

## **Parks and Trees Committee Minutes May 11, 2022, 6 pm**

**Location- R Park Pavilion**

**Zoom, back up option in case of inclement weather:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91746576398>

Meeting id: (enter manually if issue with link): 917 4657 6398 Mobile 1-346-248-7799, (id 917 4657 6398)

### **Committee Members (highlighted in attendance):**

Laura Savidge, (Co-Chair), Sarah Martin, (Co-Chair)

Russell McCorkle, Linda Thornburg, Jaime Davis, Judy Hyde, Anita Macek, Sandy Billinger, Kailee Noland

Kate Raglow, Council Liaison, Tom Madigan, Council Liaison alt

**Facilitator:** Anthony Marshall, Parks and Recreation Superintendent/ Donnie Scharff  
Public Works

**Introductions:** Introduce Anthony and Committee.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Total available funds for expenditure: \$5,473.56
- Approve minutes from March
  - approved

### **Guests:**

- Matt Lero, wanting to join Parks Committee, attending his required meetings to apply.

### **Discussion/updates/new items:**

- Color of play equipment base (selected the below colors)- in containers is fall base, brighter color is accent for the circle on the fall base and the play equipment.



### Public Comment/ Concerns:

- R Park- Keep restrooms open longer - have a larger discussion in future (*next discussion meeting*)

### Completed in last month:

- Five Post Rocks installed in Cooper Creek Park- please check out!

### Discussion:

- Cooper Creek- Judy updated us on the planting in Cooper Creek. She obtained the plants and the planting was scheduled for the following business day. Some plants not in stock, and she will continue to work on a plan there.
- R Park Wildflower Meadow- Jaime gave an update to the group:
  - Group has met and working on a 3-year plan. Likely first year (this year) just soil prep and seeds, next year rock border/educational signage. Will likely ask Parks for a small contribution for this year, and next year seek grants/fundraising.

\*\*\*\* We kept the discussion to the above, and will cover the below updates next meeting:\*\*\*\*

### Open Action Items:

- Arbor Day Celebration at Summer Concert in R Park- **Laura**
- Cooper Creek- fencing for drop off installed?- **Daniel**
  - Sullivan property as weather improves
- Cooper Creek spring landscaping- will need volunteers. **Judy**
  - Originally 8 areas for planting- all 8 would be problematic for maintenance so reducing # of beds to 4, and being planted here soon- *update?*
- Midtown signs on a consolidated sign, For Cooper Creek, Nall and R Park- **Laura**
  - Put on hold until we can put thru Parks budget or to City Council for payment approval.
- Nall Park- Green screen/fence to block the Treatment Facility
  - JoCo Commissioner Becky Fast gave an update on this to Council on Monday- check out recording (she is working on)
- R Park- playground- next steps update
  - Competing bids coming- may need to vote on quickly
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- **Jaime**
- Nall Park: **Daniel** to schedule arborist tree evaluation and mapping, variety identification and health assessment
- R Park: Re-visit fireplace screens for the R Park Pavilion—funds?
- Nall Park- sewer work has impacted the trail- **Tom** will reach out to Urban Trails
- R Park: Inaccurate trail signs in NE and SE corners should be removed. **PW**
- R Park: A Federal Land and Water Conservation grant for contribution of costs to the playground- possibly for inclusive play.
  - **Daniel and Erin** working on spring/summer.

- R Park: Having a message on the marquee, even if it's just "enjoy the park"/update bulletin
  - Jaime sent a schedule of ideas.
- Sweaney- play structure ordering- Daniel (Now Anthony)
  - Last update- Budget planning happening next week and will discuss as part of that- initially thought we could pay out of Parks budget, but will look for funds
- Tree Ordinance- City may be working to preserve mature trees via new/ revised City ordinance. Updates?
- General maintenance watering needs. Daniel, Keith Moody
- City is looking to hire two part-time Parks employees to take this and other duties off PW's hands
  - Positions are posted.
- City website- make ability to rent Pavilion/shelters easier?- Laura and Russel
  - "How Do I... section?"

### Parking Lot

- Nall Park- Next year budget for a Disc Golf course- some items budgeted for next year, and playground equipment in 2024 for 80K.
- Discuss as part of Nall Park's upcoming focus
- Nall Park- official letter from the group on putting up a green screen/fence to block the Treatment Facility to the JoCo Commissioners (Sarah sent initial letter, we will follow up when appropriate).
- Will follow for the new discussion on this matter.
- Nall Park- Master Plan update- Daniel/Council members
- R Park- Birch tree on NW corner- erosion
  - Daniel- eroding on south Side of the tree- something may need to be engineered-Laura talked to Daniel, they are going to wait and see what happens with drainage
- R Park: Judy to work on additional landscaping in R Park. Citizens Fundraising to raise \$5K.
  - Citizens Fundraising has recommended deferring and Parks agreed on this until there is a good plan in place for maintenance of existing landscape.
- R Park: Cracked sidewalks on NE side creating trip hazards. PW
  - Bring this out of Parking Lot when engineering bid goes out for Phase 3 construction
- R Park: Laura and Russell will address replacing tree markers. Donnie said there is budget money.
  - Sarah Crowder suggested posts for tree markers- defer this item?
- Daniel will work to incorporate Arbor Master's tree inventory for a tree replacement schedule for entire Park system. Budget to be established.
- We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community. Presentation in new year? Laura

**Adjourn**

**Next Regular Parks Meeting June 8**