

# Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park  
Meeting Minutes Draft 1.1  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Roeland Park City Hall

## Attendees

**Committee members and liaisons-** Patrick Frankin, Jose Leon, Public Works Director, Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele. Kathleen Whitworth

**Guests-** Emily Hage, David Wiser

## **Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn**

- **2017 currently available funds for Parks Committee**  
**\$344.00 Foundation carryover**  
**\$704.87 2017 Allotment**  
**Total funds available for expenditure-\$1048.87**

## Old Business

### Action items completed

- July, 2017 Minutes approved
- Thank you notes from the Community Foundation Board for 2017 tree and plaque donors were sent using the new process.
- Final notification on removal of Granada plinths was sent to Michael Poppa and Arts chair. Removal will proceed on 10/01/2017 if not notified by Arts that repairs will be completed in 2017.
- 2018 RP budget was approved and included expenditures for park and pool sun shades, dead tree removal at Nall Park and R Park site prep.

## Citizen Voices –

- David Wiser presented a proposal to include two new “pop/pickle ball” tennis courts in R Park in addition to the two new replacement tennis courts. This sport is gaining popularity and would be a great addition to the park. All members agreed that we would like to include this amenity in the park, however, according to the approved masterplan this addition is not in scope. All agreed that we would like to ensure that there is a need for additional courts before Parks would present to Council for consideration.
- A concern was received that the cost of R Park shelter was too expensive (\$125K) and would include air conditioning. Parks Chair communicated that air conditioning was never an option and that the cost is still unknown.

## Proposals presented

- Kathleen Whitworth presented a proposal that we team with Arts Committee in 2018 to add a fun and whimsical art piece relating to water to the pool entrance embankment thereby softening the appearance and providing interest. The idea was well received and will be pursued.
- Jennifer Provyn proposed that Parks partner with Sustainability and Bike Walk KC to add a bike training course in R Park to the masterplan. All agreed this would be a great addition and provide a use for the asphalt.

## New Actions items

- Ad-hoc shelter team was asked to present a second option for the R Park Shelter with a closed roof design and an adjacent fire pit with seating in lieu of the large fireplace in the initial rendering. An open cooking grate will need to be included in any/all designs. Estimated costs are needed prior to Council presentation-Patrick
- Need to invite affected and/or interested Council members and the Mayor to October, 2017 Parks meeting to view R Park sun shade and shelter proposals-Patrick and Jennifer
- Need additional information on First National Bank grant process-Jennifer
- Juniper pocket park-Need more information on governance and usage. Jennifer to follow up with Sheri O’Neil.

- Need to determine funds in the Community Foundation for Parks and undesignated-Jennifer and Kathleen

**Park Projects slated for October, 2017 completion**

- Install bicycle rack & pad in R Park as per the Masterplan
- Relocate doggie bin in R Park moving away from picnic tables
- Replace two basketball nets In R Park
- Purchase and install four new benches in Granada Park (budget allowing)-Cost \$4420 plus shipping and pad cost
- Winterize restroom at Nall Park and drinking fountains at Nall Park, Granada Park and R Park-Cost \$800 plus \$150 per fountain
- Resolve issue with damaged plinths in Granada Park-repair or remove and store
- Nall Park Brush Clean-up #2-Cost \$2000
- Resolve weed encroachment issue for R Park trail-Cost \$500

**Continuing Action items**

- Solution for the maintenance of R Park trail needs to be developed and ownership taken Weeds are encroaching on the trail and parts of the trail are disappearing. Maintenance expectations and ownership needs to be identified and implemented. In addition the trail needs to be incorporated into the 2018 agreement with the lawn service company to ensure the trail is blown off after mowing. Jose agreed to address prior to next meeting
- Ad-Hoc R Park Shade and Shelter team is meeting monthly. Initial rendering is complete. Committee reviewing draft design with volunteer committees, city staff and Mayor. Initial design was presented at August Parks meeting.
- Need an ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on the park trails. No such ordinance currently exists. Becky Fast to sponsor.
- Website needs to be updated to include donation policy
- 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-BLVD easement proposal received. One sticking point with Council is the BLVD wants the ability to take back the trail easement at any time which is unacceptable to the city due to \$15K investment. Negotiations continue to guarantee a 5-10 year easement commitment from the BLVD.
- R Park Tennis Court
  - In review with USTA after grant re-submittal
- Promotional park videos and Art sub-committee establishment-Open items, status unknown. If no progress by September item(s) will be removed as no/low priority.

**Motions approved-**

- Meeting adjournment

**Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements**

**Future Parks Events**

- None

**Future Sustainability Event**

- Tactical Urbanization demonstration to be held on 8/10/17 Tyler and Jennifer to represent Parks

**Future R Park Fundraising Events**

- Fit and Fun Saturdays in R Park-Last Saturday of August & September, 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

**Future Arts Committee Events**

- None known

**Future Events Committee Events**

- Barktoberfest 10/14/17 (potentially) @ R Park

**Parks Committee Meetings-**

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, 6:00 PM @ City Hall