

# 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

- o Arts/group agreed on look of markers.



- Laura coordinated on an objective for it
- Laura- next steps
  - o Making adjustments to the objective
  - o Project will be around 13-16 K
  - o 2024 budget item
- Update on Slide N' Ride- party in R Park
  - o Saturday, April 29, 1-3
  - o Popcorn, lemonade
  - o Bubbles, bike parade
- Eco-Squad update- Laura
  - o Have done fundraiser, want to plant things
- March 31- Bishop Miege has a Community Service day- do we have anything for this?
  - o 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-
  - o 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:

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

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

#### Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
  - o 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

Sweeney:

- 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
- Sweeney – 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?