

# Parks and Trees Committee - March 15, 6 pm

## Minutes:

## Location

### R Park Pavilion for March!

Back up in case of weather: Zoom: <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)

Jaime Davis, Judy Hyde, Kailee Noland, Linda Heinen, Linda Thornburg, Matt Lero, Russell McCorkle,

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

**Facilitator:** Anthony Marshall, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Daniel VandenBos – public works (optional)

## Consent Agenda :

Total available funds for expenditure: \$2,973.56

Approve minutes from January- approved

## Guests:

- N/a

## Discussion/updates/new items:

- Major Goal for this year- Nall Park Master plan update (finding out who is working on).
  - Next steps:
    - Master plan (work with Confluence)
      - Both Parks and Council approval
    - Community forum/feedback
      - Dots exercise or other means of feedback
    - Group planning and review of detailed plans/any edits
      - Final plan/any changes requires Parks and Council approval
    - Execution
- Colors for R Park posts
- Islands and Medians open for adoption
  - do we want that to be available, under Donnie's purview
- Update on signs/tree and art markers
  - Arts/group agreed on look of markers.



- Laura coordinated on an objective for it
- Laura- next steps
- Update on Slide N' Ride- party in R Park
  - Saturday, April 29, 1-3
  - Popcorn, lemonade
  - Bubbles, bike parade
- Eco-Squad update- Laura
- March 31- Bishop Miege has a Community Service day- do we have anything for this?
- Arbor Day ideas

#### Public Comment/ Concerns:

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#### Completed in last month:

- Sweaney- Utility board update- Daniel/Anthony- completed!

#### Open Action Items (for April, latest updates below for reference):

##### Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
  - signage, placement, other
  - Landscaping- group voted to no landscape around the other benches and picnic table due to the watering, instead will focus on the bare areas
  - Tree fell over across creek to be addressed by PW- didn't impact fencing
  - Signage- info will go to the City website with the QR code (Anthony has proofed)
  - Totems on Johnson Drive now have new plaques for the artwork
- Play equipment update?

##### Juniper:

- Exploring Grant- **Laura**
  - Tito's Vodka grant for community gardens- Let Laura know if you'd like to help

##### Nall Park:

- Sewer work has impacted the trail- any updates (no longer getting response from Urban Trails)-
  - Ask PW if it's a safety issue as far as the sewer work portion

- *KS Heavy is going to fix it with sod, grass, adding signage to stay on the trail*
  - *and then for future maintenance if there's another non-profit trail group that will work with us., Anthony did get ahold of someone*
- A Federal Land and Water Conservation grant for contribution of costs to the Nall Park- possibly for inclusive play.
  - **Laura** investigating the grant to start
  - Welcome other ideas
- Water Treatment facility no longer planning to use Nall Park for storage
- Bike racks for the Park- Sustainability purchased to place in the park- hasn't chosen the location yet
  - Decided to place in concrete for now- **Anthony?**
    - Anthony found a place by the Gaga Pit

#### R Park:

- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering- add to new discussion
  - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park “bucket” from Citizens Fundraising for R Park
- R Park- Phase III- **Anthony**
  - Musical element see if it can be dampened- from manufacturer- **Anthony**
    - Yes it can be, but we'd have to do ourselves.
    - Wait until playground is open to see if it's even an issue
  - Clean-up/issues to address
    - Bollards – look for less expensive option?
      - Replacement, sturdier bollards people driving around them- plastic bollards might be better
        - Also possibly consider landscaping along there
        - Look if a sign is misleading
  - Estimate for resurface the basketball court as not included in Phase III- **Anthony**- *will have an estimate and way to resurface for next meeting (is heavily sloped)*
    - 52K to resurface?
      - *Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- *Matt/Laura*
  - *Got shop drawings for all of the elements, have put together a final price for it, Matt K met with rope manufacturers, meeting with safety consultant (fabricate testing blocks), about 38K short because costs went up, Grant likely being sent in tomorrow for 25K*
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
  - Anthony recovered area on 2/2
  - Sub group met last night- landscape fabric is losing fight against wind. New plan for card board and re-use landscape fabric to encourage decomposition (need to eradicate weeds). Changing strategies to plant in the Fall, (better time to plant).
    - We do need cardboard for this- Construction at the Center
    - City could store the cardboard
  - Website- Educational website will be directed via QR codes on signage and go to the R Park page on the city site
  - Roeland Parker article coming out on this too
  - Jaime also submitted for a grant to the Grassland Heritage Foundation/Preserving Prairies Fund- 1500 to 2 K
- R Park- Ash disposal- how we handle safely
  - Johnson County Waste Services- takes ash disposal?
  - Bucket?- how do citizens dispose of

- Message on the marquee, even if it's just "enjoy the park"/update bulletin
  - Calendar sent
  - Can post other items like sustainability if we don't have something essential for Parks

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All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it
- City website- make ability to rent Pavilion/shelters easier/easier to find?- any updates?- Sarah- ask Kelly
  - On the page for the specific parks and Navigation for How do I would be good additions (put on pause to send in for a couple months)- do in April
  - <https://www.roelandpark.net/facilities/facility/details/rpark-7>
- Midtown signs on consolidated signage, For Cooper Creek, Nall and R Park- Laura
  - R Park- Idea for tree markers w/ QR codes- next discussion
    - Laura has some ideas, hopefully end of February
  - General signage subgroup to be scheduled
    - Laura to schedule our sub-group (Laura, Jaime, Linda, Sarah)
- Missing Bench from R Park- replacement in storage?
  - Order a black one- ordered

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Granada, any updates from group?

**Adjourn**

**Next Regular Parks Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 6pm (weather permitting in a Park)?**

**Next time include:**

### **Parking Lot**

- R Park- Bathroom, lock on the door
- R Park- Maple tree on NE corner- appears to be sickly- see if needs to be trimmed/removed- PW
  - To address in spring, place in parking lot
- Sweaney – play structure
- 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
- Anthony/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?