

Parks and Trees Committee

Minutes- Jan 2025

Location

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91746576398>

Meeting id: (enter manually if issue with link): 917 4657 6398 **Mobile** 1-346-248-7799, (id 917 4657 6398)

Committee Members: (highlighted in attendance)

Sarah Martin, (Chair)

Jaime Davis, Judy Hyde, Katie Redhair, Linda Heinen, Linda Thornburg, Matt Lero, Mallorie Hurlbert, Russell McCorkle

Matt Lero, Council Liaison, Tom Madigan, Council Liaison alt,

Facilitator: Anthony Marshall, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Optional: John, Public Works

Consent Agenda:

- Total available funds for expenditure: \$9996.76 (plus 2797.55 for at meadow and 2500 for plantings)
- Approve minutes from November

Guests:

- None known

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Nall Park update, Anthony
 - received first grant application of 800K and it's our for 2026
 - down to last 4 communities for other that's 1.2- worst case is splitting it over years
 - find out in February
 - also approved Prairie Sailor information for starting get the trails up to speed, and signage for what trails are what- 20K from the Park maintenance fund- and PS will do some more trail building
 - moving forward with finalizing the master plan
 - start in fall to winter of 2025
- R Park Grasses area, Jaime
 - Extended proposal
 - Planting re-doing- budget money for R Park

- 2025 project- propose an area called a grass walk
- put in different height native grasses with a sensory experience
- will encourage wildlife and insects
- reflect regional natural landscapes for prairie
 - investigate cost- maybe considerable- 1-2k
 - full size grasses and plant plugs
 - Council is starting on a proposal for 2026- each council member could have a goal
 - get together goal and justification- form that can be filled out
- Goals For this year
 - Nall Park
 - Grass walk project
 - Where we can work with other city committees more, coordinate and facilitate
 - historic committee has had great success in inviting other committees
 - occasionally they will chip in funding for a common interest project
 - Education and outreach to public
 - Medians and Islands
 - Sweeney Park- play area
 - Anthony will send something on how to get into budget
 - objective- by a council member- February
 - proposal for city maintenance/one of council people will take to voting
- Election for this year
 - moving forward

Public Comment/ Concerns:

-aquatics last night- everyone raved about the street clearing

Completed in last months:

Open Action Items : (For next month just on here for record keeping)

view

All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it

- Anthony still working on for irrigation, on the list for a Budget Objective
 - Due to weather, no movement recently
- Sign Committee- update- will re-launch this year
 - Came up with some language
 - Jaime had started a document
 - Linda, Jaime, Russel
 - **Anthony/Daniel** will work to incorporate Arbor Master's tree inventory for a tree replacement schedule for entire Park system. Budget to be established.
 - 2024 budget item

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Jaime, Sarah, Emma

Cooper Creek:

- Any updates- **Judy**
- Little Free Library?

Nall Park:

- Update on timeline and budget- Master Plan
 - Update to council last month.
 - Update to the team
- Timeline reminder- Construction is moved out to 2026, money for new PW this year and 2025 Nall Park is community center phase 2, due to timeline constraints
 - Next steps:
 - ~~Select/Finalize vendor to update the master plan complete~~
 - ~~Discuss ideas with Design/Construction vendor completed~~
 - ~~Master plan (work with) and the City Engineer completed~~
 - ~~Both Parks and Council approval~~
 - ~~Community forum/feedback in April in progress~~
 - ~~Dots exercise or other means of feedback~~
 - ~~Next step virtual meeting June 26, if the city agrees to aggressively promote~~
 - Group planning and review of detailed plans/any edits

- Final plan/any changes requires Parks and Council approval
- Execution
- Trail Maintenance

R Park:

- Suggest waiting until fall to cut back plants in parks
- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering
 - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park “bucket” from Citizens Fundraising for R Park
 - Irrigation
 - Suggest using matching border from wildflower meadow
- Colors for R Park post- painting Teal
 - Have painted some of the equipment so far, rest when weather permits
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- Matt
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee- Jaime
- Maple tree on NE corner- appears to be sickly- see if needs to be trimmed/removed- PW
 - To address in spring, place in parking lot
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - Estimate?
 - Consider for objective next year, council project, 2-3 council members?
- Replace the fireplace screen/block
 - Updates- filling in?

Sweaney:

- Small play structure

Granada:

- Replace trash cans

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper Granada, any updates from group?

Next Regular Parks Meeting September 11

Discussion-

Parking Lot

- R Park
 - Birch tree on NW corner- erosion
 - **Daniel**- eroding on south Side of the tree- something may need to be engineered-Laura talked to Daniel, they are going to wait and see what happens with drainage
 - We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community. Presentation in new year
 - Islands and Medians open for adoption
 - do we want that to be available, under Donnie's purview
 - Traditionally available, but program is not coherent/available- parking lot until website is available