

Agenda
Parks Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Wednesday January 8th, 2020; 6:00pm-8:00pm
Roeland Park City Hall

Committee:

Emily Hage
Russell McCorkle
Jennifer Provyn
Kathleen Whitworth
Laura Savidge

Advisory Team

Donnie Scharff (Public Works Director)
Tony Nichols (Parks & Rec Superintendent)
Claudia McCormack (Council Advisor)
Tom Madigan (Council Alt-Advisor)

(Anticipated) Guests:

Brian Garvey (SFS/City Architect)
Kim Stervermer (Contractor)

PURPOSE. The purpose of the parks advisory committee is to make recommendations to the governing body concerning city owned parks and parkland. The committee shall also act as a tree board to recommend regulations relating to the planting of trees, shrubs and other plantings upon city owned property; to promote beautification of the city and the protection of the public health and safety; and to provide for the preservation and removal of diseased tree, shrubs and plantings.

I. Administrative

A. Call to order

1. Amendments to Agenda
2. Approve December minutes
3. Feb/March newsletter submission due to Doreen by 1/10
4. Community Voices
 - A citizen--who is a certified naturalist--has suggested that the (dead) southern magnolia that will be replaced in R Park this year be replaced with a sweet bay magnolia (which is our native magnolia) or even a royal star magnolia; the citizen noted that either variety should do well in that spot.

II. Old Business

A. Budget

1. Available for expenditure: \$2642.40 (excludes \$3k for R Park See Red Run sculpture landscaping)

B. R Park

1. See Red Run sculpture and plaque landscaping (Attachment 1a; 1b)
 - a. Estimates provided by both Next to Nature and Arbor Masters
 - b. Sustainability Committee has approved \$1000 toward the landscaping around Red; Parks has approved \$3000, for a total of \$4000
 - i. Residual cost needs to be requested from and approved by Council
 - ii. Maintenance cost and agreement would need to be formally estimated
2. Marque:
 - a. Needs to be updated--what is the next Citywide event to advertise?
3. Pavilion and restroom design updates (Attachment 2 with comments for consideration)
 - a. Link to 95% construction documents included in email (link expires 01/10/2020)
 - b. Much discussion around potential trail surfaces for the park
 - i. This is an area Parks can work closely with Sustainability on to understand what is in the Community for All Ages rubric for this; can a Parks member own this task? Links to start the process:

<https://sustainablesurfacing.com/polystar-playground-supplies>

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<http://fleckssystems.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Understanding-Poured-in-Place-Rubber-Surfacing.pdf>

<https://nofault.com/2018/04/is-poured-in-place-rubber-safety-surfacing-actually-safe/>

Loose Park Trail: <https://kcparks.org/places/jacob-l-loose-park/>

C. Nall Park

1. Roe House Play Structure

- a. Kim Stervermer—a local contractor—has comments and feedback to share regarding the structure
 - i. Brian Garvey (SFS/City Architect) will be present to provide responses
- b. Historical signage on hold temporarily

III. New Business

A. Cooper Creek

- 1. Park champions began meeting in January to discuss recommendation to the Parks Committee for improvements
 - a. Flyers were distributed to every house surrounding Cooper Creek on 1/3/2020

B. Nall Park

- 1. Amenities are all installed—huge thank you to Public Works
 - a. One trash receptacle was mounted in a location different from the original plan to encourage use (Attachment 3)
 - b. Public Works and a Councilmember both noted that there appears to be ample space in under the shelter to include 1-2 more picnic tables (in Attachment 3 this space can be viewed)
- 2. Art Sculpture (Eucalyptus) has arrived
 - a. Parks working with Arts on the scope, scale, and cost of landscaping as part of art purchases
 - b. Did we receive the affirmative from JLL that some of the funds saved from the amenities Objective can be used toward landscaping and maintenance around the piece?

C. R Park

- 1. Parks needs to coordinate with Arts on the landscaping and maintenance plan prior to any installation of NE corner art piece

D. Forestry/Public Works

- 1. Welcome to the team, Tony Nichols!
 - a. Tony's initial focus will be on implementing the new recreation software program, working with Midwest Pool Management to ensure a smooth 2020 season, **taking the project management lead on Phase 1 improvements at R Park** and working with Water's Edge on the plans for the Aquatics Center renovations
- 2. Tree Board photo—need photo for Tree City USA application
- 3. Update on potential (or not) of biodegradable dog-waste bag (link below)
 - a. <https://www.rover.com/blog/truth-about-biodegradable-poop-bags-in/>
- 4. Was new contract tree service approved by Council?
 - a. Any update on the tree budget to allocate funds for both tree maintenance+liability inspections AND tree health inspections and proactive mitigation procedures

E. Sweany Park

- 1. New Tree Planting with Memorial Plaque
 - i. Pink Dogwood memorial tree and plaque installed in December (Attachment 4)
 - b. Thank you follow-up? (Laura)
- 2. Park refresh/updates:
 - a. Already have the dual trash/recycle bin that could be installed in 2020
 - b. Do we want to start work on an Objective for 2021 for this park? (Kathleen)

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- i. Do we need to first determine a ballpark estimate for the SFS landscape architect's time as part of the requested costs?

Attachment 1a: Next to Nature informal estimate for Red maintenance costs; note: this includes both bench area and sculpture area together

... should suffice for a budget number based on your existing landscape plan.

NOTE: There are no barberry shown on the plan

1. **Install \$7,840 (tax not included)- We will warranty the plants for 1 year: IF we are doing seasonal maintenance for 12 months following the install**

INSTALL Does not include concrete curbing.

12 month seasonal plan is as follows:

1. **Mulch \$500**
2. **Bi weekly bed weeding (14 visits) \$90 = \$1,260**
3. **Pruning 3 times annually includes perennial clean up in the spring \$325= \$975**
4. **Watering estimate 30 visits \$115= \$3450**
5. **Bed pre-emergent 2x \$150= \$300**

Total annual cost before tax: \$6,485

2 year plan would be a duplicate of these prices.

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Attachment 1b: Arbor Masters informal estimate for Red maintenance costs

See attachments to email:

- ArborMasters_maintenanceEstimate_sculptureAndPlaque_2020-01-07.pdf
- ArborMasters_plaqueLandscaping_estimate_2019-10-01.pdf
- ArborMasters_sculptureLandscaping_estimate_2019-10-01.pdf

Additionally:

- Weekly watering time is estimated to take 1.5 hours. Hourly rate for watering is \$80+\$40 and equates to \$120 per watering. Estimated number of waterings – **12** at \$120 per watering=\$1,440, total if watered once every week
- Insecticide/Fungicide/Plant Based Amino Acid spraying could be a cost savings if not needed
- Plants warrantied for 1 year

If everything is included in the maintenance estimate referenced above, the total cost is \$1,782 for one year of maintenance. Public Works did adjust/include the additional 12 waterings noted above, which resulted in a total cost of \$3,142 for the year. With the landscaping installation costs included, the total cost to landscape around the sculpture and maintain to for 1 year will be in the neighborhood of \$9,469.50.

- This total cost reflects installation of the landscaping around the sculpture **only**.
- This cost does not include the concrete items proposed with the landscaping around the sculpture.
- This cost could change/be reduced as the maintenance quote was for both the landscaping around See Red and the plaque area and the plaque landscaping will be delayed until after the Phase 1 construction is completed (or at least the portion that affects the plaque/bench area).

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Attachment 2: Concerns broached and answered regarding Phase 1 95% construction documents

-Additional handicapped spaces to be added to R Park in Phases 1 and 2 in the December 2019 budget document

- There are no proposed new parking spaces being installed, except the 2 handicap stalls by restrooms. The engineers have included additional parking into the design plan for Phase 2 should the direction be to add more in the future. If that is the case, then the design element would be completed already.

-What material is being proposed for the new sidewalks in Phase 1 and 2? Originally Parks had discussed with the engineers that we wanted options beyond concrete.

- There will be concrete sidewalks incorporated around the shelter and restroom and could include being stamped. The limestone trail that runs the perimeter of the park will not take place until Phase 3 and the team will continue to look at different material options that are more permeable and eco-friendly as we work towards the last phase.

Were the main shelter and the shelter with the alternate options retained as separate quotes?

- The City will likely bid the project as a whole for Phase 1 and Phase 2, but list the alternates separately. Listing them as alternates enables Parks to recommend including these alternates into construction if budget dollars allow.

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Attachment 3: Nall Park Amenities

1 trash receptacle relocated

Original locations:

Nall Park – Waste Receptacle Options



Option #1
Anova Furnishings:
Madison \$1,040 (Ash – Thermally Modified)



Option #2
Landscape Forms:
Gretchen – \$1,046 (Plastic)



Installed:



Benches



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Attachment 4: Sweany Park Memorial Tree and Plaque



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