

**Agenda**  
**Parks & Trees Committee**  
**March 6 2008**  
**6-7:30pm, City Hall**

- I. **Review and approve minutes from 2/6/08 meeting**
  
- II. **Finalize Art in R Park program (15 minutes)**
  - a. **Review Schedule and assign action items to all committee members**  
  
COMPLETED 2/15- applications due  
COMPLETED week of 18<sup>th</sup>- get electronic versions of applications from Debbie  
COMPLETED 2/27 committee meeting- be prepared  
3/5- committee meeting; make final art and location selections  
**week of 3/5- begin design of promotional materials**  
**3/21- contracts signed**  
**3/24 postcards to the printer**  
**4/7 installation of works**  
**4/18- opening**
  
- III. **Nall Park Master Plan (60 minutes)**
  - a. Review draft master plan
  - b. Review cost estimates provided in draft plan
  - c. Identify and document areas where the report does not match up to our vision for the park
  - d. Identify any areas where more clarity is required from plan designers
  - e. Solidify recommendation to City Council
  - f. Identify presenters to Council
  
- IV. **Set Agenda for April Meeting (10 minutes)**
  
- V. **Open Items**
  
- VI. **Adjourn**

**Minutes**  
**Roeland Park Parks and Trees Committee**  
**February, 6, 2008**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Attending: Megan England, Mike Miller, George Schlagle, Chris Handzel, Joel Marquardt, Mark Kohles, Josh Zaroor, Mike Foltz, John Carter**  
**Absent: Jan Grebe**

**I. Review and approve January meeting minutes**

**II. General Update**

a. All committee members have been reappointed for a term of 1 year, beginning January 2008

**2/6 UPDATE:** Josh suggested that in the future the Mayor should approach all committee members prior to reappointment in order to gauge continuing interest and discuss expectations so all committees set up to assist the City operate at peak performance.

**UPDATE:** The Committee welcomed Mike Foltz to the Committee. Welcome Mike!

**ACTION ITEM: Megan England to provide Mike with a copy of the completed park assessment forms the committee reviewed in 2007.**

**ACTION: Josh Zaroor to ask Debi Mootz to add Mike's name to the distribution list for future communications.**

**III. Nall Park Master Plan update (10 minutes)**

a. Update on budget for parks in 2008 and beyond

i. Mark Kohles and Megan England to provide updated information based on request at January meeting. The committee was unable to take action regarding the Nall Park master plan until such information on future budgets is made available.

**2/6 UPDATE:** The committee discussed at length what its options were regarding the Nall Park Master Plan. Several committee members highly encouraged the team to take action at the meeting. It was decided to create 2 options for the Council to consider:

- Option A (Perferred): Under the assumption the City will continue to fund improvements to Nall Park, the budget for 2008 should be spent as follows: 1) fund design plan by professional consultants based on the Nall Park Master Plan with the intent of creating a "monument" style link between the park and the Community Center. "Monument" was meant to indicate the connection path should be constructed of very long lasting materials like limestone, etc, which fits with the nature theme of the park. 2) Any additional funds remaing after the design fees should be allocated to clearing trees, shrubs, inappropriate plants, etc.

- Option B (alternative): Under the impression that Nall Park improvements will not continue beyond 2008, more immediate needs exists for the park to make it most usable by our citizens, including the following: 1) clearin trees, shrubs, inappropriate plants, etc., 2) install monument quality signing at the South entrance to the park 3) update the existing shelter and bathroom structures to match the design of the monument signing 4) create and place signing on key plants and trees, turning the park into an arboretum

- **ACTION ITEM: Josh Zaroor and Mike Miller will present these options to the Council at the Feb 18 meeting**

Megan England and Mark Kohles informed the Committee that the Council will

likely be funding a formal survey in 2008. The survey will likely have several questions tied to green spaces and parks. The hope is that the results from the survey will assist the Council in determining funding priorities.

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#### **IV. Art in R Park (phase 2) update (10 minutes)**

a. Review schedule with full committee (see January meeting notes)

**2/6 UPDATE:** The schedule was discussed and several items of new information were brought the attention of the Committee:

Schedule-

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- John Carter, City Manager, informed the Committee that the city has procured one of the Phase 1 pieces, "Ballet" which is currently located at the median near 55<sup>th</sup> street, just east of Roe. Some discussion ensued inquiring if the piece can be refigured to match its form when presented to the Committee. It was determined the piece cannot be changed in form because it has been welded together by the artist.

- The April edition of *Review Magazine*, a widely distributed art magazine in the Midwest, will feature the Art in R Park project! Josh Zaroor has replied to the author's request for some additional information. George Schlagle may also be asked to contribute to the article. John Carter has provided some of the community feedback received on the website about the various pieces.

- **ACTION ITEM:** John Carter will send an email to the committee early the week of Feb 11 with an update on the number of applications received to-date.

- John Carter reported that Michael Wickerson of the KC Art Institute has been contacted as well as another resource at the KCAI.

- Mark Kohles reported that a request to discuss the 1% for art initiative will likely occur during upcoming Design Standards meetings being facilitated by the Council. The committee expressed their support for this effort.

- **ACTION ITEM: All members: Next Parks meeting is scheduled for Feb 27. The meeting will focus on reviewing the applications and making preliminary selections for Phase 2. Prior to the 2/27 meeting, all committee members should review the pdf applications which will be provided by the City as well as consider and be ready to discuss potential locations for pieces. Final decisions on location and pieces will be made at the March meeting.**

#### **V. 2008 Goals and Strategies (90 minutes)**

a. Review and revise P&T Committee mission

b. Discuss and document committee member expectations in 2008

c. Review 2007 goals and strategies

d. Create updated list of goals and corresponding strategies for 2008

**2/6 UPDATE:** Not discussed at the Feb 6 meeting. Will be moved to the March meeting

#### **VI. Open Discussion**

**2/6 UPDATE:** no new items were discussed