

Parks and Trees Committee

August Minutes

Location

Carpenter Park, weather permitting, in inclement weather back up: (check day of)

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, Russell McCorkle

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

Facilitator: Nathan Brungardt

Optional: John, Public Works

Consent Agenda:

- Total available funds for expenditure:
- The 2025 Budget for the Parks/Trees Committee Funds is \$62.08
- The Parks/Trees Fund's balance is \$8,721.29 in the Roeland Park Community Foundation the Wildflower Garden Fund's balance is \$2,845.76 in the Roeland Park Community Foundation.
- Approve minutes for July

Guests:

- None known

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Art/Tree Labels and Park Signage update- Nathan
 - Majority in R Park are put up
 - Locations for signage
 - R Park and Nall Park just one sign currently, seeing if we can order one more in future
 - All signage in for September
- Reserving the Pavilion update- Nathan
 - Reviewed language with no rules and unanimously approved

- Mighty bike update- Nathan and/or Matt
 - Sept 18-20 date, end of Sept.
 - When they bore the holes for it they'll fix the drainage
 - Netting for Mighty Bike need to fix some holes for safety
 - Early October for party
- 75th Anniversary Committee- need to submit our final plan for how to celebrate
 - Park and Arts tour
 - Passport/scavenger hunt
 - Poetry walk about Trees
 - Design a passport book
 - Self guided tour (walk off with them)
- Carpenter Park, 3 historical signs, one in Roe Family, one on history
- Next month updates on both the Parks long term Strategic Master plan (Porchlight) and the Nall Park Master plan (Lamp Rynearson). Master plan Month for October!
 - Strategic planning committee will be at NBR's summer concert series for feedback- join!
- Municipal Code for Parks recently revised- for review on own
https://library.municode.com/ks/roeland_park/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CHIAD_ART12PAAD_CO
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Public Comment/ Concerns:

- Musical elements at R Park not working
- Drinking fountain issues, might need to be replaced
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Sustainability update:

-none for this month

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). Any updates?

- Any updates on Trees for community- Contain the Rain and the idea for the Rodeo
- Trash can replacements (see photo)
- Yard/Garden of the month
- Weeding/Maintenance support day

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Anything to promote?

Cooper Creek:

- Erosion and Invasives
 - Invasive and undesirables in the Parks
 - Erosion of the Park/stream
 - Neighboring homes erosion
- PW still seeing equipment get damaged?

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 updates

R Park:

- Little Free Library in R Park update! (Near the parking lot kind of by the siren)
- Rainy area next to Pavilion- mitigation
- Suggest waiting until spring to cut back plants in parks
- Removal of the Japanese Bayberry
 - Coordinate new plantings
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- *Matt*
 - *drainage?*
- Qr code to link to rent Pavilion next to pavilion
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals and other options for a resurface*
 - *JJL thought we could find the funds for it*
 - *Nathan getting a quote to resurface and replace the goals, putting on for either 2026 or 2027*
- R Park tree growing at an angle, seeing if we can trim the tree

Sweaney:

- Small play structure- approx 10K

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper, Granada, any updates from group?
 - Sarah to call about Juniper

Next Regular Parks Meeting, fourth Wednesday of next month
No meeting in December planned, need to reschedule November

Discussion-

Parking Lot

- We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community.
- Islands and Medians open for adoption
 - Traditionally available, but program is not coherent/available- parking lot until website is available