

**Minutes of Meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee
Of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas
November 11, 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, Mark Lonesk, Mike Foltz, Cmr. Megan England, Jan Greebe, Adrian O’Hara

Members absent – Chris Handzel

Staff present – None.

- I. The October meeting minutes were approved

- II. Ms. England provided the Committee with an update of council activities.
 - a. Ms. England informed the committee that CLO has withdrawn from consideration of purchasing the old Roeland Park School building. The Council is seeking another buyer for the school building.
 - b. Ms. England informed the Committee about possible funding for the Roeland Park School site.

- III. Juniper Park
 - a. Mr. Marquardt provided an update of the bidding of the sewer project which includes bids for a structure and improvements at Juniper Park.

- IV. Art in R Park
 - a. A discussion was held regarding funding for the Art in R Park program.
 - b. The committee discussed recognition for donations including:
 - i. Highlighted in each of the 6 Roeland Park bi-monthly newsletters;
 - ii. Listing on Art in R Park fliers prior to each round;
 - iii. Shown on website with web link to their own website
 - iv. Laminated poster in City Hall and possibly the Community Center
 - v. Laminated smaller “Art in R Park Sponsor” poster or other for sponsor to put in their business

- vi. Listed on one well designed, more permanent monument sign – possibly stone placed on Roe Boulevard, but not in a primary art location. The sign should be “low key”.
 - vii. No a flimsy banner signs
- c. Most of the Committee thought the \$2500, \$1000, and \$500 increments would be more palatable to possible givers.
 - d. The Committee will ask businesses around town of their take on the funding amounts and recognition. We may be able to pick and choose the number of recognition methods from the list above or simply state the level in dollars or name of level (platinum, gold, silver...).
 - e. Other ideas for fundraising included selling stickers with “Art in R Park” on it, well designed posters, T-Shirts.
 - f. The Committee wants to retain control over art selection and placement, and not allow sponsors to dictate selection and placement.
 - g. A discussion was also held regarding the formation of a 501c3 corporation to allow tax deductible gifts for the Art in R Park program, similar to the program in Prairie Village. There was some concern over start-up and maintenance costs and requirements for a 501c3.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.