

Minutes
Sustainability Committee (Special Meeting)
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Tuesday, August 4, 2015; 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Roeland Park City Hall

Committee:

Teresa Kelly – Council Rep. (P)
Brandon Gillette (P)
Duane Daugherty(P)

Cathy Creed (P)
Michael Kelly (A)
Elizabeth Phelps (P)

Judy Hyde (P)

PURPOSE. The purpose of the Environmental Sustainability Committee is to make recommendations to the Governing Body concerning issues relating to or affecting environmental sustainability.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to review current uses and practices as they relate to environmental sustainability, including a review of the City’s own practices and procedures, and to make recommendations to the Governing Body relating to policies, guidelines or programs, including but not limited to, maintaining and enhancing air quality, reducing waste disposal and need for landfills, increasing awareness of the need to conserve natural resources and generally educating the public on methods to protect the environment.

Call to Order

6:06pm

Approval of Minutes: from June 11, 2015

Motion – Duane, Cathy – 2nd, ALL, motion passes

Additions to the Agenda

1. CFAA – public outreach brainstorming
 - a. BarktoberFest – Oct. 3
 - i. Create a mock-up of CFAA to demonstrate the vision (Motion – Judy; Elizabeth – 2nd, All, motion passes)

Old Business

New Business

1. Sustainability looking at items such as sustainable plant types, possible best management practice (BMP) ideas and possibly sustainable elements about the shelter – but really anything related to sustainability.
2. <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ebc7u8d7icnu2k3m/start>
 - a. Question 3
 - i. 66% of respondents on the citizen’s survey indicated a preference for inclusion of garden space into R Park. Integration of edibles into already designed landscape.

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Replace some of the planned trees with fruit trees. Edible fruit trees are no different than any other tree planted. We are not asking for additional maintenance.

- ii. Possible pathway woven into the trees, with sitting area and benches. Included in native, low maintenance, species to attract pollinators. No bee hives.
 - iii. Not a need or optimal place for a rain garden. The area does not already take on water and the impact would be negligible.
 - iv. 70% of respondents on the citizen survey indicated the need for a public shelter/picnic space. The construction of a shelter for public space supports the data collected from the citizen survey for increased events in R Park (art fair, Easter egg hunt, food festival, music/concerts).
 1. Regarding planting, don't plant fruit trees or other edibles extremely near shelter. Pollinators and other insects may interfere with picnic/shelter area.
 - v. Public gathering spaces are an optimal way to support and promote CFAA. A shelter would be one step to support this vision. The topic of public spaces has also been addressed as part of the strategic plan.
- b. Question 4
- i. Yes, we would like to see trees ID'd with diversity. Inclusion of edibles, also ID'd. A ratio of about 1:12 edible to other trees for new plantings. This will include proven varieties of nuts, fruits, and foliage.
- c. Question 6
- i. Bike racks are a must. At least two racks across the park.
 - ii. All four corners of the park should be wheelchair accessible.
 - iii. Inclusion of crosswalks to safely access the park.
- d. Question 19
- i. Increased diversity in playground elements allow kids the opportunity for increased creativity, exploration, and physical health. We are suggesting that the play areas include formal structures while also including more natural landscapes (stumps, logs, shrubs, etc.).
3. Watering schedule/guidelines (move to September meeting)

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements:

1. Committee of the Whole – Sustainability Report (TBD)

Next Meeting Date: September 3, 2015 6:00 PM [1st Thursday]

Adjourn

Motion – Brandon; Elizabeth – 2nd; meeting adjourned 7:42pm

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