

Parks and Trees Committee - April 12, 2023 6 pm

Minutes:

Location

Nall Park shelter

If inclement weather meet on 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: (bolded 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 March

Guests:

- **Emma Berger**, future committee member

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Vote for Emma Berger as committee member
 - Unanimously so voted
 - Sarah emailed Kelley for agenda for the 17th for Council to vote
- Brainstorm/discuss ideas of what we'd like to see in Nall Park (review punch list first below).
 - team can add ideas here so we have them in once place-
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/13GN4_KfoCVABc-PN9RaKW1B_XsiwQLTOcl74Fxr3z4o/edit?usp=sharing

Public Comment/ Concerns:

- Comments on loving R Park/playground
- Bathroom safety R Park, future topic in next discussion
- Kid climbing exterior of the playground

Completed in last month:

- R Park playground open!

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

Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
- Play equipment update/balance beam?
 - Daniel will work on when he can
- Any updates on erosion
 - Habitat Architects are planting native trees, starting review
 - Will review the tree growth every year

Juniper:

Nall Park:

- Update on timeline and budget
 - Meeting Tuesday, construction is moved out to 2026, money for new PW this year and 2025 Nall Park is community center phase 2, due to timeline constraints
 - 2023 for revising master plan
 - Funding will flow back, and a million budget for Nall Park once you include the 377 for the rocks
- Reminder on next steps on Nall Park Master plan update
 - Next steps:
 - Select/Finalize vendor to update the master plan
 - Discuss ideas with Design/Construction vendor
 - Master plan (work with) and the City Engineer
 - 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
- 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
 - Have an idea to fix it with grading and planting
 - and then for future maintenance if there's another non-profit trail group that will work with us., Anthony did get ahold of someone
 - update? Anthony got ahold of someone with the contract
 - need ideas for future trail maintenance still
- A Federal Land and Water Conservation grant for contribution of costs to the Nall Park- possibly for inclusive play.
 - Builder is investigating the grant to start along with Laura

- Welcome other ideas

R Park:

- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering
 - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park “bucket” from Citizens Fundraising for R Park
 - irrigation
- Colors for R Park post- painting Teal
 - Can paint match and do this shortly
- R Park- Clean-up/issues to address
 - Bollards – Replacement, sturdier bollards people driving around them- plastic bollards might be better
 - Also possibly consider landscaping along there
 - Junipers?
 - Metal are 200, plastic are 25
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - Estimate?
 - Consider for objective next year, council project, 2-3 council members?
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- *Matt/Laura*
 - Progress meeting, engineers have drawn everything, need a contract
 - New finance director Micah will help alleviate some burden with this
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
 - Soil being moved and distributed in the Park, this week
- 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
 - Need to update after this Saturday asap to Playground opening party- done!
- Reminder- Slide N' Ride- party in R Park
 - Saturday, April 29, 1-3
 - Boy scouts can help serve
 - Mural with natural items
- Omission on the plaque
 - Mayor Poppa noticed every dept head mentioned except Chief Morris, consider a change

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All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it
 - Anthony still working on for irrigation
- 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>
- Sign Committee- update

- Arbor Day ideas-
 - Mural to make using natural materials

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Granada, any updates from group?

Adjourn

Next Regular Parks Meeting May 10

Next time include:

- R Park bathroom safety
- other discussion topics

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
- Tree/Art markers
 - Making adjustments to the objective
 - Project will be around 13-16 K
 - 2024 budget item
- 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?
- Islands and Medians open for adoption
 - do we want that to be available, under Donnie's purview
 - Traditionally available, but program is not coherent/available- parking lot until website is available
- Exploring Grant- Laura
- Tito's Vodka grant for community gardens- Let Laura know if you'd like to help