

Parks Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Draft Meeting Minutes-#2 with corrections
Wednesday, September 16th, 2015
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

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

Guests- Teresa Kelly, Jose Leon, Tom Madigan, Joel Marquardt Kyle Rogler, Brett Shoffner

Call to Order by Jan Grebe

Approval of Minutes: August 2015 meeting minutes approved

Old Business

- New Chairperson elected-Jennifer Provyn
- Foul odor magnet not needed due to improved efforts by Johnson County Wastewater
- \$1000 Parks Budget for 2015 is still available-Confirmed with Jennifer Murphy

New Business

- **Nall Park Urban Trail Company proposal reviewed (see proposal and map below)**
 - A nature trail proposal was presented by Brett Shoffner, Urban Trail Co. and Tyler Steele. Primary trail users include beginner and established mountain bike riders, dog walkers, nature hikers, bird watchers, etc.
 - Requires a signed agreement between Nature Trails Co. and the City of Roeland Park
 - Will require an agreement between the Urban Trail Co. and the Boulevard Apartments for easement allowance needed
 - **Pros**
 - Promotes good health through outdoor exercise
 - Provides environmental education and creates an appreciation of nature (All ages)
 - Increases park usage and provides a purpose for the park
 - Improves the park land itself
 - Reduces invasive plants that are detrimental to the wildlife through selective brush clearing
 - Native flora, fauna and wildlife benefit
 - No additional effort needed for trail maintenance by Public works as Urban Trails will maintain the trail if two annual funding rising events can be held at Nall Park by Urban Trails Co.-Self perpetuating
 - Solves erosion problems
 - Trail as depicted connects to the Community Center
 - Low cost-\$13,240 installation by professionals less \$1K donation by Urban Trails Co.
 - Good track record of success for Urban Trails Co.-Rosedale Park, Cliff Drive and Roanoke park
 - Liability insurance of \$2Million dollars provided by Urban Trails Co.at no cost to the City
 - **Concerns and Questions**
 - Not ADA
 - How to fund?
 - Walkable for all ages?
 - Need to include Sustainability Committee and City Forrester in all stages
 - Park too small for nature trail and Disk Golf-one or the other
- **Public works presentation-Jose Leon**

- Connecting Nall Park and the Community Center through options proposed by SKB Engineering
 - 4 options proposed with costs ranging from \$72K to \$154k
 - Only option #1 would be compatible with the proposed nature trail for Nall Park
- Tree RFP
 - A potential RFP is being considered by Public works for some long overdue tree maintenance which includes both trimming and removal. This will only handle a portion of the work which needs to be done to maintain our city trees.
- **R Park Design Development Group presentation-Kyle Rogler**
 - A draft design document for R Park was presented by Kyle Rogler. The preliminary design was well thought out and few concerns were voiced by the committee. The committee appreciated all the good work done by the R Park Design Development Group.
- **Action Items from meeting**
 - Jennifer Probyn to visit examples of existing trails put in by Urban Trail Co. and take pictures for committee review
 - All committee members and Public Works to bring ideas to October, 2015 meeting as to how we would like to spend the \$1K budgeted for 2015 to Parks
 - Jose to discuss Urban Trail Co. proposal and easement agreement needed (Blvd. Apts.) with new City Manager
 - All committee members to review goal 5 within the Strategic Plan on the RP website in preparation for October meeting

Motions Approved

- Jennifer Probyn was elected Parks Chairperson
- Pursuit of Nall Park foul odor magnet was dismissed and will not be pursued by the Committee
- Bench placement of 5 benches in R Park as proposed by Kyle Rogler, Design Development Group
- Meeting Adjourned

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

Events and Sustainability Committees-October 3rd, 2015 11:00 AM -6:00 PM **Barktoberfest** and **Community for all Ages at**

R-Park

Community Center Events Planned

- October 1st, 2015-Spagetti Dinner All Ages-\$8.00 per person-Dinner and a Magician- All ages welcome. Tours will be offered of dome and pool
- October 31st, 2015-9:00-11:00 AM Halloween party for kids-**Volunteers needed**

Parks Committee Meetings

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 14th, 6:00 PM

Urban Trails Co. Proposal for Nall Park Nature Trail

Urban Trail Co. has collaborated with land managers throughout Kansas City, designing and constructing 110+ miles of sustainable singletrack since 2001. Based on the amount of volunteer hours it takes to construct sustainable singletrack on our regional terrain, Urban Trail Co. – Central Region has recently standardized cost at \$7.60 per linear foot of trail, or \$40,000 per trail mile, with the approximate breakdown of planning, design, construction labor, equipment, materials, and associated costs:

Task - Percentage of Overall Project

Site Assessment & Environmental Planning 3%
Trail Routing & Ecological/Landscape Design 3%
Invasive Species Eradication – Labor 15%
Corridor/Invasive Species - Materials/Equipment 1%
Corridor/Brush Clearing - Labor 5%
Trash Remediation - Labor/Materials/Equipment 2%
Trail Construction - Labor (General) 10%
Trail Construction - Labor (Skilled) 20%
Trail Construction - Materials/Equipment 3%
Areas of Difficulty - Planning, Engineering, & Design 3%
Areas of Difficulty – Labor 8%
Areas of Difficulty – Materials 2%
Finishing & Detail Work 15%
Reforestation & Restoration – Labor 2%
Reforestation & Restoration – Materials 4%
Beautification & Signage – Labor 1%
Beautification & Signage – Materials 1%
Environmental Education & Public Awareness 1%
Overhead 1%
TOTAL 100%

Roeland Park – Nall Park trails are estimated to be fully valued at \$60,192 for approximately 1.5 miles of natural surface singletrack trail, including all materials, equipment, labor, etc. The construction cost estimate can be greatly reduced with the usage of mechanized trail building equipment and hiring a professional trail crew. Mechanized trail building not only performs the same amount of work that approximately 8-10 volunteers can in the same time (depending on terrain), but also provides a wider surface that can easily be fine-tuned by finishing crews of trail builders and local volunteers. Initial assessments and planning work have already been performed by Urban Trail Co. builders. The park is largely devoid of illegal dumpsites found in other urban core parks, which will save lots of time and money. Invasive species eradication and reforestation work can be completed by volunteers after the trails have been constructed. Estimated construction budget details are below:

Corridor/Brush Clearing \$3009
Mechanized trail construction \$6019
Materials/Equipment \$2407
Signage/Env. Ed/Pub. Aware. \$1805
TOTAL \$13240

Project timeline: Estimated 90-120 days from start/finish.

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