

Minutes
Parks Committee
 CITY of ROELAND PARK
Wednesday, February 11, 2015; 6:00pm
Roeland Park City Hall

Committee:

Cory Coe	Kathleen Whitworth	Jose Leon
Isaac Mallula	Shea Geist	Sheri McNeil – Council
Jan Grebe	Tyler Steele	Marek Gliniecki - Council
Jennifer Provyn	Guests:	Carl Wisdom
	Greg Smith	
	Gretchen Davis	

PURPOSE. The purpose of the parks advisory committee is to make recommendations to the governing body concerning city owned parks and parkland. The committee shall also act as a tree board to recommend regulations relating to the planting of trees, shrubs and other plantings upon city owned property; to promote beautification of the city and the protection of the public health and safety; and to provide for the preservation and removal of diseased tree, shrubs and plantings.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: January 14 and January 27 (Approval moved by Cory, Seconded by Jan, Carried)

Amendments to the Agenda

Ice Breaker

Unfinished Business

- A. Parks Committee Process Flow (Consensus reached to accept process as attached.)
- B. Goals Setting 2015 (Consensus reached to accept goals.)

Tier One Priorities (in no particular order)

- Work with other committees to determine branding for the city park signs (Feb. 2)
- Arbor/Earth/New Tree Day in May - no date yet – seek to co-sponsor with Sustainability Committee for 4/25
- Outreach – News from Parks (newsletter, website, social media) – Jennifer will get newsletter deadlines together
- R Park amenities recommendation (including drinking fountains)
- New tree planting locations
- Workday in Nall Park (recruit volunteers at Arbor Day, decide date in March, late summer)
- Partnering with other committees on events
- Foul Odor Call In Program for Easter Egg Hunt

- Swing set in Nall Park (addressed in March meeting, Kathleen to research)

Tier Two Priorities (in no particular order)

- Park Champions
- R Park amenities locations
- Grading/survey issue in R Park (\$6,000)

Tier Three Priorities (in no particular order)

- Determination of municipal orchard
- Art in R Park Trail Extension to Community Center

Other Outcomes (in no particular order)

- Fountain grass in island containers – organize planting day (Public Works will plant and maintain some low-maintenance grasses in four island pots around the city)

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- C. R Park Benches – Citizen’s Fundraising Initiative for R Park was requested by Parks Committee to research benches starting in September 2014.
- Researched 40 different companies, interviewed 3 local parks directors, talked to landscape architects, and received recommendations.
 - List of research outcomes – highest possible quality (#1 recommendation from parks directors), appeal to most citizens, highest quality materials (ipe wood or metal), viewed local weathered ipe benches, researched short life span of recycled materials.
 - City will provide concrete pad and labor to install.
 - All products are little or no maintenance. No oil, sanding, painting recommended for ipe wood.
 - Some benches and tables are ADA accessible and compliant, including the “Gretchen” series, and include concerns about the pad as well as the equipment.
 - Choosing a series to send to City Council for approval, not configuring specific pieces of equipment.
 - Jose expressed a preference for metal bench in terms of dealing with graffiti.
 - Consensus reached to remove metal series from consideration.
 - Consensus reached to recommend Balustrade series to City Council.
 - Landscape Forms will hold to 2014 prices if we can affirm that we will be ordering from them, as well as a 6-10% discount.

New Business

- A. Community Requests (None brought.)
- B. Placement of new trees in R Park (Motion to approve the plan by Kathleen, seconded by Ike, carried.)
- Carl presented his recommendation for choice and placement of trees.
 - Trees are intended to shade the trail and play areas.
 - First 20 trees, creating bio-diversity, mitigates chance of losing all trees in the future (such as losing all Ash trees to Emerald Ash Borer), different colors for aesthetics, none fruiting.
- C. Public Works accomplishments:
- Directional signs up for Nall and R Park
 - New trash bins up in Nall Park

Report from Citizen’s Fundraising Initiative for R Park (None brought.)

Adjourn

Next Meeting February 25 @ 6pm at City Hall

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