

Parks and Trees Committee - April 12, 2023 6 pm

Minutes:

Location

Nall Park shelter

If inclement weather meet on 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 March

Guests:

- Emma Berger, future committee member

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Vote for Emma Berger as committee member
- Brainstorm/discuss ideas of what we'd like to see in Nall Park (review punch list first below).

Public Comment/ Concerns:

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Completed in last month:

- R Park playground open!

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

Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
- Play equipment update/balance beam?
- Any updates on erosion
 - Habitat Architects are planting native trees, starting review

Juniper:

Nall Park:

- Reminder on next steps on Nall Park Master plan update
 - Next steps:
 - Discuss ideas with Design/Construction vendor
 - Master plan (work with) 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
- 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*
 - update?
- A Federal Land and Water Conservation grant for contribution of costs to the Nall Park- possibly for inclusive play.
 - Builder is investigating the grant to start along with Laura
 - Welcome other ideas

R Park:

- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering
 - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park "bucket" from Citizens Fundraising for R Park
 - irrigation
- Colors for R Park post- painting Teal
- R Park- Clean-up/issues to address
 - Bollards – Replacement, sturdier bollards people driving around them- plastic bollards might be better
 - Also possibly consider landscaping along there
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - *Estimate?*
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- *Matt/Laura*
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
- 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
 - Need to update after this Saturday asap to Playground opening party
- Reminder- Slide N' Ride- party in R Park
 - Saturday, April 29, 1-3

Sweaney:

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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>
- Sign Committee- update
- Arbor Day ideas-
 - Mural to make using natural materials

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Granada, any updates from group?

Adjourn

Next Regular Parks Meeting May 10

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
- Tree/Art markers
 - Making adjustments to the objective
 - Project will be around 13-16 K
 - 2024 budget item
- 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?
- 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
- Exploring Grant- Laura

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