the Westerly Development. Mr. Hawn stated that the inlet at the rear of the property has been bermed up and now does take storm water. Councilmember Politte asked that this matter be kept on the agenda. The Committee agreed.

12. Councilmember Bute announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, at 7:30 A.M.

13. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.