

Parks Committee

City of Roeland Park
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 13th, 2016
Roeland Park City Hall

Attendees

Committee members and liaisons- Becky Fast (Council liaison), Pat Franken, Jan Grebe, Jose Leon (Public Works Director), Jennifer Provyn, Tyler Steele, Erin Thompson (Council liaison) Kathleen Whitworth

Guests Sarah Crowder (Heartland Tree Alliance), Gretchen Davis, Teresa Kelly (Council), Marek Glinieck, Joe Marquardt (Mayor), Sheri McNeil (Council), Kyle Rogler, Carl Wisdom (City Forrester)

Call to Order by Jennifer Provyn

Approval of Minutes: June, 2016 meeting minutes approved

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

Old Business

Action items completed

- R Park Drinking Fountain installation status- Complete on 6/10/2016.

New Business

Resident voices

- A concern was voiced that additional toddler swing seats need to be installed in R Park. Previously it was noted that we need more baby swings. Needs to be addressed in charrette.
- The bike rack placement in R Park needs to be selected and the amenity installed. This issue needs to be raised in the charrette for R Park.

Presentations

- Sarah Crowder from Heartland Tree Alliance presented a program sponsored by the US Forest Service which involves a grant for 20 one inch diameter trees which might potentially be secured through a grant. The grant includes include trees, 4"X 4" tree markers and volunteers to plant the trees. The City would be responsible for mulching and care of trees if awarded. Needs to be approved by the Council to move forward with grant writing. Sarah to present to Council for approval. Earliest installment date would be fall 2017 if awarded.

New and Ongoing Action items

- Nall Park restroom, shelter and drinking fountain restoration is nearly complete. Restoration work will be needed once contract work is done.
- R Park tree marker purchase. No decision.
- Bench purchase for Granada Park approved by Council, however choice for Carpenter Park was not approved. It was felt that metal benches were not appropriate for Carpenter Park users. Bench Committee to look at other options using a material other than metal and bring back to Parks in August.
- R Park Marquee-Jennifer Provyn will discuss with Kelly Bohon to determine the appropriate avenue for having events and/or meetings published on the marquee sign in R Park. Questions include the type of events that are appropriate, the method through which the event/meeting coordinators would secure support and approval and the lead time needed.
- Citizen's Fund Raising Committee has been selected as a finalist for the First National Bank award of \$10,000 to be allocated towards a shelter in R Park. Voting will be daily from July 13th through the 26th.
- Parks Committee will need to present a 3 page slide deck at the August 22nd Community Forum. In addition there will be a table with information we would like to share with the residents. Patrick Franken will take the lead on establishing a draft. Need to include accomplishments and future goals at this Forum. Committee to review draft at August meeting.

Open Action Items from previous meetings

- Community for all Ages-Working and targeted for completion by October, 2016. Teresa Kelly is heading up with the assistance of an advisory board. Forty participants are needed for the charrette. Provides a second look by professionals and residents at R Park draft plan and elevates the plan to Universal Design principles.
- R Park tree marker purchase No decision
- Open House at Nall Park in the fall-No discussion
- 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

Other Matters/Reminders/Announcements

- Future Citizen’s Fundraising Events
 - October 15th “Chili and Country Music” RPCC 6-9PM
- Future Arts Committee Events
 - Music under the Stars July 22nd, RP Community Center
- Future Events Committee Events

Parks Committee Meetings-Next Regular Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 10th, 6:00 PM @ City Hall



Approved for purchase by Council-Granada Park-Style “Jackson’ two 6’ backed benches and two 6’ backless benches in gloss black steel

