

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8th, 2016
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons- Chris Burt, Becky Fast (Council liaison), Pat Frankin, Jan Grebe, Jose Leon (Public Works Director), Rick Allen (Public Works), Kathleen Whitworth

Call to Order by Jan Grebe

Approval of Minutes: May, 2016 meeting minutes approved

- **2016 available funds for Parks Committee**
 - \$1253 in Parks budget

Old Business

Action items completed

- New landscaping installation was completed on the City Island at Juniper and Sycamore. Island project is complete for 2016. Comments regarding new landscaping have been very positive.
- Jan Grebe attended the Public Works Appreciation luncheon on May 20th and presented the thank you letter from Parks and pizza gift certificates. An enjoyable event per Jan.
- Custom Recycle lid has been installed in R Park.

New Business

Resident voices

- A **second** concern was raised regarding the rain garden at Nall Park. The garden is in terrible shape, unsightly and full of weeds. What can be done to resolve this issue?
- Pool bathroom is in need of an update. Who owns this and how can it be addressed?

New and Ongoing Action items

- R Park Drinking Fountain installation status- Complete on 6/10/2016.
- Nall Park restroom, shelter and drinking fountain renovation is underway however completion date had to be pushed out due to a few snags. Targeting July 4th, 2016 completion date not including restoration. Unexpected issues not in original bid include replacement of sewer line, new water line to drinking fountain and electrical power upgrade required to make the park functional.
- R Park tree marker purchase. Discuss at July meeting.
- Jose reported a second meeting with Boulevard Apartments regarding easement needed to support Nall Park walking/bike path. City lawyer will need to draw up appropriate legal documentation for this agreement.
- A concern was raised that no park plan has been approved for R Park to date. This is a critical issue! The lack of a Council approved park plan leaves Parks Committee in a position of addressing maintenance issues only. It was suggested that we take time through a special meeting to discuss how we can move forward towards an approved park plan for R Park and include Kyle Legler in the meeting.
- Committee discussed the Marquee sign at R Park. It was felt that the committee needs to develop guidelines and a means for groups to initiate requests for display. It was suggested that the marquee could be better utilized for less advertised events i.e. Community forums. A standardized process (possibly through the RP website) is needed. Parks needs to become sign owner/gatekeeper.
- Committee agreed to plan an open house in the fall to showcase Nall Park renovation

Open Action Items from previous meetings

- Community for all ages-Status?
- Donor policy-Where is this?
- Memorial tree program-Status and donor costs?
- Sun sails @ R Park &-First National Bank discussion is needed

- Art Committee update needed on recycle bin identification project at R Park and art stones in disrepair at Granada Park

Motions Approved

- Meeting adjournment
- Committee approved the purchase of seven new benches in black steel from vendor Keystone Ridge after reviewing options presented by the bench committee. Purchase will include two 6' backless benches and two 6' backed benches for Granada Park and three 8' backed benches for Carpenter Park. Jose will recommend selected benches to Council and negotiate with vendor. Target installation date is September, 2016.

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

- Future Citizen's Fundraising Events
 - June 25th, 2016 Soccer Clinic @ R Park
 - October 15th "Chili and Country Music" RPCC 6-9PM
- Future Arts Committee Events
 - Music under the Stars July 22nd, RP Community Center
- Future Events Committee Events
 - Barktoberfest October 8th @ R Park

Parks Committee Meetings-Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 6th, 6:00 PM @ City Hall

Recommendation Carpenter Park-Style "Exeter",
three 8' benches in black steel





Recommendation Granada Park-Style "Jackson"
two 6' backed benches and two 6' backless
benches in black steel

