

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee
Of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas
April 14, 2010**

Chair Matt Geary called a meeting of the Parks and Trees Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 pm at the Roeland Park Community Center. Megan England recorded minutes.

Members present- Matthew Geary Chair, David Slocum, Joel Marquardt, , Jan Grebe, Mike Foltz, and Chris Handzel

Council Present: Megan England Marek Gliniecki

Staff present- Debra Mootz

I. No additions or modifications were made to the agenda.

II. The minutes from the March 2009 meeting were not reviewed or approved, and it was decided that the minutes from March 2009 meeting would be reviewed and approved at the next Committee meeting.

III. The Committee discussed whether one member would take notes at all meetings or whether all members would rotate taking notes. Chris Handzel was elected co-chair of the Committee.

IV. Councilmember England gave brief updates on Council items affecting the Committee:

- a) The Council is putting out RFP's for demolition of the former Roeland Park Elementary School, those should be back to the council in May for approval.
- b) The Council approved master plan RFQ's for the former Roeland Park Elementary School, the deadline for which is April 22, 2010. Councilmember England was hopeful that if everything goes smoothly, demolition would begin in June 2010. Committee member Chris Handzel volunteered to sit on any panels involved with RFQ approval
- c) Art in R Park will fall under the control of an Arts Ad-Hoc Committee. The mayor intends to make appointments at the next Council meeting. Committee member Joel Marquardt will be leaving the Parks Committee to serve on the Arts AD-Hoc Committee. The Committee discussed whether placement of temporary or permanent Art procured through Arts in R Park will fall under the control of the Parks Committee, it was decided that everyone was hopeful that the two Committees would collaborate on these issues.

V. Roeland Park will receive the 17 years tree city USA, and Growth Award. Debra Mootz was asked what the Committee could do to continue to improve in this area. Ms. Mootz said that she would get a copy of the Growth Awards requirements and provide those to the Committee.

VI. Committee member Chris Handzel reported that the Parks master plan is almost complete. It was decided that the Arts master plan will be attached to the Parks master plan as an appendix. Chris was hopeful that the Parks master plan would be done in time to present to the Council at the June 07, 2010 Council meeting. Debra Mootz reminded everyone that the master plan would be due the Wednesday before the meeting before noon.

VII.

- a. The Committee discussed possible recreational activities that could be done to bring the public to the parks. The members are going to bring ideas to the next meeting so that budgets can be prepared.
- b. Committee member Chris Handzel offered to assist with ideas for the usage of Water Tower Park.
- c. Council member England discussed that she would like to see some improvements to Roe Blvd. near I-35, and would like suggestions regarding the same.
- d. Council member England discussed the prospect of recycling tree dead trees into permanent furniture for the parks, and suggested that Todd Baker make a presentation on the matter.

VIII. Committee member Mike Foltz agreed to represent the Parks Committee at the May 03, 2010 City Council meeting.

There was a lot of discussion about whether the Committee would present the design company awarded the former Roeland Park Elementary site design contract with a memo of suggestions for specific items to be included in the park. The Committee decided that it would. The members of the Committee are to bring ideas to the next Committee meeting.

IX. Mr. Geary adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.