



**PARKS, RECREATION, AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Amanda Darnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Cultural Arts Centre.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Madaline Barteau, Amanda Darnell, Mike Delehaunty, Debbie Knoble, Andrew Maxey, Ray Meurer, Mike Ring, John Shetterly

Members Absent: Louis Launer, Terry Lesinski, Tom Russo

Ex Officios: Alderman Barclay, Alderman Reitmeyer, Alderman Townsend, Alderman Trupiano, Dan Emrick, Shane Kelly, Jill Tutt

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 16, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION

Cultural Arts Leader Jill Tutt gave a presentation on the sculptures outside of the Arts Centre and proposals to renovate or replace. Information was given on each of the seven sculptures with three options.

Option 1: Renovate current sculptures at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Option 2: Replace existing sculptures with new sculptures at an estimated cost of \$8,500 each.

Option 3: Renovate some sculptures while replacing others.

Mike Ring had made the suggestion of reaching out to the previous artists about possible new sculptures.

Alderman Barclay requested that a sculpture representing the theater be considered.

Mike Ring moved to make a motion to recommend the City renovate the current sculptures and replace over time. Madaline Barteau seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager's Report

Rec-Plex: Rec-Plex renovations continue as we modernize the facility.

- Upper level restroom renovation scheduled to be completed by late August.
- Two new drinking fountains with bottle fillers have been installed.
- Installing north ice rink show lighting.
- The Rec-Plex now has just under 3,200 memberships including 600 SilverSneaker, Renew Active, and Silver & Fit memberships.

Outdoor Pools: Outdoor pool passes total 462 so far this year compared to 369 last year.

Cultural Arts Centre: Kitchenette, art room, and restroom renovations starting next month.

- Kitchenette: will receive new paint and appliances.
- Art Room: updates will include adding additional storage .

Golf Club: Golf continues to have an upward trend. Recently did 285 rounds on a Friday.

GRG: Three segments in design or going to a consultant.

- Segment from Mexico Road to St. Peters Golf Club has a completed design and plans are being finalized. County and GRG paying for the estimated 8-9 million dollar project with grant assistance. Expected to be going out to bid by late 2023, early 2024 and construction in late 2024 or early 2025.
- Pitman Hill segment connecting the Katy Trail to Legacy Park in Cottleville. GRG is still collecting input from nearby businesses and residents.
- Centennial Trail (Betterment Trail) which connects McClay Road to Mexico Road has received funding from GRG to hire a consultant to put a design to enhance the trail. Improvements will include widening trails, bridges, etc.

Blueway: St. Charles County is planning 8 total stops along the Dardenne Creek Blueway Trail between the Mississippi River and Dardenne Prairie. St. Peters will have a total of three stops, with four total launch points including:

- Lakeside Park along Sanford Creek (Complete)
- Lakeside Park along Dardenne Creek (In-Progress)
- Lone Wolff Park (Complete)
- Woodlands Sports Park (Planning Stages)

Mike Delehaunty expressed a concern about how emergency services would access the Dardenne Creek in certain areas due to the steep slopes in certain areas. Dan explained that the County was setting up markers along the creek and that EMS is equipped to handle the terrain along the blueway.

Parks:

- Olde Towne Pavilion A is nearly complete. Just a few last minute details before it's planned to reopen with it's first rental on September 2nd. Lion's Club has made new signage for the pavilion. It will have 12 picnic tables include 3 of which are ADA.
- Work on the four pickleball and one tennis court at Covenant Park is starting with the contractor estimating 30-60 days for completion.

Alderman Barclay requested the reason for a portable restroom at Rabbit Run. Dan explained that it's there for joggers who use the park that need to access restroom facilities before the pavilion restroom is opened by the Parks department at 8:00 a.m. The portable restroom will be removed when auto-locks are installed.

Lakeside:

- Working on a boat dock expansion which will make accessing certain water craft easier than the current beach access.
- Adding a separate building near the lake for renting bikes and watercraft. Building will also have supplies for sale including beverages and ice.
- Small shade structures are being added around the marina.
- Parking lot near the corporate pavilion was expanded which has been beneficial to sunset concerts and resident bookings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

FOCUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts Focus Committee

Alderman Barclay gave the following report:

- The Cultural Arts Centre has been awarded a \$26,904 grant from the Missouri Arts Council for FY2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) programming. This is an increase over last year's grant by \$4,606. Since 1995, the Cultural Arts Centre has been receiving grants from the Missouri Arts Council. This grant provides operating funding to community arts agencies outside the cities of St. Louis and Kansas City with multidisciplinary arts programs.
- Congratulations to Carolyn Schlueter. Her photography piece titled "Windblown" won The Four Elements, People's Choice Award.
- Art work receiving begins on Monday for the next art show titled "Abstract." This show opens August 3rd with a reception, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and runs through September 10th.
- Next bus tour is July 28th to explore the sites of historic Alton, IL.
- We have added a bus tour in August to spend the evening at Missouri Botanical Garden viewing the breathtaking sculptures of world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly in a stunning exhibition uniting art and nature. Thousands of pieces of blown glass forms in 20 dramatic installations throughout the Garden's grounds present these artworks on a grand scale. This evening event will include special lighting of the Chihuly Sculptures, live music and special activities. This tour is Thursday, August 24th and registration is open.

Golf Focus Committee

- John Shetterly discussed that the group held a meeting on June 27th. Pat Aubuchon went over golf updates including the work being done on the tee boxes, bridge work. Focus Group stated the golf employees are doing a great job of keeping the course in great shape.
- Alderman Townsend asked if there was a concern with the golf course hosting too many leagues and tournaments and if it has an impact on residents wanting open play. John explained most of the tournaments are on weekends. Alderman Barclay also brought up that residents can book their tee time online to avoid any confusion on when open play is available.

Historical Focus Committee

- Alderman Townsend read a letter from focus group member Louis Launer who was unable to attend the board meeting. The group is currently working with the Missouri Writers Guild to develop a website and brochure on the history of St. Peters. Alderman Townsend showed an example of the brochure and the many historic locations along Main Street. Brochure will have a small section of information regarding a particular historic building with a QR code to allow those interested to find out more information.
- Alderman Townsend requested \$375 be approved for the brochures publication as well as the purchase of display stands that they can place at locations along Main Street.
- Mike Ring moved to make a motion for the \$375.00 expense and was seconded by John Shetterly.
- Alderman Townsend discussed her work with the City Clerk to transfer historic items to the Historical Focus Committee’s possession.
- Smokehouse is still on schedule to be moved this October/November.

Sustainability Focus Committee

- Debbie Knoble stated the group held their first meeting on July 18th at 5:00 p.m.
- Held a discussion on what other nearby cities are doing for sustainability. Plan to setup further meetings to discuss the topic.
- Debbie also mentioned upcoming Growing Missouri Native Plants event at the Spencer Creek Library on July 20th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. You can sign up for the event through the libraries website.
- Alderman Sartorius had previously mentioned the idea of setting up a tour at the University of Missouri Extension St. Charles County. Debbie Knoble mentioned it may be worth having our next PRAB meeting at the location. Will be considered for the September meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

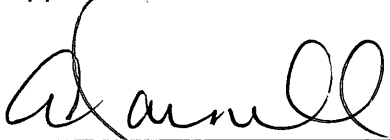
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the University of Missouri Extension St. Charles County located at 260 Brown Road, St. Peters, MO 63376.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:



Chairperson

Volunteer Hours		
Name	Additional Hours	Total Hours
Madaline Barteau	4	185
Amanda Darnell	2	475
Mike Delehaunty	2	360
Debbie Knoble	5	11
Louis Launer	5	108
Terry Lesinski	-	11
Andrew Maxey	3	33
Ray Meurer	2	206
Mike Ring	2	30
Tom Russo	-	17
John Shetterly	4	105

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
 Shane Kelly
 City of St. Peters
 Parks & Recreation Services