



## Parks & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes June 11, 2016

Minutes taken by Kimberly Cameron

**Attendees:** Kimberly Cameron      Cindy Lau      Darcy Capstick      Eileen Sellers  
Tricia Whelan      Mike Whelan      Bill Dowdy      Laura Schellenberg

**NOTE:** Attendee list is not accurate. I didn't get the sheet for review after the meeting.

Meeting led by Mike Whelan, Staff liaison: Tom McCarthy

Visitors: Kelly Unnerstall, David Kaplan, Tom DeCampi - Ward IV, Guy Tilman - Ward II, Ganesh Krishnamurthy - Ward IV

Parks and Rec Meeting 6-11-2016 Starts at 8:18am

1. Approval of Minutes as written  
Darcy made a motion to approve

**Guest speaker** - Garnish Krishnamurthy representing a group of people in the community who play Cricket. He would like to find a place to play Cricket in the Community. Grass field is not an option, as they need to bounce the ball...need turf or concrete pad with carpet on top.

Asian American community in Chesterfield who want to play the game, more than 150 kids playing. American Cricket Academy.

Neighboring cities (O'fallon and Ballwin) have space. 10' X 100'. They need multiple fields, but interested in 1 field to start.

Giridhar Sriperumbudoor "Gary" also spoke. They teach leadership and community values when teaching kids Cricket. Traveling all over the country to play Cricket, nothing in Chesterfield. Widely recognized by ICC (International Cricket Council).

Darcy mentioned she read an informative article about Cricket in The Post Dispatch recently. Very complimentary. Tom mentioned he met with Ganish yesterday to stay this discussion  
Bill asked if there was space in Railroad Park.  
Darcy asked if Tom needs a formal motion from the committee. Tom said we need further discussion.

Season for Cricket is mid-March through September  
Field is the size of 2 soccer fields. Surface is clay, is 12' X 100' and covered by carpet with grass surrounding (vision needs 3-4 pitches aka Fields)

The surface is critical for playing. Darcy would like to open up a brainstorming session. Tom will continue talking with Ganish.

David Kaplan - Update on Green Trails Park & Riverbend Park improvements. He spoke with PTO, ready to commit money, but need to vote to determine how much. There was a question on how much the city in the past has contributed to playground improvements. David also requested information on how to become a member on the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee and, more specifically, if he could fill the vacant position in Ward 1.

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Darcy mentioned Green Trails is also a partner in a native habitat garden.

Tom met with Green Trails on 6/9, including the principal. Concerns with entrapment and outdated. Discussed general ideas for the playground.

Restroom is the big need with pavilion (review April minutes for budget examples)

- possibly splitting costs at \$175K each
- Pavilion use for weekends and ideal use for school scouts, programs, summer camps, etc.

Guy – We lack parks in residential neighborhoods - Ward I and Ward II, limited parks in Ward IV. So, should we have a comprehensive plan in residential neighborhoods? We need a plan for revenue stream to develop the plan.

Darcy may need a model to develop the plan.

Kari said the comprehensive evaluation is in 2017 (occurs every 15 years).

Cindy mentioned this opportunity at Green Trails Park can serve as an example for moving forward. Tom said he will present this to the Council and update after

1. Volunteer sign up  
Darcy asked if we have actively tapped into Friends of Parks for volunteers. The answer is NO. Tom wants make sure those who are know what's going on.  
Work the list and develop into more

#### **Get Active Program**

June 21st is International **Yoga Day**

River Walk Club

- keep seniors active

Pickle ball

- 2 courts, growing sport for Seniors

Paddle Boarding (flyer needs to show cost)

- Saturday & Sunday at River's Edge

Field Usage YTD (March - May)

2015 6,692 hours of use

2016 6,993 hours of use

Maccabi Games - Jewish Olympics for kids, use the fields for an entire week

Concession sales are up

Revenue is up (and that includes 3 weekends of rain outs). Usage is 7 days a week, March - November

Entertainment Plaza in F Quad - Construction is almost complete, TV in place, etc.

CAPRA Update - another standard has been added, takes a year to comply

- renewal will be pushed off to June 2017

#### **Tom's update**

- Raised beds in place, nice look to the CVAC
- Fountain at Dierbergs Park has leaks and is being repaired
- Veterans Honors Park had ground breaking a few weeks ago
- New Community Garden, all plots are full
- Riparian Trail - repairs finished, sod in place
- Eagle Scout Project, added a bat box on the barn, did a program to build bat boxes
- 4 bat boxes added at River's Edge

Repair work at Amphitheater steps (bottom/right set of steps)

Eberwein - Removed honeysuckle and adding plants, boardwalk along a portion of the pond.

#### **Program Updates**

App is being improved

Chesterfield Amphitheater website has been updated

Tonight, Art Invasion Concert

Macy's Partnership

Senior Day 11-4 6/24

#### **Old Business**

Darcy - Earth Day was a success. Quarterly newsletter

350 bags

National Pollinators Week is 6/20

- presentation

Invasive Bush honeysuckle war [10/22](#)

Commented [TM1]:

- Regional opportunity, expanding awareness by using bio-diversity botanical garden IVH Brochure  
Help join Mindy with her efforts to plant trees, make it a presentation for added exposure  
11/5 - Recycling day

Ribbon Cutting for Boone Bridge extension, opened 6/9

- 6/18 at 9am

Field Trip to Railroad Park at next meeting (we will have meeting there).

- tour park with meeting after

Next Meeting July 9th

Adjourn at 9:49am