



Parks & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes March 14, 2015

Minutes taken by Kimberly Cameron

Attendees: Michele Keesal Guy Tilman Tricia Whelan Mike Whelan John Nations
 Kimberly Cameron Allison Harris Cindy Lau Alan Politte Darcy Capstick
 John Gruender

Council Liaison: Mike Casey

Welcome New member: Allison Harris, went around the room to reintroduce

Staff: Kari Johnson

Meeting began at 8:30am

Review of minutes

Darcy's name is misspelled, typo with the spelling of Howell Island.

Darcy made a motion to approve with corrections, 2nd from Trisha - Approved.

Amphitheater Update - Update for Kari

Concert & movie series dates are set

- Dive in movie theatre at aquatic center (cardboard boat building competition)
- Budweiser BBQ Series, 4 part series) April 10th & 11th
 - Event moved from Town & Country to Chesterfield for a larger space.
- Blues Week was cancelled, so BBQ Series is a nice replacement, includes bands, etc.
- Vintage Market Days, April 24th - 26th
(3 day event, coincides with Earth Day on that Saturday 4/25)
- 90 vendors "up cycling"
- takes place at the Mall

Orchestra Series

- 4 part series (May/June)

Grand Opening for Rivers Edge

March 25th at 4pm, ribbon cutting

April 11th, 11am - 2pm (activities day, anticipate 200 attendees)

- Light refreshments to first 100 people Mike offered an update
- MO Dept of Conservation (Malcolm Royce)
 - Outreach program to expose kids and adults to fishing
 - Bulk of the fishing will be reserved for Fishing Derby on May 9th
- Mike mentioned they could really use a lot of volunteers
- Start time is 9am, 6 volunteers would be ideal

Kari mentioned there will also be water activities like paddle boarding, Kayaking and Canoeing

- lining up classes that can be taken at Rivers Edge
- Park will help to develop outdoor activities

Athletic Complex Update

Over 1M came thru the complex in 2014 (Projections show an increase to 1.2M in 2015)

- Liz Hickox, Recreation Manager of the Complex, is expanding multi-use fields College ID Program (for soccer) Girls soccer, etc.

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Update from Trisha

Spreadsheet has been updated to match the 2015 spring guide. Priority is the earlier events to make sure we have volunteer covered

River's Edge Opening Event April 11th (no Meeting that day)

- Volunteer arrival time of 10am
- Hand out food, guide down the paths, Do's/Don'ts, Fishing assistance

Darcy mentioned the environmental committee will be there planting trees

- Scouts are welcome

Kari said the Gazebo is there, dock construction is coming. Hopeful it will be there by grand opening event (in the hands of the county)

- Bathrooms during event will be Port-a-Potty

Park Reviews

Cindy visited Central Park on March 7th (gorgeous day). 70 cars in the parking lot

- Dog Park is packed

Guy went through Rivers Edge

- He saw a Golden Eagle and Bald Eagle (Golden on the trail, Bald on the river side)
- Gravel was spongy, hoping for dry weather to harden that up
- 10 people there during his visit

Staff Report - Kari

1) Construction Update

Athletic Complex

- Sidewalks additions in progress at D Quad
- 5 new planter beds (D & E Quad), brick Turf blankets on Multi Purpose fields, at toughest so hit areas

Central Park

- working on brick and limestone at s entrance (in house)

Eberwein Dog Park

- added a 2nd entrance, same code
- blocking off a section, sod, establish grass and re-open Community Garden is full again with a wait list

B Concession Stand

- Renovated, window facing the parking lot entrance of the lot (3 windows)
- Added storage unit and refrigerator to be fully stocking

2) Program Update

Staff is working super hard on bids, quotes, developing outdoor rec plan. Becky Dooley is developing Senior Citizen Program (55+)

- Working with retirement communities and YMCA
- Walking Club (starting mid April), 8am on Wed at Rivers Edge, 6 week program
- Appointed person/rep from the city to guide the walk, Discuss health and wellness

Darcy pointed out there is a senior on the Environmental Committee. They are bringing busses of people to Earth Day, good idea to consider a Senior on this committee

Pickle Ball for Seniors

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Michelle asked about re-accreditation for CAPRA

Kari said that will be going on this year. She is in the process of reviewing the changes to compile a list of things that are needed.

There will be a site visit in the spring

Many changes since 5 years ago (amphitheater, Rivers Edge, Dog Park, etc).

This committee will play a part in assisting with CAPRA reaccreditation process.

Lori mentioned park review forms are part of CAPRA reaccreditation, so fill them out and send them to Tom

2016 reaccreditation will be handed out during the National Conference held in St Louis, downtown

April Meeting date is Rivers edge Event, May Meeting date is Fishing Derby. NO MEETINGS IN APRIL OR MAY

June 13th Meeting conflicts with Komen Race for the Cure (meeting will NOT be changed)

Tom & Michelle will not be available for this meeting

Cindy wants to do a self evaluation an out next meeting. Are we meeting our objectives?

- add to future meeting agenda

Guy wanted to make sure reviewing agenda & key objectives in the June Meeting

- ADDING Key Objectives to this meeting's minutes for review prior to June Meeting

TOM, PLEASE ADD TO THE MINUTES.

Kimberly suggested reaching out to Friends of The Park for additional volunteers

- 300 on the FOP list, widens the pool of volunteers and involvement

Trisha is managing volunteers

Michelle suggested we get together for few minutes prior to April/May events at Rivers Edge to review the signup sheet

April 25th - Earth Day at. Chesterfield Mall (8:30a-3p)

- Central Court Mall and outside

- Parks Table will be inside the mall

- Carnival outside, located where old movie theatre used to be on the back side

Questions for Mr. Casey from Allan

- What's happening with Chesterfield Arts?

- They just overturned the veto, bringing on a new person and one person from the. Parks dept. to be promoted to The CA Administrator (or a similar title)

- Chesterfield Arts still exists, Mary Brown remains the President, would like to work together with Chesterfield.

- CA functionality is being taken in house

A question was asked "Will CA have its own committee or fold in P&R?" Details are still being worked out. Lori said we are now Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee

CA will continue with crafts, arts, etc.

Old Business

Darcy

- Earth Day, 3rd Earth & Science for young people, honored at 12pm at Central Mall court stage

- Natl. Wildlife Table

Republic Services Recycling has added to their list of what they recycle

John had a question about Veterans Honor Park, price for paver

- Lori mentioned there is a flyer at the front desk with pricing

Michelle would like to add Chesterfield Arts to June Agenda

Meeting adjourned at 9:33am

Next meeting June 13th