

***DRAFT of* Minutes of Meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee
Of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas
September 9, 2009**

Co-chair Joel Marquardt called a meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Roeland Park City Hall. Matthew Geary recorded the minutes.

Members present – Joel Marquardt Co-chair, Matthew Geary Co-chair, Jan Greebe, Chris Handzel, Mark Lonesk, Mike Foltz

Members absent –Mike Miller, Megan England, Adrian O’Hara

Staff present – John Carter

- I. The August meeting minutes were approved.
- II. Mr. Marquardt informed the Committee that Mike Miller is stepping off the Committee and asked Committee members if they had any recommendations for a replacement.
- III. John Carter informed the Committee that the sale of the old Roeland Park School has been delayed. The target date for the sale is now January 1, 2010 or March 1, 2010.
- IV. There were no agenda modifications.
- V. There were no tree board / tree city USA suggestions.
- VI. Parks Master Plan:
 - a. Mr. Handzel reported that the Parks Master Plan is virtually ready and could go to Council almost any time.
 - b. All agreed that putting the Art and Sculpture Master Plan by reference into the overall plan made sense. Joel will attempt to get the photos ready in a very direct, format. If he does not have time Chris may be able to help if the information is in ready-to-drop-in format.
- VII. Art in R Park
 - a. The general placement of the pieces for Round 5 were agreed upon.

- b. The Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at Cooper Creek Park to stake the exact placement of the pieces. (and has done so as of this review of the Minutes). The small bronze boy intended for Cooper Creek has been pulled from the group for this round.
- c. There will be a reception for Art in R Park – Round 5 on October 16, 2009 at City Hall.
- d. Private funding for the Art in R Park program was discussed and Joel would like the Parks Committee to agree on a recommendation to the Council by our November meeting. At the end of these minutes *in italics* is a copies of the initial ideas Adrian and Megan have come up with. The Committee should look at these ideas prior to our October meeting and make suggestions there. Joel reported that the Council had pressed him for a quick turn around of an agreement they could use 3 months ago. (Note: At the September 21st workshop Council Member Art encouraged the Parks Committee to be proactive in soliciting funding from local businesses in the future). Again, please see the preliminary notes on this at the end of these minutes.
- e. The Committee will report to the council on the placement of Golden Root; the next round of Art in R Park, the Art in R Park open house and ideas for private funding.

VIII. Mr. Carter informed the Committee was informed that “Golden Root” has been placed on Roe.

IX. The Committee was informed that the Council passed the Turkey Creek Resolution.

X. The Committee discussed goals of the Committee.

- a. A discussion was held regarding placing a sensory garden at the Roeland Park School site. This goal will be put on hold until the issues regarding of the sale of the school is completed.

A discussion was held regarding the need to replace or resurface the tennis courts at the Roeland Park School site. Mr. Handzel will obtain information about the approximate costs of resurfacing the tennis courts. In a similar situation, Chris said Riggs Recreation (<http://www.riggsrecreation.com/Tennis-Tracks.html>) has quoted a 3-coat color system including

preparation, patching and line striping for \$4,595 for a single court. We could pursue a price from them for our courts if the Committee or Council deems appropriate.

- b. If time, Ms. Greebe may brainstorm on some ideas for sensory gardens around Roeland Park. Some early ideas may revolve around themes, such as gardens designed around person's with disabilities such as blindness, etc.
- c. A discussion was held regarding the Juniper pocket park. The Committee will try to update the park in conjunction with the stormwater project.
 - i. The Committee recommended that the Juniper Pocket Park be a park for quiet reflection and not place any playground equipment in the park.
 - ii. The Committee is going to investigate placing a shelter at the park that reflects Kansas (rather than a standard gazebo).
 - iii. Mr. Handzel will prepare some preliminary drawings for the Juniper Pocket Park.
 - iv. (Note: Since this September meeting, the Committee met on September 21st for a special meeting at the park to review ideas for themed design at Juniper Park. The general idea is for a shelter with a small home design complete with floor plan in brick on the floor, which overlooks the "daylighting", or outlet of the storm sewer into the creek behind. The yard could be used as a passive teaching site for rain barrels, xeroscaping and raingardens. The committee members present – Mark, Matt, Jan, Mike, Adrian and Joel all agree it looks like a good plan if the City can do it. Joel also called Chris and Megan; both agreed it appeared to be a good idea, but have slight concerns that in the end nothing will be built. Joel has discussed the design with Mayor Foster, City Manager John Carter and the Engineer, the Larken Group, who is working on the current stormwater project there. If this work is to be included in the current project Larkin asked that if possible, drawings be given to them by October 8th, so they have enough time to post before the prebid meeting the next week. Joel has begun working on formal drawings and has solicited a structural bid from Bob D. Campbell and Associates for \$2,200. John Carter is currently working on funding options for both the design and construction of the work. Joel also met with the Sustainability Committee on Wednesday, September 23rd. All present endorsed the plan and gave some very interesting ideas for making the project even more sustainable, such as using different paving options as a teach tool

for sustainable driveway options. Joel believes the cost of the shelter will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

XI. The next meeting will be held October 14, 2009 at Sturgis Materials, 550 S Packard St., Kansas City, Kansas. The Committee will meet at the East entrance to Sturgis Materials.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

PRIVATE FUNDING FOR ART IN R PARK - PRELIMINARY IDEAS

Annual Levels:

\$5000+ : logo on sign/ all materials, media release, website, personal recognition at opening

\$2500+ : name w/o logo on sign/ all materials

\$1000+ : listed on website/ in newsletter

Below \$1000: ?

Materials include: sign, newsletter 2x annually, website, promo materials, ad in paper? Sign in city hall

- sign at both ends of Roe that highlight the sponsors the entire duration of the program. For the \$2500, the sponsor gets their logo.

- never allow them to have "ownership" over any certain piece or ability to dictate location- they are donating to the program as a whole.

-The program is beneficial to Roeland Park because it enhances surroundings, increases visibility and interest and creates community pride.

-First step is to send a letter from the Mayor (or Councilmember) to each of the businesses:

First page: cover letter explaining the program and its significance to the city, and the offer for the "opportunity" to participate and support local artists and state that the Mayor or a member of the City Council will call to follow up within the next 2 weeks to discuss participation.

Second page: explain the two levels, the exact dates on the calendar- installation, etc. Third page: articles from the KC Star, photos of previous artworks, etc

- Donations are tax deductible?

-Let Walgreens and CVS know we are asking both

-This is a relatively small amount of money that local managers of large corporations typically have the authority to spend. So, we'd want to appeal directly to them.

THE END ☺