

Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Results

Wednesday July 13th, 2022 at 6:15 PM.

Present

Ward Name

I – Jerry Duepner

I – Mary Klauke

II - Barbara Briggs

II – Eileen Sellers

III - Kathy Wintermann

III – Kelli Unnerstall

IV – Jim Pisoni

IV – Rob Kilo

IV – Brendan Block

Tom McCarthy – Parks Recreation & Arts Director

Gary Budoor – Chesterfield City Council

Merrell Hansen – Chesterfield City Council

Mary Ann Mastorakos – Chesterfield City Council

Shaul Ganel - Guest.

1. Approval of February 9th, 2022 Meeting Results – Meeting was called to order by Barbara Briggs at 6:15. Minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

2. Tour of the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Facility – Tom led a tour of the Aquatic Facility that included the front desk, locker rooms, pool area, office space, equipment room, and concession area. The large slide and lazy river were closed due to a pump that was out of service.

3. Municipal Pool Planning Grant – Tom advised that the useful life of the Aquatic Facility is nearing the end due to rising maintenance costs and becoming outdated. Discussion was held regarding submission of a planning grant to study future options for the Chesterfield Aquatic Facility. If approved, the grant would provide up to \$10,000 and require a 20% match from the city. This could include engaging consultants for preparation of a master plan, public surveys, current trend analysis and resident feedback. Tom is gathering data regarding pool income, expenses and usage. A motion was made to recommend pursuing the grant to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of City Council. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Central Park Municipal Grant – Tom advised that a new Central Park grant request has been postponed since Chesterfield has two open grants at this time (Logan Park Phase 1 and Phase 2). Only two grants can be open at a time.

5. Youth Cricket Program – Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of an Introductory Cricket Program for youths. This would involve volunteer coaches to teach basic skills. A Cricket tournament was recently held on baseballs fields at CVAC which went well. The possible placement of new Cricket fields on the east side of CVAC was also discussed. A motion was made to pursue a youth Cricket program further and it passed unanimously.

6. Pickleball Update – Tom advised that City Council voted to postpone discussion regarding the location of new Pickleball courts for one year.

7. Parks, Recreation and Arts updates –

a. The city is waiting for final approval from MSD before proceeding with Phase 1 construction at Logan Park. This should be completed by year end.

b. Construction of the new Park Circle Drive extension in Central Park will begin shortly.

c. Construction for the Riparian Trail Phase II extension is under way and should be done by late July. Rob Kilo noted that there are changes from the original plan at the beginning of the extension. A large water collection basin was placed where a butterfly sculpture donated by his family was going to be located. A nearby location will need to be determined.

d. The two Container Bars at Chesterfield Amphitheatre Entertainment Plaza have arrived and should be ready for service by year end.

e. City Council has approved the installation of synthetic infields for the remaining 12 ballfields at CVAC. Installation should be complete by March, 2023. The four fields on the F Quad are already synthetic. CVAC has reached an agreement with Perfect Game to host tournaments.

f. The art sculpture Sun to Moon which replaced Popsicles will be installed in Central Park.

8. Unfinished Business – \$250 has been donated to Don Collins Memorial fund for purchase of a paver. Barbara Briggs suggested adding a 'Parking Lot' to the agenda for items that warrant further discussion at future meetings.

9. New Business – Rob Kilo noted that interested members of this committee can submit a request to qualify their home as a Certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Tom will send a link with the requirements. Committee members should tell Tom if they do not want their home address, phone number or email listed on the roster, which is posted on the Chesterfield City website. Discussion was held regarding the possible establishment of a Volunteer Branch of this committee. This would be a way for citizens who cannot commit to attending meetings to maintain involvement with the Parks, Recreation and Arts department. Barbara Briggs suggested have a social event in lieu of a meeting that is going to be canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next scheduled meeting is August 10th.