

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14th, 2016
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons- Becky Fast (Council liaison) Patrick Franken, Jan Grebe, Jennifer Provyn, Donnie Scharff (Public Works) Kathleen Whitworth

Guests- Arts Committee, Gretchen and Artie Davis, Teresa Kelly (Sustainability), Jared Luebe, George Schlegel (Arts Commissioner), Carl Wisdom (City Forrester)

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

- **2016 available funds for Parks Committee**
 - \$1109.28 in Parks budget

Old Business

Action items completed

- Two infant/toddler swing seats for R Parks small swing set have been purchased and are stored at Public Works pending spring 2017 installation Cost \$71.98
- Arboretum grant update-Roeland Park was not selected for a tree grant for 2017 however we will try again in 2018.

Resident voices

- No comments received

Presentations

The Arts Committee recommended seven locations for art installations at R Park and presented these choices to the Parks Committee. The Arts committee prioritized the spots in order of importance. All art pieces will be new. Funding for Art will need to be addressed in the near future. Types of art can vary and is not limited to sculptures.

Recommend sites include:

- 1) An iconic signature piece in a central location
- 2) A sculpture in a possible garden spot
- 3) An entryway piece of art
- 4) Pavilion/shelter as an art feature
- 5) Three additional site at the NW, SW and NE corners of R Park

New Actions items

- Need to address with Daniel V. Public Works the safety issues and costs for R Park play equipment that need immediate attention.
- Arbor Day celebration slated for Saturday, April 29th 11:00 AM at R Park. Published in January. 2017 Roeland Parker
- Council presentation slated for January, 2017 of draft R Park plan recommendations from the Parks and Arts Committees. This is a rough draft and all agreed that the next step would be to gain funding for a Landscape Architect professional once the preliminary plan is approved by Council.
- R Park tree marker purchase review completed. Installation targeted prior to Arbor Day celebration 2017. Cost is estimated to be \$930.00.
- Developing a cost estimate report to share with Council in January, 2017 depicting pro bono (free) work already completed by volunteers and professionals in reference to the draft plan for R Park.
- Becky Fast presented a consideration for hiring a cinematographer to document developments within the city that would be of interest to residents. It was thought that this could be in

conjunction with public relations for the city in general and specifically a good communications tool for Parks. All agreed this would be a great way to share new developments and create some excitement within the residents for parks. Further research and discussion needed.

Ongoing Action items

- Granada Art Stones-No update.
- R Park recycle bin-No update.
- Granada and Carpenter Park bench purchase. Need to know budget available in 2017 before research can commence. Kathleen to pursue.
- Parks will need to develop a reservation process for Nall Park shelter, marquee updates and banners, within the very near future. Need owner assigned.
- Nall Park Bike trail-Urban Trail Board approved the project for 2017. Project is funded in 2017 RP budget however more work is needed to be done to make the trail a reality. Status of easement agreement with Blvd Apartments is not known. Will need to flag route, map, and establish finalized plan and easement agreement. A volunteer work day cleanup in preparation for the trail.will need to be scheduled.
- KCPL Grant trees-Installation?
- Donor policy-Where is this?
- Memorial tree program-Status and donor costs?
- Sun sails @ R Park &-First National Bank discussion is needed (table until 2017?)

Motions Approved

- Draft plan for R Park completed and approved by Parks Committee members.
- Bike rack placement in R Park 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
 - Soccer Clinic-June, 2017
- **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, January 11th, 6:00 PM @ City Hall