

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park

Meeting Minutes Draft 1.0

Wednesday April 11th, 2018 Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

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

Guests- Jose Leon Public Works Director, Tom Madigan Council

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

- 2018 currently available funds for Parks Committee
Total funds available for expenditure-\$1881.07

Citizen Voices

- A citizen has expressed a concern over tree watering in the Parks and has asked for a better understanding of PW policy. The following was conveyed to the committee:
 - Public Works has an agreement with the city to water trees during the first two years of life after planting
 - Public Works waters young trees under two years old on a monthly basis dependent upon rainfall and need
 - Public Works does not water trees that have been planted for more than two years. Many of the trees planted in R Park are over three years old and do not fall under the agreement with the city

Action items completed

1. Tree City USA recognition for 2017 has been awarded to the city. This is the 25th anniversary that Roeland Park has achieved this award. Thanks to PW for taking the lead on this and completing the application!
2. Roeland Park received the Tree Growth award for 2017
3. Two locations in Nall Park were selected for the planting of two new donated trees. These trees will hopefully be in place for May 5th Spring Fling. Commemorative plaques for the Marquardt and Madigan Families have been ordered.
4. Parks reviewed locations for the renovated plinths which will be installed in Carpenter Park. It was determined that the best location would be in the center circle to avoid any possibility of mower damage. This recommendation has been conveyed to Arts Committee.
5. Sun structure pool project has been delegated to the pool advisory committee who has taken ownership of this objective.

Moved to 2018/19 Goals

Damaged & diseased trees (2) in R Park are being addressed by Public Works. It is thought they will need to be replaced with new trees.

Juniper pocket park ownership and support requirements-Needs more discussion in 2018.

Old Business

- Spring Fling event (Nall Park Trail Grand Opening/Arbor Day) is slated for Saturday, 05/05/18 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Nall Park. Events has agreed to address entertainment, publicity and food. Parks agreed to handle Arbor Day, ribbon cutting. Confirmed activities include a crafts table for kids (thank you Arts Committee!) bike rides, trail walks duet band, two food trucks, chalk art, bubbles, sunflower contest (thanks Sustainability Committee!), ribbon cutting, Arbor Day giveaways and promotion. Planning is continuing.

Presentations

- Three soft structure designs for Granada Park Shade Structure project were presented for committee review. One design was recommended and will move forward for Council design approval. If approved Parks will move forward to gain competitive bids. Given the 2018 budget for shade structures the committee concluded that a hard structure was over budget for Granada.
- An updated draft of the Nall Park trailhead signs was reviewed by Parks and some suggestions were put forth. The design will be presented to Council on 04/16/2018 by Jennifer. Funding is in negotiation.
- PW reported that they will submit the following for the CFI (long range plan of significant expense)

- Nall Park shelter replacement roof
- Asphalt trail in R Park
- New play structures in R Park and Nall Park
- Nall Park survey

○ **New Actions items**

- Emily assigned to research the parameters for Park accreditation via CAPRA. It is thought this program could lead to new opportunities for grants.

Continuing Action items

- Concerns over Nall Park trail design are being addressed the weekend of April 14th by Urban Trail's volunteers. Most concerns relate to safety issues and the inability of bikers to opt out of the more advanced jumps. Also there are too many jumps. A new contact has been named from Urban Trails as Brett Schoffner is re-locating out of state.
- No movement has been made on getting a true cost estimate on R Park shade structures. Installation will not take place until fall 2018 at the earliest. There is a concern that shade structure budget monies will not cover the cost of these two structures however, without a true cost this is a presumption.
- Need an ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on the park trails. No such ordinance currently exists.
 - Tom Madigan reported that this was discussed with the City Attorney on 04/10 and will be discussed on 04/16 with Council.
- New benches for Carpenter Park are slated to arrive mid-May.
- New tennis courts at R Park slated to be completed in June, 2018.
- Granada replacement benches will be installed the week of 04/16/2018. Pads have been poured for the benches.
- RP city website needs to be updated to include donation policy-Kathleen to check on status
- Need new advocate for R Park Marquee. Clearly defined process that is workable for Public works and event coordinators is needed
- Potential Grants for park improvements
 - First National Bank-"Vibrant Neighborhoods"
 - AAD grant for shade structures (September, 2018)
 - Lowes grant

Motions Approved

- March meeting minutes approved
- Design recommendation for Granada Park shade structure approved to move forward to Council
- Meeting Adjournment

Future Parks Events

- May 5th, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Nall Park, Spring Fling, Arbor Day/Nall Park trail opening

Future Sustainability Events

- Will participate in Spring Fling event
- Park2Park run-09/29/18 9:00 AM

Future R Park Fundraising Events

- None known

Future Arts Committee Events

- Will participate in Spring Fling event

Future Events Committee Events

- Will partner with Parks on May 5th event

City Events-

- Will partner with Parks on May 5th event

Parks Committee Meetings

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th 2018 6:00 PM @ City Hall