

Parks and Trees Committee - February 8, 2023, 6 pm

Minutes:

Location

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91746576398>

Meeting id: (enter manually if issue with link): 917 4657 6398 **Mobile** 1-346-248-7799, (id 917 4657 6398)

Committee Members: (highlighted in attendance)

Laura Savidge, (Co-Chair), Sarah Martin, (Co-Chair)

Jaime Davis, Judy Hyde, Kailee Noland, Linda Heinen, Linda Thornburg, Matt Lero, Russell McCorkle,

Kate Raglow, Council Liaison, Tom Madigan, Council Liaison alt

Facilitator: Anthony Marshall, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Daniel VandenBos – public works (optional)

Consent Agenda :

- Total available funds for expenditure: \$2,973.56
- Approve minutes from January- approved

Guests:

- N/a

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Major Goal for this year- Nall Park Master plan update (finding out who is working on).
 - Possible Disc Golf course, new playground equipment in 2024.
 - Allocation from the Rocks- 395K- (likely plus 80K originally targeted)
 - Special meeting happened to discuss further on the 19th
 - Most likely will receive, can start planning
 - Tom and Jan advocated for all these funds to go to Nall
 - Next steps
 - Community Forum to gain ideas to start- discuss questions for ideas
- Traffic Garden event- Bike Parade
 - With Bike Walk KC
 - Have group brainstorm for event- Sarah and Laura to add on to ideas from fall
 - Matt, Jaime, Judy want to be included

Public Comment/ Concerns:

- One way only and a do not enter sign for traffic garden "hills" so kids don't get run off the road
 - Anthony to look into

Completed in last month:

- R Park playground fence keep getting torn down, city working on a more sturdy fence along with signage being installed.
 - AB Creative purchased a sturdy fence installed
- Traffic Garden revamp
 - Sample signs ordered?
 - Meeting in R Park, smaller group- Matt, Sarah, Anthony
 - Posts 5.5 ft and signs from 36 to 24

Open Action Items

Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
 - signage, placement, other
 - Landscaping- group voted to no landscape around the other benches and picnic table due to the watering, instead will focus on the bare areas
 - Tree fell over across creek to be addressed by PW- didn't impact fencing
 - Signage- info will go to the City website with the QR code (Anthony has proofed)
 - Totems on Johnson Drive now have new plaques for the artwork
- Play equipment update

Juniper:

- Exploring Grant- **Laura**
 - Tito's Vodka grant for community gardens- Let Laura know if you'd like to help

Nall Park:

- Sewer work has impacted the trail- any updates (no longer getting response from Urban Trails)-
 - Ask PW if it's a safety issue as far as the sewer work portion
 - KS Heavy is going to fix it with sod, grass, adding signage to stay on the trail
 - and then for future maintenance if there's another non-profit trail group that will work with us., Anthony did get ahold of someone
- A Federal Land and Water Conservation grant for contribution of costs to the Nall Park- possibly for inclusive play.
 - **Laura** investigating the grant to start
 - Welcome other ideas
- Water Treatment facility no longer planning to use Nall Park for storage
- Bike racks for the Park- Sustainability purchased to place in the park- hasn't chosen the location yet
 - Decided to place in concrete for now- **Anthony**?
 - Anthony found a place by the Gaga Pit

R Park:

- R Park- Phase III- **Anthony**
 - Musical element see if it can be dampened- from manufacturer- **Anthony**
 - Yes it can be, but we'd have to do ourselves.
 - Wait until playground is open to see if it's even an issue?
 - Clean-up/issues to address

- Bollards – look for less expensive option?
 - Replacement, sturdier bollards people driving around them- plastic bollards might be better
 - Also possibly consider landscaping along there
 - Look if a sign is misleading
 - Estimate for resurface the basketball court as not included in Phase III- **Anthony**- *will have an estimate and way to resurface for next meeting (is heavily sloped)*
 - *52K to resurface?*
 - *Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- Matt/Laura
 - *Got shop drawings for all of the elements, have put together a final price for it, Matt K met with rope manufacturers, meeting with safety consultant (fabricate testing blocks), about 38K short because costs went up, Grant likely being sent in tomorrow for 25K*
 - R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
 - Anthony recovered area on 2/2
 - Sub group met last night- landscape fabric is losing fight against wind. New plan for card board and re-use landscape fabric to encourage decomposition (need to eradicate weeds). Changing strategies to plant in the Fall, (better time to plant).
 - We do need cardboard for this- Construction at the Center
 - City could store the cardboard
 - Website- Educational website will be directed via QR codes on signage and go to the R Park page on the city site
 - Roeland Parker article coming out on this too
 - Jaime also submitted for a grant to the Grassland Heritage Foundation/Preserving Prairies Fund- 1500 to 2 K
 - R Park- Ash disposal- how we handle safely
 - Johnson County Waste Services- takes ash disposal?
 - Bucket?- how do citizens dispose of
 - Message on the marquee, even if it's just "enjoy the park"/update bulletin
 - Calendar sent
 - Can post other items like sustainability if we don't have something essential for Parks

Sweeney:

- Utility board update- Daniel/Anthony
 - Donnie and Utility Company need to work on together
 - Anthony- Challenge with getting ahold of the utility department- need to follow up with further for an update
 - Next step have them mark where we can dig- city has to cover costs, planning on using Wood
 - Utility board came up in one of Anthony's first meetings- lots of investigation needed, now plywood painted black
 - Also going to add the RP logo

All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it
- City website- make ability to rent Pavilion/shelters easier/easier to find?- any updates?- Sarah- ask Kelly

- On the page for the specific parks and Navigation for How do I would be good additions (put on pause to send in for a couple months)- do in April
- <https://www.roelandpark.net/facilities/facility/details/rpark-7>
- Midtown signs on consolidated signage, For Cooper Creek, Nall and R Park- Laura
 - R Park- Idea for tree markers w/ QR codes- next discussion
 - Laura has some ideas, hopefully end of February
 - General signage subgroup to be scheduled
 - Laura to schedule our sub-group (Laura, Jaime, Linda, Sarah)
- Missing Bench from R Park- replacement in storage?
 - Order a black one- ordered

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Granada, any updates from group?

Adjourn

Next Regular Parks Meeting Wednesday, March 8, 6pm

Next time include

- Future discussion on R Park planting and funds allocation- prioritize watering - next meeting
- Colors for R Park posts
- Islands and Medians open for adoption- do we want that to be available, under Donnie's purview