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When: Oct 3, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Clayton Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

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**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton
Zoom**

----- Agenda Topics -----		
Topic		Notes
1. Approval of Minutes	Eric Schneider	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Eric Schneider	
3. Shaw Park Commons Project – Concept Planning	Hastings + Chivetta SWT Design	
4. Director’s Report	Toni Siering	
5. Old Business/New Business	Eric Schneider	

Attachments:

Minutes – September 12, 2022

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022

Clayton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 12
Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Ben Beinfeld, Karen Berry Elbert, Susan Buse, Jim Craig., Matt Durham, Daniel Henke-Cilenti, Bridget McAndrew, Missy McCormick. Gary Pierson & Eric Schneider.

Members Absent: No absences

Staff Present: Valerie Egel, Karen Herbig, Lori Rice, Toni Siering, Denise Ucinski & Justin Whipple

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the June Commission meeting were approved.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Oak Knoll North Pavilion Design:

Mr. Justin Whipple reviewed the proposed design for the Oak Knoll North Pavilion with the Commission. The pavilion will be positioned where the Oak Knoll Picnic Site is currently located. A picture of the design showed the style and slate roof. The roof will match the slate roof that is on the new Nussbaum Pavilion, located next to the Oak Knoll Pond. Choosing an octagon shape for the pavilion went with the current size and shape of the area. The pillars will be a redwood color. Ms. Toni Siering noted that funds for this project will come out of the FY23 Capital Budget. This project was able to be moved up because of need and lower cost in comparison to larger projects. The fabricated pavilion will be ordered in October. The lead time to receive it is approximately six months. The goal is to have it open around May of 2023

Dog Park Signage:

Ms. Siering stated that donor bricks were purchased when the former dog park was originally opened. Those bricks no longer exist, and a decision was made previously not to replace them. A new dog park sign will list the names of the original donors. Ms. Bridget McAndrew asked if MSD would pay for the sign. Ms. Siering stated that MSD was instructed by the City to destroy the bricks so they will not be funding any new signage.

The Commission had a brief discussion about the new dog park. Ms. Valerie Egel stated that the previous dog park had about 200 dogs before its closure. As of today, there are 195 dogs, and the number continues to grow. Mr. Daniel Henke-Cilenti mentioned that there are a lot of commercial dog parks opening around the St. Louis area. He asked if the Parks and Recreation Department had a goal or standard for the park moving forward. Ms. Siering said this is something they will track, set a goal for, and provide the Commission with an update in October. Further, events have been held at the dog park, which have increased interest in the park.

Commons Update:

Ms. Siering stated that the contractor has laid the conduit to move electric, fencing is up around construction site and switchover work is happening. SM Wilson is working with our IT Department to move a fiber that controls the electric to many facilities surrounding the park including the police building. Demolition is scheduled to begin in early October, and the ice rink building should be fully

demolished by the end of October. The last part of the project is to repave the road. A bid alternate has been submitted to repave the road behind the rink as well.

On August 23, 2022, the BOA approved CCF to enter into an agreement with three firms (architect, landscape architect and recreation consultant) to review the scope for the Commons project. The cost was funded by several donors. If things are not solidified, there will be a discussion about what will happen with the former rink in the future. The Parks and Recreation and Bike Pedestrian Master Plan will begin in January of 2023. The same firm selected last year will conduct the Mater Plan.

Director's Report:

The Shaw Park Aquatic Center closed on Labor Day. September events included the It's a Dog Pawty, Shred Day, Bingo Night, and the Clayton Jazz Festival. Youth sports are off to a great start; soccer games started last weekend and volleyball has begun at the Center of Clayton. Enrollment for most youth sports programs is returning to pre-covid numbers. The Tennis Center is still open for the season. Day fees are applicable through the end of September. Reserving courts through the online app are going very well. There are now a total of four temporary pickle ball courts and people seem very happy with the additional two courts. Ms. Karen Berry Elbert heard that some people are staying on the courts for a very long time and asked if the City could put up some signage asking people to limit usage. Ms. Siering said they will ask other cities who have courts and make signage in the same spirit as other cities. Mr. Henke-Cilenti stated that he did not understand why the City could not fund the ice rink project. Ms. McAndrew provided him with an explanation of the City's budget and noted that the City is land-locked, so available property at a reasonable price is harder to obtain. Larger cities such as Wentzville and Chesterfield are growing by leaps and bounds because they have a lot of the land and a tax base from big box stores. Ms. Buse noted that there will be a lot more information about the project before the end of the year.

Old Business / New Business:

Ms. Siering told the Commission that parks staff put up new signs in Shaw Park that say Personal Trainers and Boot Camp Groups are not permitted without a contract. There have been some issues with one-on-one training and an early morning boot camp class. Sports and camps will provide a report to the commission in October or November.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski



Recreation & Event Calendar

October 2022

Fall Scavenger Hunt

October 1 - 14

Children ages 12 and under - Take a photo with at least five of our displays throughout Clayton Parks and receive a prize! Prizes may be claimed at the Center of Clayton.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 14, 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Shortages of all blood types continue to happen, so consider giving blood at the Department of Parks and Recreation Blood Drive.

Blues Home Opener Lunch

Friday, October 14, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Celebrate the Blues Home Opener with free lunch, music, giveaways, raffle prizes, a photo booth and more in front of the Clayton Fire Station.

Party in the Patch

Friday, October 14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Children can get into costume and celebrate the fall season in Shaw Park with candy hunt, hayrides, inflatables, crafts, games, and activities. The Parks and Recreation departments of Clayton and Brentwood have teamed up for this fun-filled fall evening. Advanced registration is recommended.

Chapman Plaza Concert Series

Thursday, October 27, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Bring blankets, lawn chairs and snacks to enjoy with live music at the falls and gardens of Chapman Plaza. The event is sponsored by Barry-Wehmiller and the Clayton Community Foundation.