

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10th, 2016
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons-Pat Franken, Jan Grebe, Jose Leon (Public Works Director), Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele, Kathleen Whitworth

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

Approval of Minutes: July, 2016 meeting minutes approved

- **2016 available funds for Parks Committee**
 - \$1253 in Parks budget

Old Business

Action items completed

- Bench purchase for Granada Park and Carpenter Park will be deferred until 2017
- **Congratulations** and thank you to the Citizen's Fund Raising Committee for 1st runner up award of \$2500 in the First National Bank contest. Monies will be allocated towards a shelter in R Park. Much appreciation to the Citizens Fund Raising Team!

▪ New Business

Resident voices

No comments received

Presentations

- Jose Leon presented cost overruns for the Nall Park renovation. Unexpected expenditures arose due to unforeseen updates needed to bring the Park up to current electrical, plumbing and wastewater code requirements. In addition enhancements were needed to provide ADA accessibility.
 - The committee expressed support for the expenditures made and pointed to the lack of maintenance for 10-15 years as contributing to these most necessary upcharges. Overage will need to be approved by Council on 8-15-2016.
 - To compensate for a portion of the overage the committee agreed to forgo the \$10,800 expenditure for new benches in 2016 for Carpenter and Granada Park. It was agreed that the benches still need replacement as they are in poor repair and unattractive, however, they are functional

New and Ongoing Action items

- Nall Park restroom, shelter and drinking fountain restoration is nearing completion. Painting the restroom floor and window caulking is left which will be completed by Public Works.
- R Park tree marker purchase. Jan will check with Sarah Crowder, Heartland Tree Alliance, to ensure that all tree markers will be uniform (other than Forest Service insignia) if grant for 20 trees is awarded in 2017.
- R Park Marquee sign-Three events will need to be posted on the R Park Marquee after 8/22 Community Forum. The events include Bartoberfest, Chili and Country Music Fundraiser and Nall park "open house" to showcase the renovations. Events will be stacked according to date and time, earliest at top on both sides. Abbreviation is needed due to limited space. Readers will be referred to the RP website for detailed information.
- Parks Committee reviewed the 3 page slide deck draft created by Patrick Franken to be presented at the Community Forum on August 22nd. It was suggested that we blow up the slides as posters and place them on the tables or easels. Other suggestions included proposed bike path & Parks maps.

Open Action Items from previous meetings

- Community for all Ages-Charrette will be September 24th. Jan Grebe and Jennifer Provyn are representing Parks on the steering committee in this effort. All Parks members are encouraged to participate and give input.
- Potential tree grant opportunity through Heartland Tree Alliance and the US Forest Service will be presented to Council on 8-15-2016 for review and approval
- Open House at Nall Park will be the morning of October 15th. Refreshments will be served and a ribbon cutting event will take place. Tentative time is 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the park. Publicity needs to happen quickly to include Newsletter, Constant Contact, Shawnee Mission Post, Website, etc. Need to ensure that Joel is available.
- Donor policy-Where is this?
- Memorial tree program-Status and donor costs?
- Sun sails @ R Park &-First National Bank discussion is needed
- Art Committee update needed on recycle bin identification project at R Park and art stones in disrepair at Granada Park

Motions Approved

- Meeting adjournment
- Deferment of Carpenter and Granada benches purchase was approved. Will be sought in 2017.

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

- Future Citizen's Fundraising Events
 - October 15th "Chili and Country Music" RPCC 6-9PM
- Future Arts Committee Events
 - None known
- Future Sustainability Committee
 - September 24th R Park Charrette for Community for all Ages@ R Park
- Future Events Committee Events
 - October 8th Barktoberfest, @R Park 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Parks Committee Meetings-

Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00 PM @ City Hall