

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes Draft 1.0
Wednesday May 9th, 2018 Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

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

Guests- Jose Leon Public Works Director, RP Arts Committee, Gretchen & Ardie Davis, Judy Hyde

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

- 2018 currently available funds for Parks Committee
Total funds available for expenditure-\$1219.45

Citizen Voices

- A concern over grass clippings and grass encroachment on R Park trail. Both items have been addressed with the lawn contractor.
- Bent tree marker stake in R Park-Issue addressed by PW-new stake in place.

Action items completed

1. Repaired art plinths have been installed in Granada Park. Thank you Arts Committee and Public works!
2. Two new donated trees and plaques have been installed in Nall Park honoring the Madigan and Marquardt families.
3. The diseased evergreen at the Community Center has been replaced.
4. The damaged tree in R Park has been replaced. The diseased tree in R Park seems to be reviving.

Moved to 2018/19 Goals

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

Old Business

- Spring Fling event (Nall Park Trail Grand Opening/Arbor Day) was held on May 5th and was a big success! Costs (\$484.86) for the event will be split between the City, Events and Parks Committee. Thanks to all who supported this event!
- Two temporary banners were installed a Nall Park Trailheads. Permanent signage will be pursued for a fall, 2018 installation after trail modifications are completed.

Presentations-

- Arts Committee shared a presentation introducing a sculpture design by Jorge Blanco an internationally known artist. The cost for this sculpture will be privately funded through grants and donations. The sculpture is slated to be installed in R Park once funding is secured. This will be a wonderful addition to the park!

○ New Actions items

- Emily assigned to research the parameters for Park accreditation via CAPRA. It is thought this program could lead to new opportunities for grants.

Continuing Action items

- Concerns over Nall Park trail design were addressed by Urban Trails the weekend of May 12th. Specifically the steepest areas were addressed. It was discussed that the trail is a work in progress and we are in the early life stage phase. Generally, Parks is very happy with the trail and the park is seeing an increase in usage which is a good sign.
- No movement has been made on getting a true cost estimate on R Park shade structures. Installation will not take place until fall 2018 at the earliest. The City has agreed to act as general contractor which will save money and help to stay within budget.
- Need an ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on the park trails. No such ordinance currently exists.
 - This item is being worked by Council and City Attorney & Tom Madigan, Council.
Need an update in June.
- New benches & trash receptacle for Carpenter Park are slated to arrive mid to late May.
- New tennis courts at R Park slated to be completed in June, 2018.
- Granada benches were installed in April. Unfortunately, one backless bench was damaged by skateboarders. Keystone Ridge the vendor has graciously offered to replace one backed and

- one backless bench for the cost of return shipping of like benches. Keystone will install skateboard guards on the new benches at the factory.
- 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 that is workable for Public works and event coordinators is needed
- Potential Grants for park improvements
 - First National Bank-“Vibrant Neighborhoods” is not available to Roeland Park as the city does not meet the grant qualifications.
 - AAD grant for shade structures (September, 2018)
 - Lowes grant??
- April meeting minutes approved
- Design recommendation for Granada Park shade structure approved to move forward to Council and then out for RFP
- Aluminum sign structure selected for Nall Park Trailhead signs
- Meeting Adjournment

Motions Approved

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

- Jorge Blanco meet and greet-July, 2018 Community Center

Future Events Committee Events

- Barktoberfest, October, 2018

City Events-

- None known

Parks Committee Meetings

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June13th, 2018 6:00 PM @ City Hall