

**Minutes of Meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee  
Of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas  
April 8, 2009**

Co-chair Joel Marquardt called a meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Roeland Park City Hall. Matthew Geary recorded the minutes.

**Members present** – Joel Marquardt Co-chair, Matthew Geary Co-chair, Megan England, Jan Greebe, Mike Foltz, Chris Handzel, Adrian O’Hara, Mark Lonesk.

**Members absent** – Mike Miller

**Staff present** – John Carter

- I. A group photograph was taken.
- II. Old Business
  - a. The March meeting minutes were approved.
  - b. New members Geary, O’Hara and Lonsek shared personal a brief personal background. Mr. Foltz then gave his personal background.
  - c. A discussion was held regarding committee members offering suggestions to the City Forester regarding trees. A discussion was held regarding the signs on trees regarding the tree price tags and the purpose of the tree price tags.
  - d. A discussion was held regarding the goals of the committee members. Mr. Handzel reviewed the goals, which were discussed at the March meeting.
    - i. The goals discussed included, a connection between the community center and Nall Park, resurfacing the tennis courts at the Roeland Park elementary school, bench and trashcan guidelines for all parks and making Roeland Park bicycle friendly.
    - ii. A discussion was held regarding the old Roeland Park elementary school site. The committee decided to recommend to the council that the council seek requests for proposals regarding the commissioning of a study to enact a plan for the development of the site as a park. Matthew

Geary and Adrian O'Hara will attend the council meeting to make the recommendation to the council.

- e. A discussion was held regarding the Art in R Park reception.
    - i. All committee members were encouraged to attend the artist reception on April 17, and to encourage other residents to attend.
    - ii. A discussion was held regarding lighting the art projects. Mr. Marquardt gave a report on solar powered lights the City can purchase from Lowes. The committee recommended that the City purchase three or four lights to determine whether they would be vandalized or stolen before investing in such lights for more projects.
  - f. A discussion was held regarding the Arbor Day events at the Roseland elementary school on April 24, 2009 at 2:30. Committee members were encouraged to attend these events.
- III. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.