

## Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 9, 2018

Minutes taken by Tricia Whelan

Attendees: Robert Kilo, Tricia Whelan, Alan Politte, Mary Monachella, Gary Stein, Laura Schellenberg, John Gruender  
Council Liaison: Mary Ann Mastorakos, Committee Chair: Mike Whelan, Staff Liaison: Tom McCarthy

Mike Whelan called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. when a quorum was obtained.

Approval of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 minutes.

The minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Tricia Whelan and a second by Mary Monachella with the following amendments:

Correct spelling of Laura Schellenberg  
Correct spelling of Mike Whelan  
Creative Arts Alliance  
Change from owe to own  
Change from Chamrock Run to Shamrock Run  
Rob Kilo was at the Meeting

Parks Master Plan update on Meetings

Tom McCarthy asked that we attend the community focus group meetings as we need a good turnout. The main meeting will be held in the Council Chambers. There will be clickers available on the power point so that the individuals can answer the questions. The more information we can gather from the residents the better the guidance for the Parks will be. Tom is working on the website regarding the Parks Master Plan. The consulting group has come and talked to the Parks staff. They will also contact the council and interview them.

Tom will have a PDF prepared and sent to the whole group. It has been sent to the Friends of the Park. We need to make sure it is open to residents only. It needs to be resident input.

Tom said that they are also reaching out to members of the swim team, dog park, garden group and also putting it in the City Newsletter. Posters will be prepared and Subdivision Trustees will be made aware of the survey. It will be an ongoing publicity push regarding the Master Plan and Survey.

St. Louis County Public Health Grant

Tom McCarthy stated that we have applied for a recycling grant and it will be 100% completely paid for. It will be for \$25,000.00. We pay for the stuff upfront. For 2018 this will be 24 recycle bins at the Athletic Complex only in the F Quad. These will be paid for 100% by St. Louis County. This will include signage, blue containers and some promotional material. People pay attention to these recycling bins and it is great for the environment. There will be a similar grant next year. Project #2 is an Earth Machine. This will be available for residents and allow them to have a composting kit and will be through the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment which is under the Parks Committee. There will be a bucket provided and it will be put in the kitchen. We will have 220 compost units available. They will sell for \$25.00 to \$30.00 apiece. Most likely \$25.00 a unit. This grant will cover all of the cost. There will be some sort of lottery to get one. The CCE is working with the schools to also get them to put them in the schools. We will hold a few back for the schools, probably 20 or less. We will have one here for ourselves and will keep one as a demo. They are pretty big. They are designed for residences. The schools can use it for Earth Day and for the pollinator gardens. Webster had done this previously. We need to educate on the concept of composting. We will find out if we get the grant in the next 4-6 weeks and give them out at the Recycle Day event in November, 2018. The residents own it. We will use the funds for future purchases of the units. We will have a wait list. The big one goes in the yard and we will recommend it be put in the back yard for aesthetics. The City pays for the grant upfront. We will then get reimbursed if we get approved. We will sell 200 at \$25.00 each for \$5,000.00 total, then we can buy more. The actual cost of these are \$43.00 apiece. The Turner is \$15.00 and the Bucket is \$4.00 apiece. All the items are \$25.00 to \$30.00.

The recycle units were put in at the Amphitheater. We had a huge increase: 721 lbs to 975 lbs at the Concert. We will need a bigger recycling Dumpster at the Amphitheater. We have 26 Trash cans and 26 recycle bins at the Amphitheater now. We will need to educate on the program at the Amphitheater. We will measure the trash/recycle amount three more times.

Tom McCarthy updated the committee on a recent food truck fire at the Amphitheater. It was due to a generator. The gas cap was taken off and the generator blew up. The other food trucks were moved quickly. The propane tank blew. It damaged the concrete and one person was burned. The concrete will be replaced. The food truck owner has a Go Fund Me account set up.

#### Volunteer Updates

Eileen Sellers is our new Volunteer Coordinator. We are looking for people to sign up and sit at the table and ask residents to take the survey. The survey will be at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. We will also have it at the Coco Movie and the Dogs of Society Concert. It will also be at the CVAC Tournament and the Family Fun Day.

#### Parks, Recreation and Arts Update

Tom updated the committee on recent updates to the Parks. The slide has been recoated. It looks brand new. It is a huge improvement. We contracted out that work. We are replacing all of the pavers at the Amphitheater. We have widened the area for concessions. There is an Eagle Scout named Charlie who is putting in a pollinator garden at the Parks Building. Bee condos. He was at Earth Day and also another Eagle Scout Project; GAGA pit. This is at the CVAC and is portable. This is an octagon with walls, like Dodge Ball in a closed ring, it is a new thing. They have done it with the Eagle Scouts. The Eagle Scouts paid for it as part of the project. The Parks Department will monitor the pollinator garden, working on a volunteer beautification committee as there is a lot of maintenance involved. University City had a Volunteer Beautification Project. Rob Kilo asked about the GAGA pit. It will be at D-5 at the CVAC. There is an issue with drainage and it is portable and can be moved. How are they getting the balls? They are working on a check out program for the balls. It might also go to Central Park at the Pool.

Mike Whelan asked about the Sand Volleyball signup leagues. They are a little slow. They have one league signed up and it started last week. It will grow. Courts are completed and getting the sand.

Tricia Whelan asked about the Art Piece; Saturdays Distraction. It has now been delivered and the piece will be put in the raised bed next to the flower garden at the CVAC.

#### Unfinished Business

Rob Kilo asked about our council liaison. Tom McCarthy stated that Mary Ann Mastorakos is our new Parks Advisory Committee Liaison.

#### New Business

We want to push the phone App out to people. Events should be on the app for some time after the event so it can be recalled or at least on the app the day of the event. This is a software programming issue.

This committee has three openings. Bill Dowdy has resigned from the committee and he is in Ward 4. We have two openings in Ward 2 as Cindy Lau has resigned. Mary Ann Mastorakos is now on council so her position is open in Ward 2. Tom handed out the updated Parks Committee list. The process is the applicant sends their letter, the council member looks at it and the Mayor sends an approval letter. There are also six openings on the Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment Committee.

The next Parks meeting will be July 14, 2018. Alan Politte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Whelan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.