

Parks and Trees Committee - July 12, 2023 6 pm

Agenda

Location

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, Emma Burger, 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 June

Guests:

- Confluence
 - Will present their proposal for the Nall Park master plan/design

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Nall Park Master Plan- next steps and recommendation from Parks
- Undesirable native plants (poison ivy, etc.) near pathways in Cooper Creek Park
- Memorial Donation request for rose bush
 - Only have a process for trees. Native planting in/near Wildflower meadow?

Public Comment/ Concerns:

Completed in last month:

Open Action Items :

All Parks/Trees:

- Anthony/Team would still like to have a fun event for this group- potluck in R Park
 - Emma agreed to help!
 - Start with a date survey for this group
 - Upcoming agendas that are lighter

- Discuss addressing vandalism in the Parks/PW in the Parks
 - Reminder on Neighborhood watch- the Chief has some great information on Parks watch
 - fake camera system?- Anthony
- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it
 - Anthony still working on for irrigation, on the list for a Objective
 - Donnie working with Anthony on it- PW focused
- 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
 - Get together – Laura to schedule

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Jaime, Sarah, Kailee, Emma
- Will be a new agenda item section for our meetings

Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
 - Interpretive sign went in to the Park, native gardens looking great
 - Sidewalk and planting around new interpretive sign should be going in soon
- Play equipment update/balance beam?
 - Daniel should be working on finalizing
- Any updates on erosion
 - Habitat Architects are planting native trees, starting review
 - Will review the tree growth every year

Nall Park:

- Goats to clear Nall- Anthony looking into
 - Only hold up is to figure out after goats or done, or if they can come twice a year
 - 25-30 goats will be there for a week and will have a route to clear
 - Generate excitement about our future plans in Nall Park
 - #NALLPARKGOAT
 - Check on safety issues with coyotes
- Update on timeline and budget
- 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
 - *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:

- Discuss R Park Bathroom Safety
 - Any locks have to be opened from the inside without opening the lock- hospitals have that kind of locks
 - Everyone voted to add these locks
 - Prices look good- not a huge expensive
 - Port a potties are very cheap for good events
- 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
 - Have two recent hires in PW, so fully staffed 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
 - They were installed yesterday!
- 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
 - Matt out at the Park with the head of the project for PW, asked by the City of their contract will take on the Might Bike project
 - Donating their services
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
 - Extra dirt with Roe project
 - Next steps on Seed mix and digging holes to plant- likely October
 - Maybe Bishop Meige can help again?

- There is a club that does something like that at Bishop Miege
- R Park- Ash disposal- how we handle safely
 - Johnson County Waste Services- takes ash disposal?
 - Bucket?- how do citizens dispose of
 - Pw picks it up once a week-
 - put in the Parking lot
- Omission on the plaque
 - Mayor Poppa noticed every dept head mentioned except Chief Morris, consider a change
 - Russell has the artwork on it, see if we can add Chief John Morris and the RP Police
 - Laura and Russell working on.
 - Tree near playground has low hanging branches- kids hanging off of them and broken branches on the ground.
 - One of the infant sears is broken on the swings

Sweaney:

- Small play structure?

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper Granada, any updates from group?- not today

Next Regular Parks Meeting August 9, 6pm