



PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Committee, Staff, Council, Guests

Present	Name	Ward	Position
X	Jerry Duepner	I	Member
X	Mary Klauke	I	Member
X	Laura Schellenberg	I	Member
	Gary Stein	I	Member
	Barbara Briggs	II	Chair
X	Charlie Foxman	II	Member
X	Shaul Ganel	II	Member
X	Eileen Sellers	II	Secretary
	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
	Gary Budoor	IV	Council Member
	Merrell Hansen	IV	Council Member
X	Robert Kilo	IV	Member
X	Jim Pisoni	IV	Vice Chair
X	Meera Vasudevamurthy	IV	Member
X	TW Dieckmann		Staff, Director
X	David Fisher	I	Guest

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Jim Pisoni at 6:16 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Members and guests introduced themselves. A guest, David Fisher (Ward I), was present.
3. **MEETING RESULTS APPROVAL:**
It was noted that the April 12 meetings results are to be amended to indicate that Kelli Unnerstall is in Ward IV, not Ward III. The change to minutes was noted and minutes were approved.
4. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**
 - a. **Ash Trees:** All ash trees on public property have been removed as of June 2023. Emerald Ash Borer decimated Missouri's ash tree population. It is more cost effective to remove trees.
 - b. **Archery Range:** A survey is in progress to install an Archery Range that will be located near the Chesterfield police shooting range. The work to be done is as follows: Re-create the shooting range berm, since it has deteriorated over the years. Build approximately ten 20-yard targets, and some 30-, 40-, 50-, and 60-yard targets. Pour a concrete area where users can draw bows.

The setup will look like the Busch Wildlife Archery Range. Chesterfield's Archery Range will be free, and visitors must bring their own bows/arrows. Signup will likely be required, and the range will not be staffed. Hours will be different for the shooting and archery range.

- c. **Central Park:** The continuation of Main Circle Drive was completed in May. People are already parking along the drive. We had discussion around the work items that Tom shared with us back in October/November. Since the committee would like to understand more about what happened to that list of work to be done, TW will check on this and report back.
- d. **CVAC infield turf:** The new infield turf was completed in April and looks great. Mats are used on the mounds to reduce wear and tear. Games were able to be played the next day after a rainstorm the night before.
- e. **Eberwein Park trail and dam:** Work at Eberwein Park on the trail and dam was completed in June. The trail is very nice, and erosion is no longer a problem. Dam leaks were repaired. There are no other phases of work to be done. A small reopening ceremony to commemorate the new trail drew 50+ people.
- f. **Logan Park:** Construction at Logan Park was completed in June. It has a playground, restroom, pavilion, 2 pickleball courts, and parking. More trees will be planted along Schoettler over time.
- g. **Monarch Grove:** Monarch Grove, commemorated to June Kilo, was completed in May. There are 4 butterfly gardens, natural stone path with boulders, native pollinators and trees. Opened May 12th with speakers Mayor Bob Nation, Pastor Thomas Molini's blessing, and the Kilo family. Located near Central Park at the west end of the Chesterfield Family YMCA property. It also includes a 9' sculpture, entitled Monarch's Heavenly Journey, and two red custom designed benches, commissioned by the Kilo family.
- h. **Riparian Trail:** Repairs on Riparian Trail were completed in April.
- i. **Sculpture on the Move:** The visiting sculpture ("The Bird") was installed in June. If driving on Baxter, as you make a left to head towards Central Park, you can see the sculpture.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center:** The MUNI aquatic grant for the Aquatic Center study is in progress. An online survey of residents was completed early August. There was a public meeting July 18 where we received public feedback. Data is now being compiled for analysis. The pool has been very busy this summer.
- b. **Memorial for deceased PRACAC Member:** A Veteran's Honor Park paver was purchased in honor of previous PRACAC member, Don Collins. A previous PRACAC member served/volunteered for many years and passed away while still a member. PRACAC raised funds for a paver in Veterans Honor Park, as he was a veteran that gave his entire salary to support his fellow veterans. Once the paver is ready for installation, Rob Kilo volunteered to send notification about a dedication.
- c. **Earth Day:** Earth Day was held April 19. It was successful, but turnout continues to decline. Staff is looking into how to adapt and reformat future events. Free compost, plants and trees were the most popular among attendees.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **MUNI grant RD24 application - Miracle Field renovation:** Miracle Field was installed in 2006, and the playing surface is showing wear. The nearby playground, for 5–12-year-olds, is past its useful life. The new vision is to renovate the surface, replace the scoreboard, and replace the playground with a universal playground, which provides ADA-wheel chair access. The cost for this work is around \$575,000. Most would be funded by a MUNI grant. Parks department will apply for a grant, and expect to hear a determination on the award in October. If successful, work could be budgeted for 2024.
- b. **June** was National Monarch month, including a proclamation for the Kilo family June 19.

- c. **July** was National Parks and Recreation Month, including a proclamation from the Mayor.
- d. **Mall Redevelopment:** The Staenberg Group (TSG) has proposed a dedicated arts area in the development concept. TSG may also donate three acres along Chesterfield Parkway for public recreational use. One possible use may be pickleball courts, with parking and restrooms.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 11, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.