



PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Committee, Staff, Council, Guests

Present	Name	Ward	Position
	Jerry Duepner	I	Member
	Mary Klauke	I	Member
X	Laura Schellenberg	I	Member
X	Gary Stein	I	Member
X	Barbara Briggs	II	Chair
X	Charlie Foxman	II	Member
X	Shaul Ganel	II	Member
X	Eileen Sellers	II	Secretary
X	Ryan Harrison	III	Member
X	Mark Ivancic	III	Member "At Large"
	Alan Politte	III	Member
X	Kelli Unnerstall	III	Member
X	Kathy Wintermann	III	Member
	Brendan Block	IV	Member
	Robert Kilo	IV	Member
X	Jim Pisoni	IV	Vice Chair
X	Merrell Hansen	IV	Council Member
X	Gary Bodoor	IV	Council Member
	TW Dieckmann		Staff, Director

1. Approval of March 8, 2023, Meeting Results

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Briggs at 6:15 p.m. at the Chesterfield Community Center. The March 8 meeting results were approved.

2. Roll Call

All members introduced themselves.

3. Community Center Update

Director Dieckmann gave an update on the Community Center. He indicated that the center occasionally hosts special needs groups and hosts events, such as Bingo, which had several hundred people in attendance. They have held "Black light bingo" where they also offered free popcorn and soft drinks. It is somewhat ambiguous right now as to what will happen with the Community Center space and mall development. The most likely plan is that sometime in 2024, the Community Center will be told to vacate so city administration is looking at other available options in Chesterfield.

4. Central Park – continuation of Main Circle Drive

This project will be managed by Chesterfield Public Works. The contract started March 1, 2023. The

tentative finish date is end of April, 2023. The project is on schedule now but may need a short extension.

5. CVAC Infield Turf

The infield turf project is complete. A small groundbreaking ceremony will be held April 29, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

6. Eberwein Park trail project

The damn and concrete are complete. It has been too muddy to complete the site prep work. The tentative finish date is May 14, 2023 (Mother's Day).

7. Logan Park construction

The playground, restrooms, and pavilion have been installed. Electricity to these facilities is being installed. Curbing for parking will be completed next and the final stage is grading. The tentative completion date is May 31, 2023.

8. Sculpture on the Move update

"The Bird" was the sculpture selected by the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee. The sculpture selection will go before City Council for approval on Tuesday, April 18.

Note: The Kilo Family sculpture unveiling is tentatively scheduled for May 12.

9. Municipal planning grant: aquatic center

The official Municipal Parks Grant Proposal was received in January. The Parks Department has received 3 proposals back, which are currently in review:

- 1) Westport Pools
- 2) Capri Pools and Aquatics (partnering with Waters Edge Design)
- 3) Counsilman-Hunsaker & Associates

The primary scope of work for this effort consists of the following:

Kickoff, Assessment of current situation, Public outreach meetings, Marketing/demographic analysis, Feedback from public resulting in drawings that are put together (operation pro forma), and an Opinion on probable construction costs

Other Aquatic Center Notes: The park staff is used for much of the maintenance of the facility, although more specialized work is contracted out.

Pool Opening Day - Tentative May 27, dependent on hiring enough lifeguards (14 needed).

10. Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

The Parks department is applying for re-certification on our CAPRA accreditation. It is called a Trifecta when 3 or more city departments are accredited: So far, the Police Department and Public Works have been accredited. If Parks receives re-certification, Chesterfield will have the Trifecta. In the past, Kari from Parks handled CAPRA herself. Since this is a big job, it will now be handled by a team. Some areas that CAPRA assesses are Administration, Planning and Development, Finance, Facilities, Recreation, Marketing, Research, etc.

There are 12,000 Parks and Recreation organizations in the U.S., of which only 100 have been certified. Additionally, we are the only Parks & Rec agency in St. Louis and 1 of only 4 in Missouri.

11. New Business

- Attendance – Members must attend at least 50% of meetings. There are only a set number of slots for each ward so it is possible their slot may need to be filled by someone else.
- Monarch Trail extension – a question was asked about the extension. The City is in the process of acquiring the property with eminent domain.
- A question was asked about the Lake at Central Park showing algae bloom. Algae bloom is normal when temperatures rise. The Parks staff work to keep this under control.

12. Announcements

- Earth Day – April 29, 9-11am, free trees, wildflowers, compost – 5 members have volunteered

- Gardening for Wildlife – May 3. Focus on diversity of pollinators, especially Monarch butterflies
- Kite Flying – May 6

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.