

City of Chesterfield

To: Mike Herring, City Administrator
From: David Christensen, Deputy Director of Public Works/Assistant City Engineer
Date: 5/28/99
Re: Minutes – Public Works/Parks Committee , May 26th, 1999

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26th, 1999. All members of the Committee were in attendance: Chairperson Barry Flachsbart (Ward I), Councilmember Larry Grosser (Ward II); Councilmember Dan Hurt (Ward III); and Councilmember Linda Tilley (Ward IV). Also in attendance were Mayor Nancy Greenwood, Councilmember Mary Brown, City Administrator Mike Herring, Deputy Director of Public Works\Assistant City Engineer David Christensen, Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts Darren Dunkle, Bob Wald and Terry Weatherby of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee (PRACAC), Kathy Higgins, Lou Sachs and Jerry Duepner of Sachs Properties, Executive Director for the CCDK Keith Riesberg, Director of Public Affairs for the Parkway School District John Siemers, and Parks Intern Matt Schumacher.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- 2) After general discussion among the Committee, Councilmember Flachsbart made a **motion to approve the following members as liaisons to Public Works/Parks sub-committees:**

Larry Grosser – Liaison to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Group
Barry Flachsbart – Liaison to the Public Works Board of Variance
Barry Flachsbart – Liaison to the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group
Linda Tilley – Liaison to the Citizens Committee for the Environment
Linda Tilley – Liaison to the Beautification Committee
Dan Hurt – Liaison to the Chesterfield Arts Commission

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0. Following further discussion, Councilmember Flachsbart made a **motion to accept Councilmember Grosser as Vice-Chair of the Public Works/Parks Committee of Council.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tilley, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0.

- 1) Councilmember Flachsbart **motioned to approve the minutes (March 24) without correction.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt and passed by a vote of 2 – 0 – 2, with Councilmember Tilley and Councilmember Grosser abstaining from the vote, since they did not previously serve on this Committee.
- 3) Councilmember Flachsbart explained that Sachs properties had requested the opportunity to address the Committee regarding the proposed land swap at the Central City Park, which had been previously reviewed and declined by the Committee, in Executive Session. Kathy Higgins, President of Sachs

Properties, addressed the Committee showing them a plan view of "option 3", which was produced by Environmental Planning and Design (EPD), a firm hired by Sachs Properties, to help design the park property around the Central City Park. The Committee asked questions to clarify items shown on "option 3". General questions from the Committee were asked, such as future plans for the development of adjacent property owned by Sachs, zoning, overall terrain and topography, easements around both proposed lakes, parking, a pedestrian bridge over Lydia Hill, and maintenance of the lakes. Mr. Herring pointed out that Missouri law would require an appraisal of the land before any landswap could occur. The Committee thanked Ms. Higgins for her presentation. Chairperson Flachsbart indicated that the Committee would go into Executive Session, later in the meeting, to discuss the proposal.

- 9) Mr. Christensen explained that the Chesterfield Arts Commission had agreed to fund construction of the bases and insurance for the three "Trova" pieces at the Central City Park. But, they requested that the City fund the construction and placement of the granite base for the "Maura" sculpture at the Central City Park. Councilmember Hurt made **a motion to transfer up to \$5,000.00 from contingency to fund the construction of the "Maura" base.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

- 4) Keith Reisberg, Executive Director of the CCDC, gave an update on the development in Chesterfield Valley. He gave a brief overview of the following projects: construction at Chesterfield Commons; interchange at Boones Crossing and Hwy. 40 is on schedule; status of levee work; the Levee District is having an Environmental Impact Study and Wetland Study performed by the year 2001. Councilmember Hurt asked the status of the emergency closure plan. Councilmember Flachsbart requested that a map be produced showing the status of the levees, and that this be shown at the City Council and CCDC joint meeting.

- 7) Mr. Dunkle explained that the Parkway School District is proposing that the City split the cost of developing a park at the River Bend Elementary School and the Green Trail Elementary School, in a similar fashion that was done at Chesterfield Elementary School. Mr. Dunkle explained that the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the proposal be accepted. The staff recommended \$50,000.00 per school. Mr. Dunkle pointed out that Mr. John Sievers, Director of Public Affairs for the Parkway School District, was in attendance to answer specific questions from the Committee. The Committee had general discussion over issues regarding the 50/50 concept, the schools exclusive right to the playground during school hours, opportunity to use this concept to develop "pocket parks" throughout the City, school district would retain the land, city staff would develop masterplans for the parks, City Council and School District would have the chance to approve park amenities before construction. Councilmember Hurt noted that the school district would be responsible for maintenance and recommends that the City fund one school per year. Councilmember Tilley made **a motion to recommend that Council fund one school per year, beginning with the FY 2000 budget, with the City's share of \$50,000.00 and City staff**

would work with Parkway to prepare the plans, which would be reviewed/approved by this Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0

- 5) Mr. Dunkle presented a proposal to establish fees and procedures for use of the new Central City Park Pavilion. He noted that there are restrictions on the number of people able to use the pavilion during pool hours, due to parking. Councilmember Hurt made a **motion to recommend approval of the proposed Pavilion Fees Policy**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0.

- 6) Mr. Dunkle explained the issue at the Chesterfield Elementary School regarding the Rockwood School District's Proposal for the City to split the cost with the District to install a wooden guardrail on the berm at the Chesterfield Elementary park site, parallel to Wild Horse Creek Road to further protect children from the traffic. Councilmember Tilley stated that there are concerns by parents that a vehicle could jump the berm and hit children on the playground. After general discussion, Councilmember Grosser made a motion to immediately transfer \$7,500.00 from Contingency to share in the cost with the Rockwood School District to construct the wooden guardrail. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tilley, and failed, 2 – 2, with Councilmembers Flachsbart and Hurt voting "no". The committee discussed whether or not the guard rail idea would prevent vehicles from still jumping the berm. After differing viewpoints were debated among the committee, Councilmember Hurt made a **motion to forward this issue to the Council without a recommendation from the Committee**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Flachsbart, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0.

- 8) Mr. Dunkle explained that Staff has prepared text for a draft Parks Masterplan and the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee (PRCAC) have prepared a list of concepts and priorities for the City's park system. He stated that the Staff recommends adoption of the plan. Terry Weatherby, member of the PRCAC, presented the Committees recommendations. Councilmember Flachsbart asked where is land acquisition rated on the priority list. Mr. Weatherby stated that the concept of partnering with the School Districts would be an excellent vehicle to acquire pocket parks throughout the City. The Committee had general discussion on land acquisition; additional amenities on the existing parks; any ballot issue re: funding should include more than just land acquisition; and, the ½ cent sales tax could accomplish both land acquisition and facility construction. Councilmember Flachsbart made a motion to not take action and table this issue until the next Public Works/Parks Committee meeting. The motion did not get a second. Mayor Greenwood pointed out that this issue should be discussed among the entire Council and there should be a definite cost and timeline associated with any ballot issue presented to the voters. Councilmember Hurt made a **motion that this issue be put on the Council's strategic planning agenda**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0. Following additional discussion, Councilmember Hurt made a **motion to recommend to Council that a funding mechanism be put on the November, 1999 ballot with "capital land acquisition" a priority**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tilley, and passed, 3 – 1, with Councilmember Flachsbart

voting "no". Following additional discussion, the Committee voted to schedule its next meeting for Monday, June 14, at 5:30 PM, to continue this discussion.

- 10) Mr. Christensen explained that City Attorney Doug Beach and City staff recommend that the City accept the transfer of a 120' buffer strip between Conway Road and Timberlake Manor Parkway. The strip was originally established to be left in an undisturbed condition, with this in mind, the developer suggested that the land be deeded to the City. Councilmember Flachsbart made a **motion to recommend that Council accept the transfer of this property to the City**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 -0.

- 11) Mr. Christensen explained that St. Louis County has offered to cost share the construction of a sidewalk along Schoettler Road to create a continuous sidewalk between the Westerly subdivision and Scarborough West subdivision. He noted that no additional funding or appropriations are required because the 1999 budget provides adequate funds for the construction. It would be a 50/50 split between the City and the County, with the County supplying the design and contract administration. Councilmember Hurt made a **motion to authorize staff to respond affirmatively to the County**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 -0. Councilmember Tilley then made a **motion for staff to investigate the same kind of arrangement with the County for sidewalk between Coventry Farms and Kehrs Mill Bend**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 -0.

- 12) Mr. Christensen explained that in conjunction with the installation of the stormwater pump stations in Chesterfield Valley, FEMA requires that the Pump Operations and Maintenance Plan contained in the committee's packets, be formally adopted by the City. Councilmember Grosser made a **motion to adopt the plan as a policy document**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 -0.

- 13) Mr. Christensen reported that Mr. Geisel had given presentations to residents of the proposed River Valley Drive and Schoettler Valley\Country Ridge\Highcroft traffic calming projects. Mr. Christensen noted that the presentations were received very favorably and Staff will continue to work with the residents to develop traffic calming plans. Councilmember Hurt noted that special efforts should be made to contact Trustees from subdivisions adjacent to these areas, and invite them to attend these meetings.

- 14) Mayor Greenwood distributed a memo regarding the possibility of displaying Chesterfield artifacts in the chambers during the month of September (see attached memo). Councilmember Hurt made a **motion to recommend support of the Mayor's proposal**. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember Grosser, and passed unanimously, 4 –0. Mayor Greenwood noted that she would try to obtain display cases for placement of these artifacts at City Hall.

15) Councilmember Flachsbart reported that the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group had a meeting and would soon vote to change their recommendation on the new vertical curb policy, bearing further review of the prior curb policy. With this in mind, Councilmember Flachsbart made a **motion to request the Committee to authorize Public Works staff to approve rolled curbs, when requested, on an interim basis, until the PWCAG has a chance to finalize its new recommendation.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt, and passed unanimously, 4 – 0.

16) Councilmember Flachsbart **made a motion, based on a recommendation by the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group, that Council provide the necessary resources and funds to help the City's GIS efforts in order to help the PWCAG study watershed problems in the City.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tilley, and passed unanimously, 4 –0.

17) Executive Session (closed meeting) – On a motion by Councilmember Flachsbart, seconded by Councilmember Tilley, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session, for purposes of discussing property acquisition. Roll call was taken , with the following results:

Flachsbart – Aye
Hurt – Aye
Grosser – Aye
Tilley - Aye

The regular meeting was then adjourned at 8:10 PM.

[Next Meeting, July 28, 1999.]

cc: Mayor Nancy Greenwood
Department Heads/Executive Staff

Memo

DATE: May 21, 1999

TO: Chesterfield City Council Members

FROM: Mayor Nancy Greenwood

SUBJECT: Historical Chesterfield

Last year there was a historical dig across from Faust Park. This site dates back to the same period as the Cahokia Mounds and before. There are a number of similar sites in our City. In fact, within the boundaries of Chesterfield are some of the most significant 4,000-year old sites in the US. A number of artifacts have been cataloged and sent to University of Missouri, Columbia. Visiting the site near Faust was eye opening to me and sparked an interest as to where these relics were going.

Steve Domahidy, Joseph Hart of the Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis, and Dennis Naglich, a historian with the Archaeological Research Center were here last week to talk about the many sites in Chesterfield. I inquired about the artifacts and asked if Chesterfield could display some of them to bring a sense of history to our community.

September is Archaeological Month. I would propose that we display some of these ancient items in cases in the Chambers during September. We could let the residents know through the newsletter. The display would be beneficial:

- Most residents have no idea of the great historical significance of our City of Chesterfield
- Schools and Scout groups could visit

The Historical Commission could help with the set up and maintenance of the display.

There would be no cost other than moving locking display cases to place in the back of Chambers for the month period. I am told that Faust Park has cases and hopefully, we might secure them on loan. Farther down the road, please consider that we include a place (a conference room) in our new City Hall as a permanent home for some of these historically significant items which the Historical Commission could oversee. It would be tragic to have them disappear.

Cc: Michael Herring