

Parks and Trees Committee - March 15, 2023 6 pm

Minutes:

Location

R Park Pavilion for March!

Back up in case of weather: 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 February- approved

Guests:

- Emma Berger, future committee member

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Major Goal for this year- Nall Park Master plan update (finding out who is working on).
 - Next steps:
 - Master plan (work with Confluence) and the City Engineer
 - Both Parks and Council approval
 - Community forum/feedback
 - Dots exercise or other means of feedback
 - Group planning and review of detailed plans/any edits
 - Final plan/any changes requires Parks and Council approval
 - Execution
- Colors for R Park posts
 - Teal- paint sample
- Islands and Medians open for adoption
 - do we want that to be available, under Donnie's purview
 - Traditionally available, but program is not coherent/available- parking lot until website is available
- Update on signs/tree and art markers

- Arts/group agreed on look of markers.



- Laura coordinated on an objective for it
- Laura- next steps
 - Making adjustments to the objective
 - Project will be around 13-16 K
 - 2024 budget item
- Update on Slide N' Ride- party in R Park
 - Saturday, April 29, 1-3
 - Popcorn, lemonade
 - Bubbles, bike parade
- Eco-Squad update- Laura
 - Have done fundraiser, want to plant things
- March 31- Bishop Miede has a Community Service day- do we have anything for this?
 - One home room class of 20-25 kids, about 10 kids for projects, we will use for dirt for the wildflower garden and weed clean up in R Park
- Arbor Day ideas-
 - Get saplings from the Arbor day foundation- Jaime

Public Comment/ Concerns:

- notice about sewer work at Nall- grading it out, update the sign

Completed in last month:

- Sweaney- Utility board update- Daniel/Anthony- completed!

Open Action Items (for April, latest updates below for reference) :

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:

- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering- add to new discussion
 - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park "bucket" from Citizens Fundraising for 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

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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, April 12, 6pm (weather permitting in a Park)?

Next time include:

Parking Lot

- R Park- Bathroom, lock on the door
- R Park- Maple tree on NE corner- appears to be sickly- see if needs to be trimmed/removed- PW
 - To address in spring, place in parking lot
- Sweaney – play structure
- R Park- Birch tree on NW corner- erosion
 - Daniel- eroding on south Side of the tree- something may need to be engineered-Laura talked to Daniel, they are going to wait and see what happens with drainage
- Anthony/Daniel will work to incorporate Arbor Master's tree inventory for a tree replacement schedule for entire Park system. Budget to be established.
- We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community. Presentation in new year?