

# Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park

Meeting Minutes Draft 1.0

Wednesday September 12th, 2018 Roeland Park City Hall

## Attendees

**Committee members and liaisons-** Cory Coe, Emily Hage, Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele, Kathleen Whitworth, Laura Yankoviz

**Guests-** Jose Leon Public Works Director, Mary Schulteis, Christine Webster and Linda Leonard Arts Committee Members

## Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

- 2018 available funds for Parks Committee  
**Total Funds Available for expenditure-\$945.00**

## Citizen Voices

-Grass height and trimming in R Park

- Public Works is considering the solicitation of a weekly mowing contract for 2019. It is assumed that because the frequency of mowing and trimming will increase that a cost increase for park maintenance should be anticipated. Currently mowing is completed on an as needed basis which has led to complaints. Citizens have stated that the current park maintenance frequency needs to be reassessed. The parks committee members suggested that less meeting time should be spent discussing this issue as most times the issue has been resolved prior to the meeting date. Any contract changes for park maintenance will have to be addressed in 2019.

-Back Board for R Park tennis courts

- A citizens raised the question of why there was no back board for single player use within the new tennis courts. This enhancement was initially considered but deemed too costly given the amount of funds budgeted for the courts.

## Action Items Completed

- -A vendor and sun shade design for Granada Park was approved by Council. Installation is expected to be completed in October 2018.
- Roeland Park website has been revamped and donation information has been posted under the Community Foundation link. Issue closed.

## Presentations

- Members of the Arts Committee and R Park Sculpture task force presented plans for a sculpture celebration at R Park on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. This event will commemorate the installation of the Jorge Blanco sculpture in R Park. It was asked that all RP volunteer committees assist in supporting this event and contribute funds towards the cost of the event. The Parks Committee members were amenable to supporting the event however, Parks would ask that we be able to tie in an aspect of Arbor Day in order to meet Tree City USA annual requirements. More discussion and planning will be forth coming.
- Jose (Public Works) presented a presentation on Public Works 2018 responsibilities and accomplishments in 2018. All agreed that results were impressive but members of Parks expressed concern that Public Works and Council should consider hiring additional staff due to complaints received regarding Park and trail maintenance.

## New Business

- None

## Continuing Action items

- Tyler Steele will present recommendations at a future meeting for smoke free zones within the parks. Park committee members were in agreement that this approach is preferable to an all-inclusive smoking ban within the parks.
- Nall Park trail sign needs to be finalized and ordered. Tyler stated that no additional trail modifications will be done until fall. Modifications need to be made prior to sign order to accurately depict the trail. The concern is that trails are typically dynamic making it difficult to include a map within the permanent sign. More discussion is needed about how to address and capture trail modifications.
- Jennifer Provyn reported that the blue spruce at R Park is infested with bagworms and needs treatment. Jose to contact city arborist for resolution. Resolution unknown.
- All Parks members to review 2008 Nall Park masterplan document prior to end of year 2018. Parks will need to recommend a location in Nall Park for an art installation prior to yearend. The Art Committee pledged \$2500 for art in Nall Park from their 2019 budget.

- Parks will need to select and order new amenities for Nall Park in the fall. The budget for 2019 for this improvement was approved at \$34K. This budget is for new benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles. An installation goal of spring 2019 was set. Parks recommended the “Gretchen” design from vendor Landscape Forms
- Park members to query contacts with the intent of securing a landscape architect or master gardener who would design a maintainable garden in place of what currently exists in the Nall Park rain garden. All agreed that this garden is in need of an overhaul. The garden has not been refreshed for many years.
- Dermatologist sun shade grant for R Park opens in September, 2018. Grant potential is \$8000.

**Motions Approved**

- August meeting minutes approved
- “Gretchen” design recommended for 2019 Nall Park amenities purchase and installation.

**Future Parks Events**

- None

**Future Sustainability Events**

- Park2Park run-09/29/18 9:00 AM

**Future R Park Fundraising Events**

- None known

**Future Arts Committee Events**

- R Park sculpture installation celebration, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ R Park

**Future Events Committee Events**

- Fall Family Picnic, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ R Park

**City Events-**

- None known

**Parks Committee Meetings**

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 6:00 PM @ City Hall