

# Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

City of Roeland Park

Meeting Minutes Draft 1.0

Thursday 12 Nov 2020 Go to Meeting

## Attendees

Committee members and liaisons: Kathleen Whitworth, Laura Savidge, Emily Hage, Russell McCorkle, Tom Madigan, Council Liaison Alternate

**Facilitator:** Tony Nichols, Parks Superintendent

**Guests:** Linda Thornburgh, Jaime Davis, Sarah Martin, Judy Hyde

## Call to Order by Laura

Carrying over minutes from Oct:

2020 Total available funds for expenditures \$2,854.

## Motions Approved

Tom motioned to approve minutes from October, 2020 meeting. Russell seconded.

Parks Committee was unanimously supportive of "Damsel in Blue" sculpture to be installed at City Hall.

Site for Message Board at R Park was decided. It will go at the SE corner of the Pavilion.

Committee voted to approve "Reading" design benches for Sweany Park.

Committee voted to approve that planting areas in Nall Park at North and South ends of parking lot be returned to turf per Public Works request.

Committee voted to approve \$100 for PW "Thank you" lunch.

Parks Committee unanimously voted to recommend Linda Thornburgh for appointment to Parks Committee, effective Jan 1, 2021. Application and recommendation forwarded to Mayor.

## Presentations and Proposals:

-Girl Scouts presented their Cadette Silver Award project. They would like to build a Gaga Ball pit in one of the city parks. They would like to know: 1) Does the Parks Committee approve/disapprove. 2) Where can they put it, and 3) Constructed of what materials (e.g. composite, pressure treated lumber). They would pay for through fundraising and would build it themselves.

-Mary Schulteis presented for Arts. They have chosen a sculpture, "Damsel in Blue" by local artist Amy Jacobsen. Arts Committee will present to Council, and is proposed to be installed at City Hall, Southwest corner.

## Completed Action Items

Cooper Creek amenities ordered.

Granada damaged park bench refurbished and installed.

Nall Park Rain Garden landscaping and "Eucalyptus" sculpture installed. \$1500 transferred from Community Foundation from Parks funds. Arts transferred \$1800. Project complete.

Nall Park restroom and fountain winterized.

R Park restroom and fountain winterized.

Granada park fountain winterized.

R Park "See Red Run" sculpture landscaping complete. Transfer of \$3000 from Parks funds complete.

Sustainability Committee transfer of \$1000 complete.

R Park message board ordered and received.

R Park amenities delivered.

R Park: Proposal to remove one swing set to improve aesthetics tabled.

R Park: Proposal to paint swing sets and basketball poles: Tony will provide color options to the group.  
Sweany Park: two memorial trees planted. One damaged Rose of Sharon tree removed.  
Tree inventory and health assessment of all park trees with the exception of Nall Park completed by Arbor Masters.

### **Open Action Items**

Cooper Creek: City Engineer is not going to address streambank erosion. Cooper Creek Restoration Group to move forward with invasive weed eradication, amenities, and landscaping.

Cooper Creek: Committee agreed that a fence would be necessary near steep banks.

Granada Park historical signage to be created in 2021. James Thompson is facebook organizer for skate park.

Nall Park trail sign needs to be finalized and ordered. Tony will check with Urban Trails to be sure no more changes will be made to trail, then order Nall Park trail sign.

Nall Park: Tony to order No Littering signs.

Nall Park: SW corner: Tony continues with SW corner project for Nall Park.

Nall Park: spruce up in Spring 2021.

R Park tree location for four damaged trees: Mega replaced Caddo Maple, Golden Raintree, Redbud, and Red Horse Chestnut trees, but Red Horse chestnut was replaced with a Serviceberry. Need to purchase Red Horse Chestnut. The Red Horse Chestnut location will be slightly adjusted for distance from Blue and Yellow sculpture. Tony and Laura

R Park: For Briar Street hammerhead, will try signage before deciding on use of bollards. Tony

R Park: City funded tree replacement-Spring 2021. Replacement of trees the city opted to lose on the North side of R Park: We will address replacing trees and tree markers in Spring 2021. Donnie said there is budget money. Trees that need to be replaced- locations? Species? Markers? Russell

R Park: Committee decided to leave pavilion picnic tables unbolted for now. Spacing and orientation of picnic tables in pavilion to be determined on site.

R Park: Tony is finding out about the need for a fire extinguisher in the pavilion.

Sweany Park: small play structure: Tony met with (Frye Designs) for ideas.

Sweany Park: Bench style was chosen by committee. Will be ordered. Tony.

Roe 2020 trees: Parks Committee needs an update on Roe 2020 trees.

We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community.

Written guidance for new committee members. Laura and Russell by end of year.

Weed treatment policy: Tony will present to Council in December a plan for traditional weed treatment to protect our investment in R Park and other parks. Committee agreed that Nall would remain herbicide-free. Committee urges City to use weed treatment, fertilizer, and overseeding until good turf is established.

Laura and Tony will work to incorporate Arbor Master's tree inventory for a tree replacement schedule for entire Park system. Budget to be established.

Recruitment for a Committee member to represent Ward 2 still underway. Four applications have been submitted.

Next regular Parks meeting December 9, 2020. Location TBD.