

Agenda
Parks Committee
CITY of ROELAND PARK
Wednesday October 11th, 2017; 6:00pm-8:00pm
Roeland Park City Hall

Committee:

Cory Coe
Jared Luebe
Jennifer Provyn
Jim Kanally

Kathleen Whitworth
Patrick Franken
Tyler Steele

(Anticipated) Guests:

Becky Fast (Council Liaison)
Donnie Scharff (Public Works
Superintendent)
Emily Hage (Potential new member)

PURPOSE. The purpose of the parks advisory committee is to make recommendations to the governing body concerning city owned parks and parkland. The committee shall also act as a tree board to recommend regulations relating to the planting of trees, shrubs and other plantings upon city owned property; to promote beautification of the city and the protection of the public health and safety; and to provide for the preservation and removal of diseased tree, shrubs and plantings.

I. Administrative

- A. Call to order
 - 1. Amendments to Agenda
 - 2. Approval of September minutes
 - 3. Community Voices
 - a. Tennis court concerns (Attachment 1)

II. Old Business

- A. 2017 priorities (Attachment 2 for Wish List)
 - 1. Granada Park: new benches **ORDERED Sep, along with Nall Park trash+recycle bin**
 - 2. Granada Park: plinth removal (Oct/Nov)
 - 3. R Park: relocate dog waste bin from playground area to park perimeter: **COMPLETED (in Aug/Sep)**
 - 4. R Park: install bike rack (Oct/Nov)
 - 5. R Park: basketball nets **COMPLETED (in Aug/Sep)**
- B. Budget
 - 1. Community Foundation: \$344 designated to Parks; \$1565 undesignated: did we use any of this? (Kathleen)
 - 2. 2017 Budget: where are we at now? (Kathleen)
 - 3. 2017 monies generated from soccer leagues at R Park: where is this going? Into a general PW maintenance fund?
- C. Nall Park Bike Trail
 - 1. Are we still on track for October/November installation?
 - 2. Will we have another community clean up event?
- D. R Park
 - 1. Tennis courts update
 - a. Goal is an RFP between Thanksgiving and Christmas with April 2018 construction
 - b. If PW did tear-down there is the potential to save ~\$15k in costs
 - 2. Ad hoc committee: R Park Shelters Task Group (Patrick, Jared)
 - a. Updates
 - b. Potential donor for one of the shade structures

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IV. New Business

- A. City no longer has forester on staff
 - 1. City has a contract with a tree service and there is an arborist on staff; the City can use his services
 - 2. Cost concerns
 - a. Does the City need a full- or part-time arborist on staff? What is the cost for City-employed v contracted?
 - 3. Tree City USA status and lead for Arbor Day?
 - 4. Who is now responsible for:
 - a. care of the City's young trees? (watering, fertilizing, pruning, mulching around the base and keeping the base clear of grass and weeds)
 - b. addressing the damage constantly being done by the mowing crews (Jennifer note: this needs to be addressed by Parks and included in the contract with this mowing company moving forward)
 - c. treating insect infestation and diseased trees
 - i. 2 trees on west side of R Park had an infestation that stripped the trees of leaves (one was Greenspire Littleleaf Linden); potential for moving to a 3rd tree that the previous Forester had been monitoring
 - ii. Sterling Silver Linden at R Park has a split trunk
 - iii. Fir tree at Community Center is losing needles from infestation or disease
- B. Juniper Pocket Park/Community Garden (Attachment 3)
 - 1. Sheri McNeil is the coordinator and contact person
 - 2. Pocket Park requires: delivery of soil; water delivered for the tanks
 - 3. There are gardens in the space that are used by residents
 - 4. Sheri and the residents who use the pocket park desire to be self-sustaining and where feasible, they do not want to have to seek monies or resources from the City for operation
 - a. For example, the group would like a bench but looked at minigrants to fund
 - 5. This does beg the questions:
 - a. what is the City providing and at what cost (e.g., soil delivery, mowing, water) so that Parks is aware and budget appropriately
 - b. how can Parks support the pocket park and the residents who use the garden space while respecting their desire to be fairly self-sustaining
 - 6. Issues at the pocket park
 - a. Produce theft: the garden group is considering a tasteful sign; it's important to the group to be neighborly and open, but it is obviously not acceptable for people to pass by and pick through the gardens
 - b. Dog feces: people are allowing dogs to wander into the garden space and are not cleaning up after the dogs (dog feces are NOT fertilizer)
 - c. Can Parks help here? Maybe just getting the word out or perhaps something in the Roeland Parker highlighting the Community Garden Pocket Park and to please respect the gardens and produce?
- C. Roeland Park Run Event (still doesn't have an official name)
 - 1. Bike/Run Event to all Parks in RP – potential event in spring 2018
 - a. Race route as of 9/14 (this might be outdated at this point): <http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/gp/bookmark/view/id/7141850>
 - b. Date selection; race timing services; identifying community partners; next steps
 - c. Next meeting: 10/24

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Attachment 1

Despite a temporary set-back in the bidding process for the reconstruction of the R Park tennis courts, here is just a reminder of some supporting evidence that Roeland Park citizens want and are waiting for the tennis courts in R Park to be rebuilt. The rebuild was approved by the City Council, is in the 2017 budget and citizens are expecting the governing body to fulfill its promise and its obligation.

- 1) 32% of the respondents in the 2016 Roeland Park Citizens Survey said they want tennis courts.
- 2) See the letter below with 73 signatures, supporting tennis courts in R Park. Sara Coe presented this letter to the Parks Committee in February or March of 2016.

NOTE: letter not attached but available upon request (should also be in early 2016 minutes)

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Attachment 2

2017 Budget Allotment-\$20K		
Action-Fall 2017	Cost	Responsible Parties
Nall Park Brush clean-up (\$2K spent)	\$2000 app.	City, BLVD, Urban Trails
Install bike rack in R Park with pad	\$500 app	PW
Relocate doggie bin in R Park away from picnic tables	\$300 app	PW
Remove damaged Granada piths and store	\$500 app	PW
Purchase and install 4 six foot benches 2 backed, 2 flat @ Granada with pads-Approved	\$4,420	Parks, City & PW
Purchase and install Nall Park dual trash & recycle bin	\$1,700	Parks, City & PW
Shipping	\$1,017	City, PW
R Park quarterly trail maintenance	\$500 app	City, PW
Forestry Services	Unknown	City
Replace two damaged basketball nets at R Park	\$200 app	PW
Expand lawn contract to include blow off of limestone trail in R Park and string trim trail @ mowing	\$500 app	PW, City, Lawn Service
Winterize park drinking fountains (3) & Nall Park restroom	\$800	PW
Total	\$12,437	
Action-Spring 2018		
Install Butterfly Garden at Nall Park	\$500 app	TBD
Renovate two islands east of Roe	\$2000 app	TBD
Purchase additional tree markers for new trees	\$30 each plus shipping, stakes and locks	TBD
Nall Park Grill replacement	\$200 app each	TBD
Purchase and install three new metal trash bins in Nall Park	\$2520 plus shipping	TBD
Nall Park Round about landscaping	\$1000 app	TBD
Add whimsical art piece at pool entrance	\$1500 app	TBD
Purchase and install 3 customized eight foot benches at Carpenter-Pads not required-Not Approved	\$4680 plus shipping	Council, Parks, City & PW
Plant and maintain island urns	\$500 app	TBD
Move to Arts Committee		
Replace urn on Island east of Roe	\$200 app	Arts & PW
Move to Site Prep Budgeted for 2018		
Lower manhole cover in R Park	Unknown	TBD
Fall professional aeration, seeding and fertilizing of R Park	Unknown	TBD
Grading in R Park for Soccer	Unknown	TBD
Improvements as allowed		
Nall Park teeter totter purchase	\$1200 app plus shipping	TBD
Purchase and install new benches in Nall Park	\$5000 app	TBD
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