

Parks and Trees Committee

April Minutes

Location

Nall Park Pavilion, weather permitting. In inclement weather back up:

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)

Sarah Martin, (Chair)

Jaime Davis, Judy Hyde, Katie Redhair, Linda Heinen, Linda Thornburg, Mallorie Hurlbert, Russell McCorkle

Tom Madigan, Council Liaison, Matt Lero, Council Liaison alt,

Facilitator: Anthony Marshall, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Optional: John, Public Works

Consent Agenda:

- Total available funds for expenditure: \$9996.76 (plus 2797.55 for at meadow and 2500 for plantings)
- Approve minutes for Feb

Guests:

- Wade Holtkamp- Tree Grant Funding
 - The Tree protection covers Trees in front yard and right of way (not side or back yard)
 - 12 inches or historical
 - Money from fines ideas: tree preservation fund, tree Rodeo
 - Contain the Rain would also help with half of re-planting today
 - Dead trees, work with arborist or code officer
 - The Parks Committee voted unanimously that we are potentially in favor of the idea of the Tree Rodeo if costs permit (ability for community to come pick up trees on certain dates at a discount) but also want to continue to for funds to go to Contain the Rain (Contain the Rain covers more than trees- it's also native plants and rain barrels). Also not everyone wants to go get a tree at a certain time/location.
- Anthony Glassman
 - Eradicate invasive species in Nall Park- they have grown up again quite a bit and need to be eradicated.

- The Parks Committee voted unanimously that we are in favor of eradicating the invasive Species in Nall Park if we use targeted measures to eradicate these (no broad- spraying of pesticides that could affect other plants or cause health impacts and no use of RoundUp specifically).
- We would be in favor of painting on or very targeted spraying of herbicides on the invasive plants specifically as these need to be eradicated for the greater good of other plants, animals and people who are in or visit Nall Park!

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Nall Park- Funding and next steps
 - 3.2 million budget
 - Possible grants
 - Trail ribbon cutting- Saturday April 26 (also a volunteer planting day)
- Mighty Bike party planning
 - Structure almost complete, adding a few more things from a safety standpoint
 - Getting rope design finalized
 - June 14, see availability, 1-3
 - Bike parade
 - Bike walk attend, Prairie Sailor
 - Popcorn, ice sticks, lemonade
 - Bubble machine
- R Park upcoming volunteer events
 - update on the work day with Bishop Miege
 - remaining activities
 - 12th at 11, R Park, mulch and dirt, 5 yards of dirt, move rest of mulch
 - 4/26 and 4/27, planting, 1000 plants, 9-12
- Sustainable and Chemical Free Parks- revisit and confirm
 - dyed mulch
 - spraying chemicals- Round Up
 - waiting to cut back plantings until Mid- April
- Juniper Park

Public Comment/ Concerns:

Sustainability update:

-mosquito dunks project-making bucket kits
-200 dollars
monarch waystation, swale for swamp milkweed, in conjunction with
-19th trash clean up day

Completed in last months:

Open Action Items : (For next month just on here for record keeping)

view

All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- install watering system in R Park
 - Sarah submitted as a budget objective).

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Anything to promote?

Cooper Creek:

- Any updates- *Judy*
 - Still watering newest replacement
- Little Free Library?

Nall Park:

- Update on timeline and budget- Master Plan
- Update to council last month.
- Update to the team
- Timeline reminder- Construction is moved out to 2026, Park is likely funded or close to
 - Next steps:
 - ~~Select/Finalize vendor to update the master plan- complete~~
- ~~Discuss ideas with Design/Construction vendor- completed~~
 - ~~Master plan (work with) and the City Engineer- completed~~
 - ~~Both Parks and Council approval~~
 - ~~Community forum/feedback- in April- in progress~~
 - ~~Dots exercise or other means of feedback~~

- ~~Next step virtual meeting June 26, if the city agrees to aggressively promote~~
- Group planning and review of detailed plans/any edits
 - Final plan/any changes requires Parks and Council approval
 - follow up on next steps
- Trail Maintenance, beginning this work

R Park:

- Suggest waiting until spring to cut back plants in parks
 - Ask pw
- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering
 - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park “bucket” from Citizens Fundraising for R park
- Repair sod
 - Use mulch, clear rocks
- Fix speed limit sign footing
 - Going to add cement
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- Matt
 - Foundation installed along with slabs
 - Fabrication underway
 - Timeline? Early spring
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee and Grasses Walk- Jaime
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- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - Consider for objective council project

Sweeney:

- Small play structure-reaching out on objective?

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper, Granada, any updates from group?

Next Regular Parks Meeting, second Wednesday of next month

Discussion-

Parking Lot

- 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