

# Parks and Trees Committee - July 12, 2023 6 pm

## Minutes

### 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:

- Mallorie Hubert- prospective committee member
- Confluence- Hank and Chris
  - Will present their proposal for the Nall Park master plan/design

# AGENDA

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- Introduction
- Project Background
- Playground Criteria
- Existing Site
- Next Steps



## OUR TEAM - CONFLUENCE

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Chris Cline



Hank Moyers

## SCHEDULE

	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	May 2024
Concept Exploration		Mtg #1						
Design Development (Master Plan – Optional)		Public Meeting 		Mtg #2		Mtg #3		
Construction Documentation								
Bidding / Construction / Construction Administration								5 Months Grand Op

## SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN

- Equitable use
- Flexibility in use
- Simple and intuitive
- Perceptible information
- Tolerance for error
- Low physical effort
- Size and space for approach and use



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Parks Master Plan created in 2007
- Strengths of Nall Park
  - Varied topography
  - Walking trail/single track trails
  - Restrooms / Shaded picnic shelter
  - Woodland areas
- Is Anything Missing?



## PRECEDENT IMAGERY



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- Public meeting and survey monkey to put into concepts for the playground
- Have a master plan as a separate cost/proposal
- Timeline- master plan in concert with the playground- would be later this fall
- Going to the public once
- Have the master plan as a separate item
  - Put option into the master plan to explore some grants

## Discussion/updates/new items:

- Nall Park Master Plan- next steps and recommendation from Parks
  - Revise proposal to focus on the master plan
  - Hybrid option-integrated with the grade
    - Motion carried unanimously for Lamp Rynearson for the Master plan, leave open option for playground design with Confluence-
    - 24th of July Council will vote on this
- Goat update
  - Wintercreeper, other invasives- need to discuss what we will do after the goats come. Judy is meeting Anthony tomorrow at 2:00 at Nall
  - Need to make sure it is cost effective and have a plan for afterwards
- Undesirable native plants (poison ivy, etc.) near pathways in Cooper Creek Park
  - Worked to remove invasive, and replant native grasses and perennials and replace invasive trees with native trees
  - Monitor and manage so it doesn't encroach on areas where people would be sitting
    - Habitat Architects will do upkeep, and Public Works
    - Habitat Architects to help us address- Park Maintenance
      - Anthony will contact them
- Memorial Donation request for rose bush

- Only have a process for trees. Native planting in/near Wildflower meadow?
  - Laura will get with her on doing so

### Public Comment/ Concerns:

- Governing Body meeting- Miel shared on article from the KC Star- kids playing on toxic chemicals-
  - Rubber on playgrounds
  - Kate can share with us
- Concert- good feedback on the park

### Completed in last month:

### Open Action Items : (will discuss next month, on here for record keeping)

#### 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 Mighty 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 Meige
- 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 seats is broken on the swings

### Sweeney:

- 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**