



Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Results

Wednesday November 9th, 2022 at 6:15 PM.



Present

Ward Name

I – Jerry Duepner

I – Mary Klauke

I – Laura Schellenberg

I – Gary Stein

II - Barbara Briggs

II – Eileen Sellers

II – Shaul Ganel

III – Ryan Harrison

III – Mark Ivancic

IV – Jim Pisoni

Tom McCarthy – Parks Recreation & Arts Director

Gary Budoor – Chesterfield City Council

Mary Ann Mastorakos – Chesterfield City Council

1. Approval of October 12th, 2022 Meeting Results – Meeting was called to order by Barbara Briggs at 6:15 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

2. Fall Festival Review – Director McCarthy requested feedback from anyone on the committee who attended the event. It was noted that very high winds throughout day forced several vendors to leave early and other activities to cancel or relocate to a different area. Other suggestions including putting the Parks table in a more central area for better visibility; locating the vendor booths closer together in a village-like setting; sending notification of next year’s event to neighborhood trustees so they publicize within their communities.

3. Central Park Planning – Director McCarthy led a discussion prioritizing items to move forward with Central Park Improvements per the Master Plan. It was agreed that certain infrastructure related items are needed before other cosmetic items can be added, and the park should remain open/usable as much as possible while improvements are being made. After much discussion, a motion was made to prioritize as follows which would be considered Phase 1:

a. Plan development and construction documents

- b. Grading and preparing the site for improvements. This includes removing the asphalt between The Awakening sculpture and the main five-acre field to bring the green space together. Site removals, sewer and electrical updates are included as well.
- c. Growing grass in the main field and installing irrigation.
- d. Install BMP's for water retention.
- e. Install synthetic turf to the Entertainment Plaza area in front of the Amphitheatre.

The motion was discussed and passed unanimously. It was noted that City Council will need to approve funding before improvements can begin. Phase 2 items can take place at a later date per the Central Parks Master Plan.

4. Parks, Recreation and Arts updates –

- a. Logan Park – Playground equipment is in place but the surface still needs to be installed. The pavilion was placed and grading is in process.
- b. Central Park - Construction of the new Park Circle Drive extension will begin in early 2023.
- c. Riparian Trail – The Phase II extension is complete. St. Louis County is scheduled to turn on the traffic signals along Wildhorse Creek Road during the week of 11/14. This will activate the crosswalk and officially open the entire trail.
- d. CVAC Baseball and Softball fields – Synthetic infield turf is being installed and on schedule to be complete by March 2023.
- e. Community Center – Veterans' event is scheduled for November 10th.
- f. Eberwein Park – New sidewalks have been installed and the dam is being rebuilt.

5. Unfinished Business – A planning grant application is being prepared to assist with the process for potential replacement of the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center in Central Park. The process will be similar to the overall planning grant process we did for the Central Park Planning Grant. There will be the two required open house city engagement meetings for input and local involvement. The consultants will also engage user groups such as the swim team, water walkers and other recreational pool users along with citizen input at the pool on several days during the season. The potential grant amount total can be up to \$10,000. The grant through the Muni Parks Grant Commission will match up to 80% of the grant and the City will match with 20% of the total grant. Everyone was in favor of moving the grant application request on to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council.

6. New Business – Please submit nominations for Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee officers to Director McCarthy by the end of December. Positions are Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Voting will take place during the first meeting of 2023. Chesterfield holiday events are scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd. Requests for volunteers will be sent if needed.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is December 14th.