

CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 1990
TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
FROM: William C. Hawn, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
RE: Minutes - Meeting 9/20/90 Public Works/Parks Committee

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee was held on September 20, 1990. Those in attendance included Councilmember Jade Bute, Chairperson, (Ward II), Councilmember Alan Politte (Ward III), Dick Hrabko (Ward IV), Councilmember Nancy Greenwood (Ward I), Mayor Jack Leonard, City Administrator Michael G. Herring, and Director of Public Works/City Engineer William C. Hawn.

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

1. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn reviewed the memo pertaining to subdivision winter concrete placement. This issue is before this Committee as a result of the Home Builders Association's request to the City to permit winter paving of subdivision streets. Mr. Hawn noted that the Public Works Citizen Advisory Group reviewed this matter at their meeting two days ago. The Committee agreed to review this information for discussion at the next Public Works/Parks Meeting.
2. City Administrator Michael G. Herring informed the Committee that St. Louis County is preparing to remove Stablestone Drive, Appalachian Trail, and North and South Greentrails Drive from the Arterial Road System. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn informed the Committee that the City inspected the roadways and has transmitted a list of needed repairs to the St. Louis County Highway Department. The Highway Department has started some of the corrective work and will be transmitting a schedule of repairs for the remainder.

3. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn advised the Committee that the Missouri Department of Conservation has recently designated a new urban forester. The City's right-of-way tree policy has been reviewed by the urban forester with the following comments:
 - A. Remove the oak trees from the street tree listing.
 - B. Add the Skyline Honey Locust, Autumn Purple White Ash, Fastigiata European Hornbeam, and Chanticleer Callary Pear trees to the list of approved street trees.

The motion to approve the additions and deletions as stated above to the City right-of-way tree planting policy was made by Councilmember Jade Bute, seconded by Councilmember Alan Politte. Motion passed unanimously. City Administrator Michael G. Herring will advise the City's Planning Commission of these changes. The City will address this tree policy in the spring newsletter.

4. City Administrator Michael G. Herring informed the Committee that he reviewed the wetlands issue with Mr. Hawn and, given time constraints, proposals for engineering services to identify wetlands in the Chesterfield Valley area will not be sought until spring. Mr. Herring advised the Committee that no requests for proposals have been transmitted to engineering firms. The Committee indicated that the study to identify wetlands in Chesterfield Valley should be included in the initial phases of the Chesterfield Valley Master Plan Study.
5. City Administrator Michael G. Herring informed the Committee that the issues of concrete curing time requirements were recently raised by a resident in Kehrs Mill Farms Subdivision. The City's policy is in line with St. Louis County Highway's policy. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bill Hawn informed the Committee that the City opens street to traffic after seven days due to the concrete strength test results. The City permits residents to access their driveways after 72 hours. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Politte to reaffirm the City's existing policy on this issue. Councilmember Nancy Greenwood seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
6. City Administrator Michael G. Herring informed the Committee that he recently received a request for the City to purchase and plant trees along private streets. The City has not instituted a tree planting program to date.

A motion to continue with the existing policy of no City tree planting program was made by Councilmember Dick Hrabko and seconded by Councilmember Alan Politte. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Councilmember Nancy Greenwood advised that the recycling program collection of September 8, 1990, was the most successful to date, with the 16 truckloads of recyclable materials collected. Councilmember Nancy Greenwood explained that the budget allocation may be exceeded due to the continued success of the recycling collection program. The Committee received this report as information.
8. Councilmember Jade Bute informed the Committee that one of the members resigned from the Public Works Citizen Advisory Group. Interested persons should contact their Councilmembers regarding a position on this Committee.
9. City Administrator Michael G. Herring reviewed the recycling committee's report which recommends including recycling collection as part of the City refuse collection contract to be awarded in April of 1991. Mr. Herring advised the Committee regarding the recent trend in the St. Louis metro area to provide residents with two collections per week, one for garbage and one for recyclables. Mr. Herring commented that if recent contract costs in other municipalities hold for Chesterfield, this type of refuse collection program should result in significant savings to residents, while addressing the need for recycling. The City of Richmond Heights, City of Des Peres, City of Crestwood, and City of Maryland Heights are looking to implement recycling collection programs. The Committee directed the City Administrator to finalize the refuse collection specifications, including the recycling recommendations. Mr. Herring noted that the Committee will approve the refuse collection bid specifications prior to going out for bid. Councilmember Dick Hrabko requested the City address recycling collection in the spring newsletter as part of the citizen education on this matter, along with the efforts of the recycling committee to help assure City wide acceptance of the program. Councilmember Nancy Greenwood noted this program would not be mandatory. Mr. Herring asked the Committee to give thought to which days garbage should be collected and which days recyclable should be collected.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 1990, at 7:30 a.m.

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