



**Date:** Wednesday, January 28<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**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)

**Members:**

In Attendance:	Name	Position
	Sarah Martin	Chair
	Jamie Davis	Member
	Judy Hyde	Member
	Katie Redhair	Member
	Linda Thornburg	Member
	Linda Heinen	Member
	Russel McCorkle	Member
	Vacant	Member
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	Tom Madigan	Council Liaison
	Matt Lero	Council Liaison
	Nathan Brungardt	Staff Liaison
		Guest
		Guest

*Membership limited to 2 council members and 10 members of the public. Vice Chair and Secretary positions are also potential.*

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call

**2. Consent Agenda/ Approve Minutes**

- a. There are no minutes from the December Meeting – Nall Park 30% progress marker. High level updates-
  - i. Adventure-focused for all ages
  - ii. Natural playground



- iii. Native Garden/Orchard – Natives preferred. Parks would like to be involved in the detailed selection of plantings
  - iv. Water feature
  - v. Climbing/hang-out boulders
  - vi. Art Trail (coordinate with Arts)
    - 1. See Lamp Rynearson plan/designs for more detail
- b. Total available funds for expenditure:
- i. The 2026 Budget for the Parks/Trees Committee Funds is \$1062.08
  - ii. 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.
3. Public Comments/Concerns

**4. Staff Items**

- a. Mighty Bike Update
  - i. Fall surface
  - ii. Netting
  - iii. Safety Compliance
- b. R Park- Irrigation for R Park Soccer Fields
- c. City Council Update on 2/2/26
  - i. What would you like to convey to council?

**5. Committee Items**

- a. Setting Vision and Mission and Goals for the year
  - i. Mission and Vision will be added to our Agenda for top of mind
  - ii. See attachment
- b. Chemicals in Parks Update
  - i. Next step presenting to sustainability and council
- c. Committee Member Updates
  - i. Any Social Media/Community Outreach

**6. Adjournment**

**Next Regular Parks Meeting, fourth Wednesday of next month**

**Parking Lot items:**



## Parks Committee Mission and Vision Proposal (to review)

**Mission:** Provide Stewardship to help improve the quality of life and well being of our community by providing equitable, accessible and sustainable recreation and green spaces for our community members to connect with nature, and with each other.

**Vision:** Strive to be forward-thinking in creating and maintaining park spaces for enjoyment of all members of our community by utilizing sustainable and thoughtful planning and implementation aligned with the goals of being environmentally sound, beautiful, and designed for the enjoyment of all.

### **Duties and Responsibilities. (For Parks and Trees Committee from Municipal Code for reference)**

(a)

It shall be the responsibility of the committee to review current uses and practices as they relate to **City parkland, including islands, medians and rights-of-way**, with a continued consideration of equitable access to parks, parks amenities, and outdoor spaces, and to make recommendations regarding same.

(b)

**In its capacity as the tree board**, it shall be the responsibility of the committee to make recommendations to assure the proper development and maintenance of the trees, shrubs and landscaping on City-owned property, including the care, preservation, trimming, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in the public ways, streets and alleys, and the care, design and maintenance of park landscaping. It shall further be the responsibility of the committee to make recommendations concerning tree care and landscaping in all City parks and to recommend the location and purchase of equipment for the parks. The committee shall recommend any needed budget allocations inclusive of ongoing maintenance for the accomplishment of agreed upon projects and shall recommend such projects for inclusion in the City's capital improvement program.

(c)

It shall be the responsibility of the committee to make recommendations on the **Design, Care, Maintenance and future of Parks**, parkland and related amenities such as playground equipment, parks facilities, shelters, and other park features.

(d)

When requested by the City Council, the Committee shall consider, investigate, make findings and report upon any matter coming within the scope of its work.

### **New Goals for 2026 Discussion:**

- Honoring legacy of Native Americans in Parks
- Build out Volunteer Base for projects



- Email list?
- Determine Plan for Juniper Park- Community Garden space to be rented
  - Need to get ahold of Sheri McNeil
  - Proposal: Application for spaces with selection based on household need, suggested donation to the community foundation
- Detailed selection/feedback on amenities for Nall Park and the more detailed plans
- Discuss Universal Design Standards as guideline for Accessibility
- Continued partnerships with other City Committees (meeting of the Committee Chairs on Goals for the year?)
- *What other proposed goals from the committee?*

## Existing Goals- Tentative Schedule:

### Quarter One Goals – Jan 1 to Mar 31

#### Volunteer/Committee Led Goals

- **Planning of Volunteer Weeding/ Maintenance Day**
  - Next Steps: Setting dates, goals, and target areas.
  - Needs to be coordinated with city staff mulching schedule
- **Solarize Grass Walk to kill invasive grasses**
  - Status: Has been presented to the Council
  - Next steps: Purchase materials, Schedule volunteer day, create signage
- **Wildflower Meadow Spring Clean up**
  - Status: regular annual activity
  - Next steps: Determine tools/what we can do to clean up
- **Re-present purpose/need to remove the Japanese Barberry to City Staff/Council**
  - Staff currently not in support- re-present the purpose for removal of this plant to staff and Council
  - Funding in Community Foundation for new plants
- **Present Chemical-Free Parks to Sustainability and Council**
- **Mighty Bike Party**



- Next steps: Discuss revised Signage, assign tasks the for celebration, promote

## City Staff Supported Goals

- **R Park Pavillion Trashcan Replacement (two large cans)**
  - Use Parks Maintenance Funds
  - Can design preference (similar to the design used by Mission)
- **Sprinkler install at R Park Sports Field**
  - Budget objective for 2026; install may carry over into Q2.
- **Erosion and Invasives at Cooper Creek**
  - Committee Discussion; may carry over into future quarters.?
  - *Discuss clarity for the Committee on what's needed here and if the prior plan can be implemented.*
- **R Park Pavillion- Splitting planter/Plan for water overflow near “Rain Garden”**
  - Consider making a budget objective(s) for 2027 or 2028
- **R Park Little Free Library update**
  - Install of little free library in R Park
  - Future stewardship of library by City Committee - Sarah Martin (initial books already on hand)
- **Plant the new selected trees in R Park**

## Placeholder Items:

- **Parks Strategic Master Plan update**
- **Nall Park Master Plan Update**

## Quarter Two Goals – Apr 1 to Jun 30

- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parks Scavenger Hunt**
  - Finalize map/logistics
  - Purchase supplies
  - Communicate via City on
- **Discuss Shelter Signage for R Park and Nall Park**
  - Discuss addition of basic shelter rules; by reservation only



- QR code for renting shelter
- Draft of signage and location to council for approval
- Implement
- **Discuss Sweeney Park Installation**
  - Consider an installation that is sensory
  - Need budget plan- initiative?
- **Yard of the Month Program**
  - Status: Has been presented to the Council and parameters determined.
  - Next steps: Work with city staff to roll out Survey and purchase signage

Placeholder items:

- **Bus Shelter Installation (tentative)**

#### **Quarter Three Goals – Jul 1 to Sept 30**

- **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

#### **Quarter Four Goals- Oct 1 to Dec 31**

- **Nall Park Groundbreaking**
  - May move to Q3 or Q1 of 2027
  - When is next check in with Lamp/Rynearson/selection of detailed amenities?

### **2026 Parks and Trees Meeting Dates**

- **January** – Wednesday 1/28/25 @ 6PM – Zoom
  - *Goal setting for 2026*
- **February** – Wednesday 2/25/26 @ 6 PM-Zoom (*NB @ Training till 5:30 PM*)
- **March** – Wednesday 3/25/26 @ 6PM– Location TBD (*NB @ training until 5:30*)
- **April** – Wednesday 4/22/26 @6PM – Location TBD (*NB @ training until 5:30*)
- **May** – Wednesday 5/27/26 @6PM – Location TBD (*NB @ training until 5:30*)
- **June** – Wednesday 6/24/26 @6PM – Location TBD
- **July** – Wednesday 7/22/26 @6PM – Location TBD



- **August** – Wednesday 8/26/26 @6PM – Location TBD
- **September** – Wednesday 9/23/26 @6PM- Location TBD
- **October** – Wednesday 10/28/26 @6PM– Zoom or R Park (lights)
- **November** – if meeting – 11/18/26 @6PM– Zoom or Community Center
  - Meeting one week early due to Thanksgiving
- **December** – if meeting – 12/16/26 @6 PM– Zoom or Community Center
  - Meeting one week early due to Christmas Holiday.

Meetings will be held outdoors when weather conditions permit. If the air temperature is below 50°F, at or above 85°F, or if there is inclement weather, meetings will move to Zoom (or possibly the Roeland Park Community Center). Any change in meeting location will be communicated to the Parks and Trees Committee via email and posted on the city calendar/agenda.