

Parks and Trees Committee - June 14, 2023 6 pm

Agenda

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, Emma Burger, 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 May

Guests:

- Dan Miller and Zach team- Lamp Rynearson- Prospective master plan Design Vendor
 - Will present the proposed process for the Nall Park master plan/design
 - Dan- City Engineer, and Zach is the Landscape designer
- Mallorie Hurlbert- prospective member

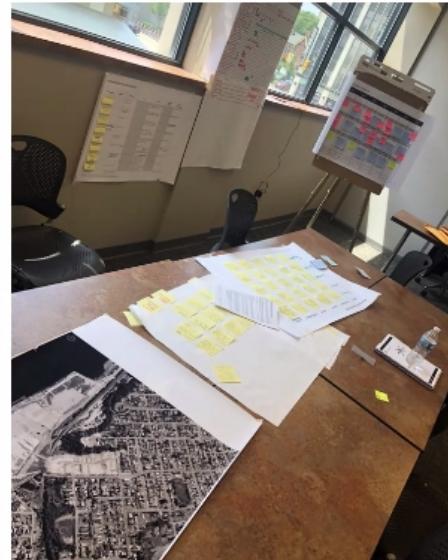
Discussion/updates/new items:

- Nall Park Master Plan
 - What it would take to update the Master Plan for Nall Park- efforts start with the community and what they want to see
 - Public involvement, some in person discussion

Master Planning Process

• Public Involvement

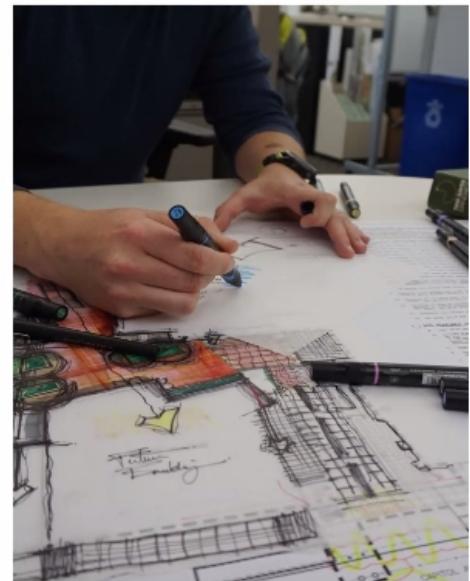
- Public survey prior to Design Charette to assist in determining priorities and goals
 - Stakeholder coordination and interviews including Parks Committee
 - Design charette with stakeholders and community members to create vision and goals for Nall Park
 - Open house to reveal and review outcome of design charette to community
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- Then coordinate with our group and city staff
 - And then a charrette in the park with images- valuable process
 - With this process can make sure the process is community focused- an interactive, open process
 - Then host an open house to show the work that's been created
 - do the sticker exercise



Master Planning Process

• Master Plan

- Review previous master plans and studies
- Perform inventory and analysis of current site
- Coordinate outcomes with City staff and stakeholders
- Determine park programming, vision, and features
- Develop, refine, and present concepts



- Then take information and refine it, and take time to do additional research, walk the site, etc.

- This will be a collaborative, iterative process- and make sure we can also be champions for the end product, and make sure Park is both useful and memorable, then we refine down into one concept and this can be revealed for a final line of input to generate a master plan
- Proposed schedule:- Questions for survey based on what we want to know.

Master Planning Process

Proposed Schedule

- *July 2023*
 - Project kickoff
 - Develop and send out public survey
- *August 2023*
 - Stakeholder and community input
 - Design charette at Nall Park
 - Community open house at Nall Park
- *September 2023*
 - Refine and finalize preferred park design concept and present to stakeholders
 - Create draft Master Plan document
- *October 2023*
 - Finalize Master Plan document and present to City Staff, Parks and Trees Committee, and community



Master plan covers park elements, program elements, funding opportunities- they have a group that tracks the funding opportunities

- Goal is community led and buy in

Previous Projects with Roeland Park

- Your proud City Engineers for years
- Community Center Improvements
- R Park Phases 1 thru 3 (plus the Mighty Bike!)
- Cooper Creek Park staff/ad hoc committee assistance
- Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program (Adding Pedestrian accommodations)
- Roe Lane w/Bike Lanes
- Elledge Drive w/Bike Lanes
- Multiple other projects touching parks or alternate modes



- L/R has lots of experience with the city
- Question- Kate-
 - Construction at waste water facility- how do we engage the public now while setting expectations that construction may take a while
 - Dan- has been in meetings on impact on Nall Park- take the question to wastewater
 - Great thing about process is the communities ear and can share process on another construction
 - 2025 Nall plan- maybe we maintain momentum towards 2025 and continue to engage the community
 - continue to engage until close to the build date

Public Comment/ Concerns:

- Tree near playground has low hanging branches- kids hanging off of them and broken branches on the ground.
- Kailee- one of the infant sears is broken on the swings
- Feedback it would be nice to have baby swings nearer the playground
- Small play equipment that's oriented towards babies and toddlers might be really useful for Sweany

Completed in last month:

Open Action Items :

All Parks/Trees:

- Anthony/Team would still like to have a fun event for this group- potluck in R Park
 - Emma agreed to help!
 - Start with a date survey for this group
 - Upcoming agendas that are lighter
- Discuss addressing vandalism in the Parks/PW in the Parks
 - Reminder on Neighborhood watch- the Chief has some great information on Parks watch
 - fake camera system?- Anthony
- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it
 - Anthony still working on for irrigation, on the list for a Objective
 - Donnie working with Anthony on it- PW focused
- 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
 - Get together – Laura to schedule

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Jaime, Sarah, Kailee, Emma
- Will be a new agenda item section for our meetings

Cooper Creek:

- updates- **Judy/Laura**
 - Interpretive sign went in to the Park, native gardens looking great
 - Sidewalk and planting around new interpretive sign should be going in soon
- Play equipment update/balance beam?
 - Daniel should be working on finalizing
- Any updates on erosion
 - Habitat Architects are planting native trees, starting review
 - Will review the tree growth every year

Nall Park:

- Goats to clear Nall- Anthony looking into
 - Only hold up is to figure out after goats or done, or if they can come twice a year
 - 25-30 goats will be there for a week and will have a route to clear
 - Generate excitement about our future plans in Nall Park
 - #NALLPARKGOAT
 - Check on safety issues with coyotes
- Update on timeline and budget
- Construction is moved out to 2026, money for new PW this year and 2025 Nall Park is community center phase 2, due to timeline constraints
 - 2023 for revising master plan
 - *Reminder on next steps on Nall Park Master plan update*
- Next steps:
 - Select/Finalize vendor to update the master plan
 - 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*
 - *Have an idea to fix it with grading and planting*
 - *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? Anthony got ahold of someone with the contract*
 - *need ideas for future trail maintenance still*
 - 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:

- Discuss R Park Bathroom Safety
 - Any locks have to be opened from the inside without opening the lock- hospitals have that kind of locks
 - Everyone voted to add these locks
 - Prices look good- not a huge expensive
 - Port a potties are very cheap for good events
- 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
 - Can paint match and do this shortly
 - Have two recent hires in PW, so fully staffed shortly
- 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
 - Junipers?
 - Metal are 200, plastic are 25
 - They were installed yesterday!
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - Estimate?
 - Consider for objective next year, council project, 2-3 council members?
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- *Matt/Laura*
 - Progress meeting, engineers have drawn everything, need a contract
 - New finance director Micah will help alleviate some burden with this
 - Matt out at the Park with the head of the project for PW, asked by the City of their contract will take on the Mighty Bike project
 - Donating their services
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
 - Extra dirt with Roe project
 - Next steps on Seed mix and digging holes to plant- likely October
 - Maybe Bishop Meige can help again?
 - There is a club that does something like that at Bishop Miege
- R Park- Ash disposal- how we handle safely
 - Johnson County Waste Services- takes ash disposal?
 - Bucket?- how do citizens dispose of
 - PW picks it up once a week-
 - put in the Parking lot
- Omission on the plaque
 - Mayor Poppa noticed every dept head mentioned except Chief Morris, consider a change
 - Russell has the artwork on it, see if we can add Chief John Morris and the RP Police
 - Laura and Russell working on.

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Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper Granada, any updates from group?- not today

Next Regular Parks Meeting July 12, 6pm