

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8th, 2017
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons-Corey Coe, Becky Fast (Council liaison) Patrick Franken, Jim Kanally, Jose Leon (Public Works Director), Jared Luebe, Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele, Kathleen Whitworth

Guests- Laura Steele (Bikewalkkc advisor), Michael Miller, resident, Greg Smith, resident

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

- **2017 available funds for Parks Committee**
\$1290.42

Old Business

Action items completed

- Granada Park will be used for the Park Passport program in 2017. Questions used in 2016 will be repeated.
- A 2 year agreement with I9 Sports has been approved and signed. Weekend use is requested. I9 will provide porta potty and agreed to grounds restoration from wear.
- Magnetic recycle sign for park recycle bin has been procured and will be installed in R Park.
- R Park Master plan approved by the Council with the exception of a need for a hard surface bicycle pad. Council recommends establishing a bicycle pad for training and riding for children.
- Ad-Hoc R Park Shade and Shelter team for has been formed and will began meeting to develop recommendations for two shade structures and one medium sized shelter. Two potential grants have been identified and will be pursued. Patrick Franken, Parks, will lead committee.
- February, 2017 Minutes approved

Citizen Voices

- Michael Miller, resident voiced concern over potential erosion from Nall Park Bike trail due to soil conditions and steepness of terrain. He recommended the use of mulch on the trail to minimize erosion. Some residents have expressed concern about the loss of a true nature park.
- Motorized vehicles on Park trails. A new ordinance will need to be proposed by Council as none exists today per RP police.
- Open Dog Park at R Park a group of dog owners are using the park after 9:00 PM as an off leash dog park which is annoying to neighbors. Animal Control has no real solution. Calling the police may be the appropriate avenue. The park is closed at this time and signs for hours have been posted.

Presentations

- **Bikewalkkc**
 - Laura Steele, Advisor presented an option for a bicycle training course in R Park which would require a minimum amount of hard surface and serve to entertain and train children in bicycle proficiency and safety.
 - The bicycle training course example shown was approximately the size of a double tennis court. If this dimension was chosen it would be a significant reduction in hard space within the park.
 - To establish a course it would require removing the existing asphalt.
 - The concept was well received and Parks will continue to research this option. Incorporating this type of facility within the park would be a draw for park users it was felt. These types of courses are common in Europe but not in the US.

New Actions items

- Corrections needed on tree markers-It is thought that 6 tree markers will need to be corrected prior to installation in R Park. Kathleen and Carl to work with vendor to resolve issues.
- Park goals for 2017-Parks needs to develop goals for \$20K allocated to Park maintenance. \$2K already spent for Nall Park cleanup and haul away of brush. Slated for April meeting.

- Granada Park Recycle Bin-Need to find a solution for Granada Park recycle bin to increase user awareness of purpose. Magnetic sign will not work so other options need to be pursued. Kathleen to provide more options at April 2017 meeting.
- Jose to submit objective for 2018 budget for shade structures in R Park and Granada Park for consideration.
- Public Works, (Daniel V. and Jose) will present maintenance issues and costs for play equipment repairs at April, 2017 meeting. It is thought that the large play structure at R Park should last 3-4 years with limited cost maintenance. This repair cost will need to come from Park Maintenance budget for 2017.
- All members need to read and sign KOMA forms ASAP.
 - Need to be turned into Kelly Bohan City Clerk
- Need to establish Ad-Hoc teams for:
 - Art in R Park (Art Committee plus volunteers)

Continuing Action items

- Arbor Day celebration slated for Saturday, April 29th 11:00 AM at R Park. Ideas include:
 - Tree Marker scavenger hunt-Kathleen
 - Mortgage burning for R Park-Jennifer
 - Boy Scout recruitment tent (Cathie Williams)
 - Citizens fundraising table with goods (tee shirts & coffee) to raise money for R Park shelter
 - Sustainability, to participate with Bike Course, recycle and Sunflower contest
 - Refreshments being considered (Cookie tray)
 - Art Committee-no response yet from invitation
 - Five tents available
 - Tables?
- Granada Art Stones removal needs to be scheduled. Piths to be stored at Public Works awaiting restoration by Arts Committee.
- Patrick took ownership of resolving R Park Marquee issue. Clearly defined process that is workable for Public works and event coordinators is needed-In progress
- Nall Park Bike trail-Urban Trail Board approved the project for 2017. Project is funded in 2017 RP budget however a defined plan with goals and timelines is needed.
 - Status of easement agreement with Blvd Apartments is in process. Legal representative for Boulevard is reviewing
 - Will need to flag route, map, and establish finalized plan and easement agreement.
 - A second volunteer work day cleanup in preparation for the trail will need to be scheduled. March 12th snowed out.
- Park videos for promotion and fundraising-Not succeeding with initial contact, will need to pursue other avenues
- Donor policy, Memorial Tree program-Where is this?

Motions approved-Meeting adjournment

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

Future Parks Events-Arbor day, April 29th, 2017 11:00 AM @ R Park

- **Future R Park Fundraising Events**
 - March 25th, 2017 Spring Wine Fling RP Community Center 7-10:00 PM
 - Kids Soccer Clinic-Saturday, June 3rd 9:00-11:30 AM @ R Park, Rain date Sunday, June 4th 12:00-1:30 PM @ R Park
 - Monthly fitness days in R Park
- **Future Arts Committee Events**
 - None known
- **Future Events Committee Events**
 - Easter Egg Hunt 04/15/17-Nall Park with Dome rain backup
 - City Wide Block Party-6/10/17-R Park
 - Barktoberfest 10/07/17 (potentially) @ R Park 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Parks Committee Meetings-

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, 6:00 PM @ City Hall