

# Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park

Meeting Minutes REVISED Draft 1.1

Wednesday June 13th, 2018 Roeland Park City Hall

## Attendees

**Committee members and liaisons-** Emily Hage, Jared Luebe, Tyler Steele, Laura Yankoviz, Kathleen Whitworth

**Guests-** Jose Leon Public Works Director, Tom Madigan, Council. Daniel Vandeboss Public Works

## Call to Order by Kathleen Whitworth

- 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 suggestion was received that the city consider adding a spray park at R Park. Currently not in master plan, therefore, not in scope.
- -R Park Caddo Sugar Maple disease has been reviewed by KSU experts. Disease will subside with the advent of hot weather. No treatment needed as hot weather will eradicate this disease.

## Action items completed

1. Tree honorees will be featured in June Roeland Parker. Wrapped canvases will be displayed at City Hall. Cost \$112.83.
2. The diseased evergreen at the Community Center has been removed but not yet replaced.

## Moved to 2018/19 Goals

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

## Presentations-

- Public Works Safety representative Daniel Vandeboss presented an assessment and costing for park play structures noting the continuing wear and tear on these structures due to age and use. An immediate safety concern was discussed and the purchase of a replacement of the chain rope climber in Granada Park has been initiated. All three parks have structures that are over 20 years old and maintenance costs will continue to escalate. Immediate safety concerns will be addressed as needed but the structures are coming to the end of their lives. Public Works Director has placed all structures in the CIP for future replacement.

## New Business

- Tyler Steele presented a request for a no smoking ordinance in all parks due to health and safety concerns for patrons. Park determined that more discussion was needed before proposing this ordinance. It was suggested that this might be considered as a potential question on the 2019 citizen's survey.
- Emily Hage presented the proposal of using a naming convention (dedication) for R Park pavilion in order to garner additional funding over CIP. There is some concern that \$200K in the CIP will not cover the expense of erecting the structure as approved. Normally, 50% of construction costs is required in order to have a structure named after the donor. More discussion is needed at future parks meetings and with Council and City Admin.
- The tree inspection report from Custom Tree Care was shared with Parks members. The initial inspection covered all parks (excluding Nall Park) and City Hall. The initial assessment showed no immediate needs. A fall inspection will be done in order of work priority so that we can build a care plan.
- New Actions items
  - RFP for Granada Park shade structure to go out week of 06/18/18. Initial estimate of \$15K did not include design and installation only materials. Structure is very involved and will require an engineer and professional installation company to construct.
  - Kathleen to query Arts Committee to get a timeline for installation of Art in Nall Park. Per Arts Committee \$5K has been earmarked for Nall Park and the pool. Parks will need to recommend a location for the art piece.
  - 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.

- New soccer nets to be installed in R Park the week of 06/18/18.
- Exposed electric conduits at the Community Center will be covered with rock by Public Works
- All Parks members to review 2008 Nall Park masterplan document prior to July meeting.
- Public works will request funds to move forward with true costing of R Park pavilion. Costs for the effort will be presented to Council on 06/18/18.

**Continuing Action items**

- Concerns over Nall Park trail design continue to be addressed by Urban Trails. A cleanup day was held in June to eradicate brush and weeds.
- Emily assigned to research the parameters for Park accreditation via CAPRA. It is thought this program could lead to new opportunities for grants.
- Need an ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on the park trails. No such ordinance currently exists.
  - This item is in progress worked by Council, City Attorney & Tom Madigan, Council. Need an update in July.
- New benches & trash receptacle for Carpenter Park are slated to arrive in June. One pallet with two benches was received and was damaged in shipment. Public Works rejected shipment and requested return to Keystone Ridge the vendor. Working with Keystone Ridge to get replacements. Second pallet with bench and trash bin have not yet received.
- New tennis courts at R Park slated to be completed in June, 2018. Marquee for tennis programs and activities has been purchased. Laura Y. showed interest in taking ownership of keeping marquee current.
- 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. Received notification on 06/11/18 that benches had shipped.
- 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. Discuss at July meeting.
- Potential Grants for park improvements
  - AAD grant for shade structures (September, 2018)

**Motions Approved**

- May meeting minutes approved
- The new trash/recycle bin was approved for installation in Nall Park adjacent to the shelter.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, July 11th, 2018 6:00 PM @ City Hall