

Parks Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14th, 2015
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons-Corey Coe, Becky Fast, Pat Franken, Jan Grebe, Ike Malula, Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele, Kathleen Whitworth

Guests-Joel Marquardt, Carl Wisdom, Public Works

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

Approval of Minutes: September corrected meeting minutes approved

Old Business

Action item updates

- Jennifer Provyn presented pictures to the committee taken in Nall Park and in Rosedale Arch Park to use in consideration for a potential Nall Park bike trail in partnership with Urban Trails Company.

Nall Park Urban Trail Company proposal

- Tyler Steele agreed to act as Program Manager for the Urban Trails proposal for a bike trail in Nall Park
- Committee agreed that the walking trail should be phase 1 of Nall Park redevelopment and would include a connection to the Community Center
- Other proposed improvements to Nall Park i.e. Disk golf and hard surface connection to the Community Center should be considered as separate and future projects however, these proposals should not impede pursuing the proposed bike trail
- Team agreed to a date of January, 2016 for formal presentation to City Council on the Urban Trails Company proposal

New Business

Resident Concerns presented

- R Park Amenities installations status
 - 4-5 Commemorative benches to be installed at the end of October
 - Residents want a committed target date for the installation of the remaining amenities
- Tree replacement at R Park
 - Trees will be installed in a phased approach allowing City Forrester to give the necessary time and care for young trees to flourish and form correctly

R Park Drinking Fountain Research

- Research on two options for installation of the R Park Drinking Fountain were reviewed and option 1 was favored however, more research is needed before a selection can be made. Option 1 uses the existing 2" commercial sized meter. Option 2 is a new connection and several fees and costs will be incurred if this option is selected.
- It was determined that the drinking fountain proposed for R Park is identical to the drinking fountain installed in Granada Park. Although different than the original drinking fountain selected by Parks Committee for R Park many months ago the functions provided are identical.
- Potential options for ensuring that the land around the drinking fountain remain dry need further discussion with Public Works. It was not thought an Engineering opinion would be needed to build drainage around the drinking fountain. Another thought was that a limestone pervious path could lead up to the fountain helping to distribute excess water so no mudding from fountain drainage occurs.
- Specs and a drawing of the proposed installation plan will need to be submitted to Water One for approval prior to installation. Public Works to be asked to help with fountain installation requirements and implementation assistance.
- Questions
 - If additional costs arise other than what has been donated (plumbing and the fountain) who pays?

- Who will pay the water bill?

R Park Design Development Group-Drinking Fountain location

- It was suggested that the proposed location for the R Park drinking fountain be moved to a different location to allow dog walkers and playground users to widen proximity for the drinking fountain. No additional costs would be incurred by the donor as the distance from the main is approximately the same in either location.

RP Strategic Plan

- Kathleen presented Goal 5 of the RP Strategic Plan for Parks Committee enlightenment. This plan can serve as a general guide for Parks now and 5 years into the future.

Open Action Items

- All committee members and Public Works to bring ideas and costs to October 28th 2015 Special Parks meeting as to how we would like to spend the city allotment for Parks
 - Jennifer and Carl to research R Park tree markers
 - Kathleen to research handicapped swing seat and teeter totter
 - Other ideas forthcoming
- Joel to take the suggested modification of the drinking fountain location back to the development group for consideration
- Jose to discuss Urban Trail Co. proposal and easement agreement needed (Blvd. Apts.) with new City Manager
- Tyler to update committee on progress made with City Manager and Boulevard Apartments at November Parks Meeting
- Jennifer and Tyler to present the follow information to City Council on October 19th
 - Urban Trails Co. proposal for biking trail in Nall Park
 - Updates on accomplishments and future plans for Parks Committee
- All committee members must reapply for 2016 Parks Committee member appointment via the RP website. A current resume must be attached to form at submission.

Motions Approved

- Cory Coe will serve as Parks representative on the Community Foundation Board for 2016
- Meeting Adjourned

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

Community Center Events Planned -October 31st, 2015-9:00-11:00 AM Halloween party for kids-**Volunteers needed**

Parks Committee Meetings

Special Meeting: Wednesday, October 28th, 6:00 PM City Hall

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, November 11th, 6:00 PM City Hall