

**Minutes of Meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee
Of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas
July 8, 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. Megan England recorded the minutes.

Members present – Joel Marquardt Co-chair, Megan England, Mike Foltz, Jan Greebe, Chris Handzel, Adrian O’Hara

Members absent – Matthew Geary Co-Chair, Mark Lonesk, Mike Miller

Staff present – None

I. Old Business

a. The June meeting minutes were approved with changes.

b. No adjustments were made to the agenda.

c. Parks Master Plan

i. A few minor changes were suggested. The Committee discussed appropriate timing to present to the Council.

ii. Ms. England reported to the Committee that the most recent draft of the 2010 budget did allow for \$12K for a master plan for the former Roeland Park Elementary School, but no other allowances for park improvements of any kind.

d. Art in R Park

i. A discussion was held regarding the recent Council approval of sponsorship from the Boulevard Apartments. Mr. O’Hara and Ms. England will continue to pursue a cohesive set of guidelines before future business partnerships are solidified.

ii. The Committee discussed placement of Golden Root and will recommend to City Staff that it be suspended nearby up on the rocky bluffs. If that is not appropriate, some other location should be chosen to keep the piece rotating around. The group agreed that the current location is not flattering to the piece.

e. Turkey Creek Resolution Update

- i. Mr. Miller provided a finalized version of the Turkey Creek Bicycle / Pedestrian Trail Resolution. The Committee approved the final version and will recommend that the Council approve it and encourage the Mayor to sign it.

f. Bike Trails Plan

- i. Mr. Handzel brought the proposed bike trails plan that he and Mr. Miller have been working on to the Committee.
- ii. Ms. England reported that the latest version of the 2010 budget included \$10K for creating a more bicycle friendly city. Recognizing that most of the streets in Roeland Park are too narrow for bike lanes, the money would be spent on signage. She recommends that Mr. O'Hara, as an avid cyclist, offer a voice to the Council from the Parks Committee throughout the process of identifying locations for the signs.

g. Committee Goals

- i. The Committee did not break out into small groups as suggested by the agenda, however did discuss the importance of setting aside time at each meeting in order to do so in addition to working outside of each monthly meeting.
- ii. Before the next meeting, Ms. England and Mr. Marquardt hope to get together to discuss additional green spaces for placing the city's permanent collection of art.
- iii. Before the next meeting, Ms. England and Mr. O'Hara will meet to continue discussion regarding the Art in R Park partnerships.

II. New Business

a. Tree Board / Tree City USA

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

b. Parks Committee Report at Council Meeting

- i. Mr. Marquardt will provide a report to City Council at the July 20, 2009 Council Meeting.

III. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th 2009.

The meeting was adjourned