

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park

Meeting Minutes Draft 1.0

Wednesday July 11th, 2018 Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons-Becky Fast, Council Liaison, Emily Hage, Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele, Kathleen Whitworth, Laura Yankoviz

Guests- Jose Leon Public Works Director, Tom Madigan, Council, Jennifer Jones Lacey, Finance Director

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

- 2018 available funds for Parks Committee
Beginning balance \$1219.45
Minus Spring Fling expense \$161.62
Minus Wrapped canvases for tree honorees \$112.83
Total Funds Available for expenditure-\$ 945.00

Citizen Voices

- A question was submitted asking why the butterfly garden was removed from the Community Center. Parks discussed and felt that the new landscaping was more appropriate to the building. It was suggested that the renovation of the Nall Park rain garden would provide opportunities for wildlife & nature photographers in the future.
- A concern was received regarding weeds within the R Park walking trail. Public Works reported that they are proactive in addressing weed spraying on the trail and typically spray twice a month, however, weeds will pop up during growing season and this is to be expected.
- A concern was voiced that children are strewing pebbles on the R Park amenity concrete pads. Public works will ask the lawn company to include periodic blow off of pads.
- Faltering Ginkgo trees in R Park have a diminished chance of survival according to our city arborists. The trees were planted over three years ago. No particular disease or infestation is apparent. If failure occurs the trees will be replaced with like kind by the city.

Action items completed

- New soccer nets have been installed in R Park.
- Tennis Courts are completed and grand opening was held on July 2nd. Youth tennis program sponsored by JCPRD is underway.
- Replacement benches in Granada Park have been installed by Public Works. Factory skateboard guards were installed by vendor Keystone Ridge. Damaged benches have been returned to vendor.
- The ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on Park trails went into effect 04/16/18.
- Arts committee shared with Parks that a new art installation for Nall Park is scheduled by year end. Parks to designate location
- The chain rope feature on the play equipment at Granada Park has been replaced due to a safety issue. Cost \$500.

Moved to 2018/19 Goals

Juniper pocket park ownership and support requirements-Needs more discussion in 2018.

Presentations-

- Jennifer Jones Lacey presented the current policy regarding naming conventions for public property within the city. It was thought that one Roeland Park Family Foundation might consider a significant contribution to assist with the funding of the R Park Shelter. It was recommended by Parks to pursue this contribution according to the policy. This will be moved forward for Council review at a future workshop.

New Business

- RFP for Granada Park shade structure went out on 06/18/18. Preliminary bid review completed. Eight vendors attended the bid walkthrough prior to bid submission. Bids to be reviewed on August 8th.
- Tyler Steele will present recommendations at the August meeting for smoke free zones within the parks. Park committee members were in agreement that this approach is preferable to an all-inclusive smoking ban within the parks.
- Jennifer Provyn reported that the blue spruce at R Park is infested with bagworms and needs treatment. Jose to contact city arborist for resolution.

Continuing Action items

- Exposed electric conduits at the Community Center need to be addressed by Public Works
- All Parks members to review 2008 Nall Park masterplan document prior to August meeting.

- Park members to query contacts with the intent of securing a landscape architect or master gardener who would design a maintainable garden in place of what currently exists in the Nall Park rain garden. All agreed that this garden is in need of an overhaul. The garden has not been refreshed for many years and needs attention. It was suggested that we set a goal of fall 2018 for installation.
- Emily assigned to research the parameters for Park accreditation via CAPRA. It is thought this program could lead to new opportunities for grants.
- New benches & a trash receptacle for Carpenter Park have arrived and will be installed in July by Public Works.
- The diseased evergreen at the Community Center has been taken out. Replacement timeframe not known.
- RP city website needs to be updated to include donation policy-Kathleen to check on status
- Need new advocate for R Park Marquee. Clearly defined process and policy that is workable for Public works and event coordinators is needed. Laura showed interest in the project. Continue discussion at August meeting.
- Potential Grants for park improvements
 - AAD grant for shade structures (September, 2018)
 - Kansas Gas Service-Details unknown.
- Nall Park dual trash/ recycle bin will be installed in fall, 2018. New pad is required.

Motions Approved

- June meeting minutes approved
- Motion to recommend that the public property naming policy be initiated for R Park pavilion using a potential contribution from a Roeland Park family foundation. Move recommendation forward to Council for consideration.
- Meeting Adjournment

Future Parks Events

- None

Future Sustainability Events

- Park2Park run-09/29/18 9:00 AM

Future R Park Fundraising Events

- None known

Future Arts Committee Events

- Ice Cream Social, Jorge Blanco meet and greet-July 21st, 4-5:00 PM, 2018 RP Community Center

Future Events Committee Events

- Barktoberfest, October, 2018

City Events-

- None known

Parks Committee Meetings

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 08th, 2018 6:00 PM @ City Hall