

**Minutes of Meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee
Of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas**
DRAFT MEETING NOTES June 10, 2009

Co-chair Joel Marquardt called a meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Roeland Park City Hall. Matthew Geary recorded the minutes.

Members present – Joel Marquardt Co-chair, Matthew Geary Co-chair, Megan England, Jan Greebe, Chris Handzel, Mark Lonesk, Mike Miller

Members absent – Adrian O’Hara, Mike Foltz

Staff present – None

I. Old Business

- a. The May meeting minutes were approved with changes.
- b. No adjustments were made to the agenda.
- c. Parks Master Plan
 - i. A discussion was held regarding the draft of the Parks Master plan distributed to committee members.
 - ii. Committee members will have suggestions for revisions of the Parks Master Plan at the July meeting.
- d. Art in R Park
 - i. A discussion was held regarding the next round of submissions for Art in R Park. The submission deadline is July 18. The Committee will make its recommendations at the August meeting.
 - ii. A discussion was held regarding obtaining sponsorship for the Art in R Park program from businesses in the community. Cmbr. England and Adrian O’Hara will make recommendations on a sponsorship agreement.
- e. Turkey Creek Resolution Update

- i. Mr. Miller gave an update on the Turkey Creek plan. There is a meeting on July 14 which may finalize the Resolution of the Turkey Creek Bicycle / Pedestrian Trail. After the resolution is finalized the Committee will review and, if appropriate, recommend to our City Council to endorse the resolution.

f. Bike Trails Plan

- i. Mr. Handzel is going to send out a proposed bike trails plan to the Committee.

g. Committee Goals

- i. A discussion was held regarding the goals of the Committee.
- ii. The Committee broke into 3 groups to discuss individual goals.
 - 1. Art in R Park funding (Parks Master Plan?)
 - a. Ms. England and Mr. Marquardt held a discussion and recommended that the Parks Committee review local business sponsorship options for the Art in R Park.
 - 2. Roeland Park School Site.
 - a. Mr. Geary, Mr. Miller and Mr. Lonesk discussed, then recommended the City find a permanent solution for the tennis courts by hiring a consultant to design the park which incorporates citizen input from a public process.
 - 3. Sensory Garden
 - a. Mr. Handzel and Ms. Greebe discussed a location for a sensory garden in the City, then reported that a good potential place for a sensory garden would be the old Roeland Park School Site. They also stated that the Parks Committee may be able to work with the autism school in a joint project or use autism as a design focus for the sensory garden.

II. New Business

a. Tree Board / Tree City USA

- i. There were no suggestions concerning the tree board or tree city USA.

b. Ms. England updated the committee on council actions.

- i. Ms. England informed the Committee about current financial condition of the City and the lack of funding for parks.
- ii. Ms. England updated the committee on the status of the Roeland Park school site proposed sale.

c. Parks Committee Report at Council Meeting

- i. Mr. Geary will provide a report to City Council at the June 15, 2009 Council Meeting.

III. The next meeting will be held on July 8, 2009.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.