

Parks and Trees Committee

August Agenda

Location

Roeland Park Community Center; Beuna Vista Room

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, Russell McCorkle

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

Facilitator: Nathan Brungardt

Optional: John, Public Works

Consent Agenda:

- Total available funds for expenditure:
- The 2025 Budget for the Parks/Trees Committee Funds is \$62.08
- The Parks/Trees Fund's balance is \$8,721.29 in the Roeland Park Community Foundation the Wildflower Garden Fund's balance is \$2,845.76 in the Roeland Park Community Foundation.
- Approve minutes for August

Guests:

- Porch Light, discussing Parks Strategic Master Plan

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Watering – install watering system in R Park
 - Sarah submitted a budget objective. Updates?
- Trees for the Community
 - Contain the Rain and Rodeo Idea
- Chemical Free Parks –
 - Would like to submit to Sustainability
- Trash Can Replacement (R Park)
- Art/Tree Label and Park Signage Update (Nathan)
- 75th Anniversary Celebration
 - Parks/art Tour and self guided tour
- Reserving Pavilion Update (Nathan)
 - Chalk Signage
 - QR Code
 - Rules

Public Comment/ Concerns:

- Musical elements at R Park not working (
 - Battery ordered for one
 - Guitar has a different issue; speaker appears to be working, desired sound is not.
- Drinking fountain issues, might need to be replaced
 - New fountain costs around \$8-15k

Sustainability update:

-none for this month

Completed in last months:

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

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All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- install watering system in R Park
 - Sarah submitted as a budget objective). Any updates?
- Any updates on Trees for community- Contain the Rain and the idea for the Rodeo
- Trash can replacements (see photo)
- Yard/Garden of the month
- Weeding/Maintenance support day

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Anything to promote?

Cooper Creek:

- Erosion and Invasives
 - Invasive and undesirables in the Parks
 - Erosion of the Park/stream
 - Neighboring homes erosion
- PW still seeing equipment get damaged?

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, Park is likely funded or close to
 - 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
 - follow up on next steps
- Trail Maintenance updates

R Park:

- Little Free Library in R Park update! (Near the parking lot kind of by the siren)
 - Council Member Dickens recommended by the playground
- Rainy area next to Pavilion- mitigation
- Suggest waiting until spring to cut back plants in parks
- Removal of the Japanese Bayberry
 - Coordinate new plantings
 - *There has been difficulty with getting utilities marked*
 - *What will replace the landscaping*
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- Matt
 - *drainage?*
 - *Aggressive Timeline*
- Qr code to link to rent Pavilion next to pavilion
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals and other options for a resurface*
 - *JJL thought we could find the funds for it*
 - *Nathan getting a quote to resurface and replace the goals, putting on for either 2026 or 2027*
- R Park tree growing at an angle, seeing if we can trim the tree

Sweaney:

- Small play structure- approx 10K
- Pine Tree removed; working on replacement

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper, Granada, any updates from group?
 - Sarah to call about Juniper

Next Regular Parks Meeting, fourth Wednesday of next month
No meeting in December planned, need to reschedule November

Discussion-

Parking Lot

- We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community.
- Islands and Medians open for adoption
 - Traditionally available, but program is not coherent/available- parking lot until website is available