

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

**Committee:**

Cory Coe  
Isaac Mallula  
Jan Grebe  
Kathleen Whitworth  
Shea Geist  
Tyler Steele

Guests:  
Becky Fast - Council  
Gretchen Davis  
Jose Leon  
Patrick Franken

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*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.*

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**Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes:** N/A

**Amendments to the Agenda**

**Ice Breaker**

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Jorge Blanco Art in R Park (presented by Gretchen Davis)
  - Gretchen presented a plan to potentially bring artwork by Jorge Blanco to R Park. Attached are Blanco's biography, a history of the process, and a potential future for the process.
  - Gretchen has already presented to the Arts Committee.
  - None of the actions taken by Daveses present any kind of promise or contract with Blanco.
  - Leawood has Blanco pieces and reports them to be the most universally liked of their public art.
  - Any monies raised for the Blanco piece do not take away from the fundraising goals. Donors/grantors for a piece like this are not the same donors/grantors who would fund park amenities.
  - Motion to support moving forward with prospective initiatives regarding the Blanco piece, to designate a footprint for the sculpture in the part, to provide a letter of support, and commit to providing feedback was brought by Ike, seconded by Kathleen , carried.
- B. Granada Park Improvement (presented by Jorge Leon)
  - Jose brought several improvements that are already in process and will be going before the Council for Granada Park including new picnic tables installed with pads, new trash receptacles, a water fountain and refurbishments to the skate park concrete.
  - A consensus was reached to support the changes to Granada Park, as outlined by Jose.
- C. Update on sign for R Park (presented by Jorge Leon)
  - The sign design is in final stages and the posts have been ordered. The sign should be installed in the park well in time for Sunflower grant deadline.
- D. R Park Amenities (presented by Kathleen Whitworth)
- E. Kathleen brought a suggested configuration of the orders for the amenities for R Park. The entire order will be made on March 27, 2015. First shipment is covered by the amounts already raised. The second shipment will be delivered when the final amount has been fundraised.
- F. The committee asked for the following reconfiguration of the order:

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<b><u>First Shipment (April 17-May 8, 2015)</u></b>	<b><u>Qty</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Backed Bench	4	\$ 1,291.74	\$ 5,166.96
Backless Bench	1	\$ 1,003.72	\$ 1,003.72
Picnic Table	2	\$ 1,649.59	\$ 3,299.18
Trash Receptacle	0	\$ 942.62	\$ -
Bike Rack	1	\$ 576.05	\$ 576.05
Total			\$ 10,045.91
Approximate Shipping/Handling			\$ 1,107.00
Lift Gate Charges			\$ 150.00
<b>First Shipment Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 11,302.91</b>

<b><u>Second Shipment (up to 3/27/16)</u></b>	<b><u>Qty</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Backed Bench	0	\$ 1,291.74	\$ -
Backless Bench	1	\$ 1,003.72	\$ 1,003.72
Picnic Table	1	\$ 1,649.59	\$ 1,649.59
Trash Receptacle	4	\$ 942.62	\$ 3,770.48
Bike Rack	0	\$ 576.05	\$ -
Total			\$ 6,423.79
Approximate Shipping/Handling			\$ 805.00
Lift Gate Charges			\$ 150.00
<b>First Shipment Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 7,378.79</b>

- G. Placement of amenities in R Park (see attached map)
- Motion to separate picnic tables brought by Kathleen, seconded by Jan, carried.
  - Motion to put picnic table 1 by the playground brought by Shea, seconded by Kathleen, carried.
  - Motion to put picnic table 2 by the magnolia brought by Cory, seconded by Kathleen, carried.
  - Motion to approve the position of the benches as noted on the map brought by Ike, seconded by Tyler, carried.
- H. Nall Park Sign/Refrigerator Magnets – Motion to table to April meeting brought by Cory, seconded by Tyler, carried.
- I. Arbor/Earth/New Tree Day Updated – Tyler’s wife (who works with BikeWalkKC) will be able to provide helmet check, safety check and some safety training).
- J. Banner for R Park Master Plan/EAB – A consensus was reached to pursue purchasing and hanging a banner outlining the master plan, the effect of the Emerald Ash Borer, and contact information for fundraising in the park. Shea will work Geoff Geist to update the preliminary sample with committee suggestions and with city staff to determine the process for getting permission to hang the banner.

**New Business**

- A. Community Requests/Concerns:
- Cory brought a citizen concern that the R Park might be turned into single family residences. Information was brought forward that there would have to be a resolution by the Council, which would then lead to a citywide vote to decommission R Park.

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting April 8 @ 6pm at City Hall**

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