



AGENDA
City of Roeland Park, Kansas
Governing Body Meeting
City Hall, 4600 W 51st Street
March 17, 2025 6:00 PM

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Poppa, Mayor• Jan Faidley, Council Member, Ward 1• Tom Madigan, Council Member, Ward 1• Benjamin Dickens, Council Member, Ward 2• Jennifer Hill, Council Member, Ward 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emily Hage, Council Member, Ward 3• Kate Raglow, Council Member, Ward 3• Matthew Lero, Council Member, Ward 4• Jeffrey Stocks, Council Member, Ward 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keith Moody, City Administrator• Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.• Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk• Cory Honas, Police Chief• Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director |
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Council Standing Committees

Admin
Faidley
Stocks

Finance
Dickens
Hage

Safety
Hill
Raglow

Public Works
Madigan
Lero

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025

II. Discussion Items

- A. Discuss Pilot Program for Additional Engagement Through a New Platform Called Rep'd
- B. Review and Preliminary Approval of 2026 Objectives (15 min)
- C. Discuss Parking Restriction on 55th Street Between Shawnee Mission Parkway and Roe Boulevard (10 min)
- D. Review Edits to Bike and Ped Network Map and Discuss Updating Plan in the Future

III. Non-Action Items

IV. Committee Minutes

- A. Ad-Hoc Historical Committee Meeting Minutes February 27, 2025

- B. Aquatic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025
- C. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2025.pdf
- D. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025
- E. Parks and Trees Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025
- F. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025
- G. Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes February 6, 2025
- H. Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes March 6, 2025.doc

V. Adjournment

Welcome to this meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Roeland Park. Below are the Procedural Rules of the Committee

The governing body encourages citizen participation in local governance processes. To that end, and in compliance with the Kansas Open meetings Act (KSA 45-215), you are invited to participate in this meeting. The following rules have been established to facilitate the transaction of business during the meeting. Please take a moment to review these rules before the meeting begins.

A. Audience Decorum. Members of the audience shall not engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including but not limited to; the utterance of loud, obnoxious, threatening, or abusive language; clapping; cheering; whistling; stomping; or any other acts that disrupt, impede, or otherwise render the orderly conduct of the Committee of the Whole meeting unfeasible. Any member(s) of the audience engaging in such conduct shall, at the discretion of the City Council President (Chair) or a majority of the Council Members, be declared out of order and shall be subject to reprimand and/or removal from that meeting. Please turn all cellular telephones and other noise-making devices off or to "silent mode" before the meeting begins.

B. Public Comment Request to Speak Form. The request form's purpose is to have a record for the City Clerk. Members of the public may address the Committee of the Whole during Public Comments and/or before consideration of any agenda item; however, no person shall address the Committee of the Whole without first being recognized by the Chair or Committee Chair. Any person wishing to speak at the beginning of an agenda topic, shall first complete a Request to Speak form and submit this form to the City Clerk before discussion begins on that topic.

C. Purpose. The purpose of addressing the Committee of the Whole is to communicate formally with the governing body with a question or comment regarding matters that are on the Committee's agenda.

D. Speaker Decorum. Each person addressing the Committee of the Whole, shall do so in an orderly, respectful, dignified manner and shall not engage in conduct or language that disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the committee meeting. Any person, who so disrupts the meeting shall, at the discretion of the City Council President (Chair) or a majority of the Council Members, be declared out of order and shall be subject to reprimand and/or be subject to removal from that meeting.

E. Time Limit. In the interest of fairness to other persons wishing to speak and to other individuals or groups having business before the Committee of the Whole, each speaker shall limit comments to two minutes per agenda item. If a large number of people wish to speak, this time may be shortened by the Chair so that the number of persons wishing to speak may be accommodated within the time available.

F. Speak Only Once Per Agenda Item. Second opportunities for the public to speak on the same issue

will not be permitted unless mandated by state or local law. No speaker will be allowed to yield part or all of his/her time to another, and no speaker will be credited with time requested but not used by another.

G. Addressing the Committee of the Whole. Comment and testimony are to be directed to the Chair. Dialogue between and inquiries from citizens and individual Committee Members, members of staff, or the seated audience is not permitted. Only one speaker shall have the floor at one time. Before addressing Committee speakers shall state their full name, address and/or resident/non-resident group affiliation, if any, before delivering any remarks.

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The governing body welcomes your participation and appreciates your cooperation. If you would like additional information about the Committee of the Whole or its proceedings, please contact the City Clerk at (913) 722.2600.

Item Number: I. Approval of Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025

Item Type: Action Item

Recommendation:

Details:

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
Line Item Code/Description:	

Additional Information

Diversity Equity & Inclusion Lens

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- How will the program be communicated to all stakeholders?

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
March 3, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

- Michael Poppa, Mayor
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Emily Hage, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Matthew Lero, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
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- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. City Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- Cory Honas, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Meeting Called to Order at 6:40 p.m.)

I. MINUTES

A. Governing Body Workshop Minutes February 17, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review Chapter 10 of Municipal Code - Police Policy

Police Chief Honas reviewed the changes made to the verbiage in Chapter 10.

Ms. Jones-Lacy noted the pronouns have been changed and the DEI Committee has also reviewed the Code.

The Governing Body consented to the recommended changes, and this will be placed on the March 17th City Council agenda under Ordinances and Resolutions for final approval.

2. Discuss Parks Truck Replacement Options

Public Works Director Scharff said 2014 Dodge Park and Rec truck that was handed down from the Police Department was stolen. It has recently been recovered, and they are anticipating the insurance company will consider it totaled. Mr. Scharff presented three options for the Governing Body to consider in replacing the vehicle and also outlined the uses of the vehicle.

The first option would be to replace the truck with a used vehicle of the same age at an estimated cost of \$15,000 with an expected use time of 6 to 8 years.

The second option would again be to replace the truck but with a newer used electric vehicle at an estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000 with an expected use time of 10 to 12 years.

The third option was to purchase a new 2025 F-250 extended cab truck and plow for the Public Works Department with an estimated cost of \$62,000.

CMBR Faidley noted that CMBR Hill is a strong advocate in the City's efforts to move forward with electric vehicles in their fleet as much as possible. She asked about the availability of a half-ton EV truck that is three years old. City Manager Moody said that quick searches show they are fairly readily available, and it should not be difficult to source a used EV in the \$30,000 to \$35,000 range. Also, there would be a charging station at the Community Center this year as the truck will be stored there. He noted that the Park and Rec truck averages about 25 miles a day.

Mayor Poppa said they are all a huge proponent of electric vehicles for staff. He said he likes the ability that they can hand down their vehicles and the redundancy that it provides. Mayor Poppa asked what the difference would be in waiting to purchase a vehicle. Public Works Director Scharff said they are anticipating 5-8 percent increase for 2026.

CMBR Madigan said he looked at all the options. He also noted that the technology is fairly new and expressed concern whether an electric vehicle could handle the workload and noted that it would affect its range. He expressed support for Option 3. He also asked where the plow would be stored. City Manager Moody said the plow would be stored at Public Works and if they purchased an electric vehicle, they would not put a plow on it.

CMBR Lero said he liked the idea of going to an EV vehicle but in buying a used truck they do not know its history versus one they know and has the ability to do plowing.

CMBR Hage said she does not feel the technology is advanced enough for a cost-effective heavy-duty truck, but they know that maintenance is required on any vehicle. She added that one of the ways they show residents their support is through snow removal and by keeping the plow, they can do it even better.

Mayor Poppa asked how many miles the police department puts on their vehicles daily. Chief Honas said each vehicle averages 50 to 100 miles a day. Mayor Poppa then asked what in the rotation is next to be replaced. City Manager Moody said it would be the street sweeper.

CMBR Raglow asked if the intent is to put GPS in this vehicle as well. Public Works Director Scharff said they have GPS units in their vehicles currently. Once you buy them, they are yours and the service is about \$30-40 annually.

Mayor Poppa asked if there are any hybrid 250 vehicles available and if would that be useful. Public Works Director Scharff said it may be worth looking into.

CMBR Raglow said that going to EV is a positive thing for the City but supports Option 3 as it would allow them to have a backup snowplow, which also affects their residents directly. She also noted how the recent snowstorms have affected their leaf program.

The Governing Body unanimously expressed their support for Option 3.

III. COMMITTEE MINUTES

No committee minutes were submitted.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Raglow adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Workshop Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.)

Item Number: II. Discussion
Items



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Assistant City Administrator Director of Finance

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Discuss Pilot Program for Additional Engagement Through a New Platform Called Rep'd

Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

To consider a three-month pilot project with Rep'd to help with the City's social engagement strategy.

Details:

Rep'd is a video engagement and messaging platform specifically for municipalities. It would allow the City to post videos in an easy manner to answer commonly asked questions. This platform was recently implemented in [Emporia, Kansas](#) and is in place in 20 other municipalities. They have been in business for about two years. Mark Friese with Rep'd will be doing a brief demo to show the Governing Body how it works and the benefits of the platform.

The cost of the pilot will be \$500/month and that price would hold through the end of 2025 if staff determines it has worked well. If we wish to continue beyond that the price would be \$1k/month.

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request: \$500/month, \$1,500 for three month trial	
Budgeted item? No	Budgeted Amount: \$36,770
Line Item Code/Description: 5266.101 - Software Maintenance	

Additional Information

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

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City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Keith Moody

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Review and Preliminary Approval of 2026 Objectives (15 min)

Item Type: Action Item

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council provide preliminary approval of the 2026 Objectives they support.

Preliminary approval provides direction to staff to reflect the cost estimate for each Objective in the appropriate budget line item.

Details:

Attached is a DRAFT Goals and Objectives document for 2026. The Objectives have been placed under the most appropriate goal. This review is your opportunity to ask for clarification on objectives as well as to gain understanding of how an Objective will further our goals and impact diversity and inclusion. **If you do not find that the Objective is in line with our goals or do not believe it should be a priority for 2026 this is the time that you should express yourself.**

In providing preliminary approval of the Objectives, we are saying we find that the objective is a priority and the financial impact should be reflected in the identified account as we begin work on the line item budgets. We will determine if we can afford to complete the objectives as we work through the budget development process. Objectives may need to be removed or delayed if we find we are constrained financially or by time during the budget development process. If a need to reduce expenditures exists, the Council will be asked to prioritize, postpone, eliminate or reduce the budget of objectives when we present the line item budgets at the first workshop in June.

Please make notes as you read through the Objectives. I will lead the review by reading the title of the objective and asking for comments/questions. If we have none, I will assume the Objective has preliminary approval and will move on to the next objective. If we have concerns expressed about an objective, I will ask the Governing Body to provide direction on whether the Objective should move forward. I must stress the importance of reading the objectives and coming prepared with questions in order to move through this process in a timely manner. I will refer questions to the person who submitted the objective if I am not able to address the question.

This year we have the ability to use the Balancing Act software to help the Council seek feedback on the objectives from the public. If the Council is interested in using this tool, it could help prioritize objectives in the event that resources are not sufficient to complete objectives in 2026. This could also give you information on public preferences

for the budget preparation. The downside of doing this is that if Prioritize is implemented and the Council chooses to move forward with something that is not widely supported, it could be counterproductive to your process. Similarly, if there is an objective the Council does not choose to implement that is highly favored by users, it would render this tool ineffective.

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
Line Item Code/Description:	

Additional Information

The supporting documentation for each objective specifically contains responses to questions concerning how it impacts equity and inclusion. This has been incorporated to ensure we are looking at each objective through an equity and inclusion lens.

A number of the objectives are specifically intended to address areas where we can improve our service delivery to residents of all ages.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026 Goals and Objectives - Draft

Behavioral Values Organizational Goals & Draft- Fiscal Year 2026 Objectives

Behavioral Values: In the spring of 2023 the Governing Body and Department Directors developed Behavioral Values for the organization during a series of workshops facilitated by the KU Public Management Center. This effort was intended to strengthen the working relationships within the Governing Body as well as between the Governing Body and Staff. Behavioral Values guide the organization as we examine how to bridge the gap between what is politically acceptable (what we want to do) and what is operationally sustainable (can we do it).

Value	Definition
Committed to Continuous Learning	We learn new skills, gain knowledge, listen and seek to understand to be proactive and innovative in our leadership and decision making.
Sense of Humor	Remaining keenly aware of the context and approach, we use humor as a tool to create social connections and build relationships.
Respect	We hold all people and groups in high regard, treating them with kindness while creating an environment where they feel seen and heard.
Integrity	We are honest and uphold the highest ethical standards.
Inclusive	We welcome, represent, empower, and engage all people and groups through a focus on equity and fairness without favor or bias.
Transparency	We share information openly to create shared understanding and clarity and confidence in community governance.

Organizational Goals and Current Year Objectives: The broadly defined Organizational Goals are consistent areas of focus for organization improvements. These are reviewed and updated at the start of each budget cycle to ensure each remains relevant prior to staff and the elected officials focusing on specific Objectives (priorities) for the next budget year. The Objectives are specific initiatives intended to further the City's Goals and support our Values.

A. Keep Our Community Safe & Secure – for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

Objectives:

1. Place Solar Powered, Motion Activated, Flashing Stop Signs at Three Intersections to Increase Safety

Justification: Stop signs at the intersections of 51st and Nall, 51st and Rosewood and 55th and Juniper (all two way stop intersections) have a higher-than-normal frequency of being disobeyed, contributing to an unsafe condition for drivers and pedestrians going north or south. A frequent reason given to Police by the offender is that the driver did not see the stop sign. Installing solar powered stop signs with motion activated flashing lights would eliminate that excuse and make the intersections more visible and safer.

Batteries are estimated to last 3 to 5 years with an estimated replacement cost of \$1,700 total for the 3 sign locations. Solar panels will require semi-annual cleaning. The cost to replace one flashing stop sign unit is \$4,800.

Cost Estimate: \$29,000 **Account 5421-300**

Completion Date: 4/30/2026

Responsible Party: Public Works

Submitted By: Council Person Madigan

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? None, this will benefit the entire community.

2. Equip Police Patrol Vehicles with External Rooftop Emergency Lightbars

Justification: In 2023, the Roeland Park Police Department purchased four new patrol vehicles, each outfitted with low-profile emergency lighting. While the intent was to maintain a more discreet appearance, the current lighting setup does not provide the same level of visibility as a high-profile light bar mounted to the roof. Enhanced visibility is critical for officer safety, public awareness, and effective traffic control. To address this concern, we are seeking approval to purchase high-profile lighting for all patrol vehicles. The high-profile light bars can be seen from farther distances, making patrol vehicles more noticeable during daylight, nighttime, and inclement weather conditions. Upgrading the vehicle emergency lighting will also ensure all patrol vehicles are easily identifiable as police units, which is crucial for public recognition and safety.

Cost Estimate: \$15,000 **Account 5260.102**

Completion Date: 3/6/26

Responsible Party: Chief Cory Honas

Submitted By: Chief Cory Honas

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? Clearly marked police vehicles with bright light bars make police presence easily identifiable, which reinforces transparency in law enforcement actions. Effective lighting ensures officers can respond quickly and safely to all calls within the City of Roeland Park, demonstrating a fairness to everyone in the community. Standardized use of light bars during traffic stops, accidents, and community interactions ensures consistency, which is important for building trust and strengthening fair policing practices.

B. Prioritize Communication and Engagement with the Community

–by expanding opportunities to inform and engage residents in an open and participatory manner.

Objectives:

1. Implement an Annual Committee Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Justification: Hosting an annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception for our committee members would be an appropriate gesture of appreciation for the devoted service of these essential volunteers. Elected officials and Department Directors will organize and host the annual event.

The event would be hosted at the Community Center and the City would provide food, drink and some form of entertainment or gift that may inspire interest of other community members to volunteer. Another promotional idea would be to incorporate words of appreciation and photos focused on committee accomplishments in a digital poster board that could be shared through social media and our website.

Cost Estimate: \$3,000 **Account 5256-101 Committee Funds**

Completion Date: 10/31/26

Responsible Party: Jennifer Jones-Lacy & Joey Carley

Submitted By: Jennifer Jones-Lacy & Joey Carley

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? This objective would benefit members of all races and ethnicities equally. This event would celebrate the dedication of time and resources from all volunteers, regardless of ancestry, age, or ability. Additionally, by highlighting the achievements of our volunteers, particularly the DEI Committee, it shows Roeland Park that equity and equality are important to our community.

C. Improve Community Assets – through timely maintenance and replacement as well as improving assets to modern standards.

Objectives:

1. Install Irrigation System in R Park to Provide Watering to Landscaping and Soccer Field

Justification:

Landscaped areas in R Park will enhance the beauty of the landscaping and increase public enjoyment of the space. In addition, the soccer fields are heavily utilized and renting these areas provides some revenue for the city. Currently these areas require Public Works to water manually by utilizing a water truck, which is a substantial use of Public Works time during three seasons of the year.

The Parks and Trees Committee supports the installation of an irrigation system that would allow for ease and simplicity in watering these areas, without manual intervention by Public Works. An irrigation system for watering should be a much more efficient use of water, in addition to saving time. An irrigation system is considered the most efficient way to water, as it delivers water directly to the plant roots, minimizing evaporation and runoff, and allowing for precise water application.

The installation of the irrigation system will allow the Parks and Trees Committee to improve and beautify the existing planted areas. Plants were initially selected that were not to need watering but keeping them alive has proven to be a challenge. A planned “Grass Walk” on the Sherwood side of the Park, would also benefit from irrigation.

The irrigation system would connect to the existing water service with a controller being secured within the restroom facility. The controller would be programed to manage up 17 irrigation zones.

Cost Estimate: \$34,000 **Account 5472-300**

Completion Date: 3/31/26

Responsible Party: Parks and Recreation Superintendent and Director of Public Works

Submitted By: Sarah Martin, Parks Committee Chair

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? The implications are that Parks are accessible spaces for everyone and improving our public green spaces equitably benefits all.

D. Advance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – within the community through intentional policy and procedures.

Objectives:

1. Develop a Monarch Butterfly Refuge to Honor Immigrants

Justification:

The intended outcomes of this item include establishing Roeland Park as a welcoming place for people of all races, backgrounds, nationalities, and citizenship status by celebrating the immigration journey and the rich experiences that immigration adds to the community. Providing educational opportunities to residents and visitors of Roeland Park about the immigrant experience through connections with the monarch migration cycle, firsthand experiences, art, and literature.

The Sustainability and DEI committees will join efforts in the proposal and development of the Monarch Butterfly Refuge project. Monarch butterflies are a symbol of migration and there are cultural connections to the Mexican community. The Sustainability Committee proposes to undertake the gardening and ecology elements of a Monarch Habitat Garden.

SITE: Finding and gaining approval from property owner(s) for a garden site of suitable size, location, accessibility, visibility, orientation and growing conditions for a native plant garden that provides (a) valuable and usable habitat for Monarch butterfly populations, (b) enjoyment and connection to nature for Roeland Park residents, and (c) education on the habitat needs of Monarch butterflies for all who visit.

PLANT MATERIAL: Choosing, sourcing and purchasing appropriate native milkweed and other plants and seeds to give monarch butterflies and butterfly larvae habitat, shelter and food.

PLANTING & MAINTENANCE: Recruiting, organizing and guiding volunteer gardeners, including students, families and residents, in the planting and ongoing maintenance of the Monarch Habitat Garden.

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE MONARCH HABITAT GARDEN: Providing educational resources for students and community members on the crucial role of native plants to the restoration, survival and well-being of the greatly reduced Monarch butterfly population and the crucial role of the Kansas City area along the North American Monarch butterfly migration pathway. Providing ecological information for public signage at the Monarch Habitat Garden, as well as for the Roeland Park website, social media and The Roeland Parker.

The DEI Committee will help translate all materials and reach out to Cedar Roe Library to see if they'd like to provide 1) a book display highlighting butterflies, migration, immigration, 2) story walk in/near the garden <https://www.opkansas.org/events/walk-and-read-4-2024-06-05/>

Reaching out to Arts Committee to see if they'd like to help find local immigrant artists to provide artwork for the space depicting the immigrant

experience. Quotes or first-person narratives about immigrant experience from locals to incorporate into signage

Partnering with Sustainability Committee to host a movie night with this documentary: <https://www.aymariposafilm.com/>

Cost Estimate: \$10,000 **Account 5472-300 Park Improvements**

Completion Date: 10/31/26

Responsible Party: Sustainability Committee, DEI Committee, Public Works (site preparation)

Submitted By: Sustainability Committee and DEI Committee

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? This item benefits all racial groups, although in different ways. For those with firsthand experience of migration, we hope that they will benefit through seeing their experiences valued by the city. For those without connections to migration, they will benefit from an increased awareness of the experiences that many of their neighbors and community members have had.

E. Provide Great Customer Service – with professional, timely and friendly staff.

Objectives:

1. Provide Additional Shade Structures and Seating at the Roeland Park Pool

Justification: The pool deck along the north side of the Roeland Park pool (behind the diving board and rock-climbing wall) is an underutilized space that could provide additional seating and shade for customers. The Aquatic Center Advisory Committee recommends the City investigate adding shade structures and seating in this area.

Pool staff report that customers often request additional seating and shade structures on days when the pool is busy. By expanding seating and shade in this area, customers will be more likely to attend the pool on busy days.

The recommended improvement also creates new programming opportunities that could generate new revenue. For example, with additional shade structures and seating, the City could begin marketing birthday packages to families by reserving space along the north side of the deck for parties.

Cost Estimate: \$18,000 **Account 5442-220**
(Includes two new canopy shade structures, 10 new lounge chairs, 2 tables, 10 seating chairs, concrete deck and fence modifications)

Completion Date: 5/15/26

Responsible Party: Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Submitted By: Jason Wiens, Aquatic Center Advisory Committee Chair

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? While Roeland Park residents comprise the largest group of users of the Roeland Park pool (according to admission data collected by pool staff), the second largest group of users is from Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas—a more racially diverse community than Roeland Park. Access to recreation opportunities, especially public pools, is more limited in neighboring communities to the north. By continuing to invest in and improve the quality of the Roeland Park pool it can remain an attractive and welcoming place for people of all racial and economic backgrounds.

F. Cultivate a Rewarding Work Environment – where efficiency and productivity meet creativity and work-life balance.

Objectives:

1. Adjusting Elected Official Stipend

Justification: The stipends for Roeland Park elected officials have remained unchanged since they were reduced 9/7/10, in response to the Great Recession. Since that time no increase has been requested, even though the technology and training stipend has been adjusted in recent years. As part of the 2026 budget process, the City Council will evaluate the financial impacts of a stipend increase, considering findings from the McGrath Wage Study and other more current data.

This discussion will also examine the importance of fair pay in fostering interest in serving on the governing board, promoting equity, and retaining experienced elected officials. Consistent turnover among council members increases workload and costs for city staff, while continuity in leadership reduces administrative burdens. Furthermore, recent pay increases for elected officials at the county and state levels highlight the need for Roeland Park to reassess its own compensation structure.

Cost Estimate: **Account 5103-108 Wages**

Option 1: \$8,280 total annual increase in stipend fees if stipends returned to prior level (\$7,200/yr for Mayor and \$6,000 for Council).

Option 2: \$18,080 total annual increase in stipend fees if stipend for Mayor set at \$9,000 per year and stipend for Council set at \$7,000 per year. This option provides for an annual 3% adjustment since the reduction of the stipend in 2010.

Completion Date: 1/1/26

Responsible Party: City Administrator and Governing Body

Submitted By: Councilmembers Hill, Lero and Faidley

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? Although the stipend for elected officials is not substantial, it plays a role in ensuring equitable access to leadership opportunities. A fair and competitive stipend, along with a 3% or greater annual increase, will help remove financial barriers that may prevent lower-income residents from seeking public office. Many individuals in the community work multiple jobs and may be unable to commit the time and energy necessary to serve if the stipend remains nominal. Increasing compensation would encourage a more inclusive and representative council by encouraging a broader and more diverse pool of candidates.

G. Encourage Investment in Our Community – whether it be redevelopment, new development, or maintenance.

Objectives:

1. Apply Art Element to the Covered Benches Added at Bus Stops in 2025

Justification:

The Arts committee would like to expand upon the 2025 budget objective which added covered benches at bus stops in Roeland Park. This objective would apply art by local and regional artists to the benches. The Arts committee would select artists and be responsible for installing and maintaining art on the shelters.

Several cities across the country have integrated art into benches and transit facilities:

[New art installations on bus shelters feature work by local Indigenous artists - City of Lawrence, Kansas](#)

[Creative Portland - Creative Bus Shelters Initiative](#)

The company that provided the benches also provides art treatment as an option for customers. Below is a picture of an example.



Cost Estimate: \$16,000 **Account 5217-101 Public Art Purchase**
The budget estimate contemplates art treatment to 8 benches with a \$500 fee per artist and \$1,500 cost to create and install a vinyl wrap.

Completion Date: 10/31/26

Responsible Party: Arts Committee

Submitted By: Arts Committee and Council Person Lero

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? The beauty of spaces that we occupy is an improvement for everyone who uses the shelters and people who pass by. This helps to make public art visible and accessible to as many people as possible.

H. Work to Implement Strategic Goals – as outlined in the Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Planning Sustainable Places Study, and other planning documents adopted by Council.

Objectives:

1. Apply to MARC’s Planning Sustainable Places Program for Grant to Fund an Update to the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Strategy

Justification: Originally published in 2017, the City's Pedestrian + Bike Infrastructure Strategy is in need of an update.
<https://www.roelandpark.net/DocumentCenter/View/4867/Pedestrian-Bicycle-Infrastructure-Strategy-RoelandPark-KS-Sept2017?bidId=>

Studies supporting safer and more user-friendly streets for all users have advanced rapidly within the last decade. In older built-out communities such as Roeland Park the challenges are significant. Seeking funding for this update would allow us to focus on improvements that will age well and support the movement away from single occupancy vehicles to multi-modal means of transportation. The city will issue an RFP from experts in the field of bicycle and pedestrian amenities. They will evaluate our current amenities, work to engage the community on priorities and develop a long-range plan for the city.

An update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Strategy is eligible for PSP funding. The PSP grant cycle will close on June 13, 2026. Awarded funding will be available for 2027.

<https://www.marc.org/transportation/transportation-programs/planning-sustainable-places>

Cost Estimate: \$0 **Account (grant submittal has no cost)**

Completion Date: 5/31/26

Responsible Party: Assistant City Administrator

Submitted By: Council Person Faidley

What are the racial equity implications of this objective? A walkable/bikeable city is beneficial for all races and particularly those who may lack dependable means of transportation.

A Guide for Racial Equity Impact Questions: the guide below is provided as an aid to help develop answers to the broad question of “what are the racial equity implications of this objective”. 2024 marked the implementation of a racial equity lens as a supporting data component for Objectives.

- What is the intended outcome of this item?
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- Does this item leave out any racial groups?
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Social determinants of health are the conditions in the environment where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life outcomes. Several social determinants of health that are particularly relevant to municipal government are: crime prevention and criminal justice, safe and healthy living conditions, connectivity of neighborhoods, and access to recreation opportunities.

Item Number: II. Discussion
Items



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Keith Moody

Committee/Department: Public Works

Title: Discuss Parking Restriction on 55th Street Between Shawnee Mission Parkway and Roe Boulevard (10 min)

Item Type: Action Item

Recommendation:

Staff is seeking direction on prohibiting parking on the north side of 55th Street between Shawnee Mission Parkway and Roe Boulevard.

Details:

Currently, parking is allowed on both the north side (Roeland Park) and the south side (Fairway) of 55th Street except for a section near the curve and intersection with Shawnee Mission Parkway. During the construction of the multifamily project in Fairway, parking has been prohibited on the north side of the street. With the potential for more on-street parking generated by the multifamily facility once open, it may be appropriate for the City to consider making no parking permanent on the north side of the street. The City has a formal process if on-street parking restrictions are requested by residents. That process is not required if no parking is initiated by the City. However, it is advisable for the Council to invite the property owners along the parking-restricted corridor to attend a neighborhood meeting to inform and seek feedback on what tends to be an issue which generates strong opinions from both positions.

55th is a joint CARS project in 2025 with Fairway. The scope is currently just a mill and overlay, no new sidewalk or bike lanes. 54th Terrace (the street just north) is shown as the east west route for bicyclists in Roeland Park's Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure Plan. The engineers are completing a review of the project with our complete streets policy and our bike/ped plan as guides. That report will be presented to the Council once complete.

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
Line Item Code/Description:	

Additional Information

Diversity Equity & Inclusion Lens

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

Item Number: II. Discussion
Items



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Keith Moody

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Review Edits to Bike and Ped Network Map and Discuss Updating Plan in the Future

Item Type: Action Item

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving an updated Bike and Pedestrian Plan Map reflecting the improvements/additions to bike and sidewalk facilities since the map was originally generated in 2017.

Details:

Below is a link to the City's Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure Strategy adopted back in 2017. The maps on pages 13 (Sidewalk Plan) and 17 (Bike Plan) of the Strategy have been combined into a single map which reflects the existing and proposed bike and sidewalk facilities as of 2017. The City has completed numerous segments of the "proposed" facilities. The attached updated combined map reflects completed bike and ped facilities, including the 2025 projects underway (Mission, 47th Place, El Monte Sidewalk, Roe Parkway). Staff would like Council approval of the updated map, which can serve as an up-to-date reference document to the 2017 Bike Ped Strategy.

[Pedestrian-Bicycle-Infrastructure-Strategy-RoelandPark-KS-Sept2017](#)

We are planning to complete a review and update to the Bike Ped Strategy in 2027. This effort is eligible for Planning Sustainable Places grant funds. The next round of applications will open in 2026 with funding available in 2027. Mission used this funding source to develop their Bike and Ped Plan in 2024.

Fiscal Impact	
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Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
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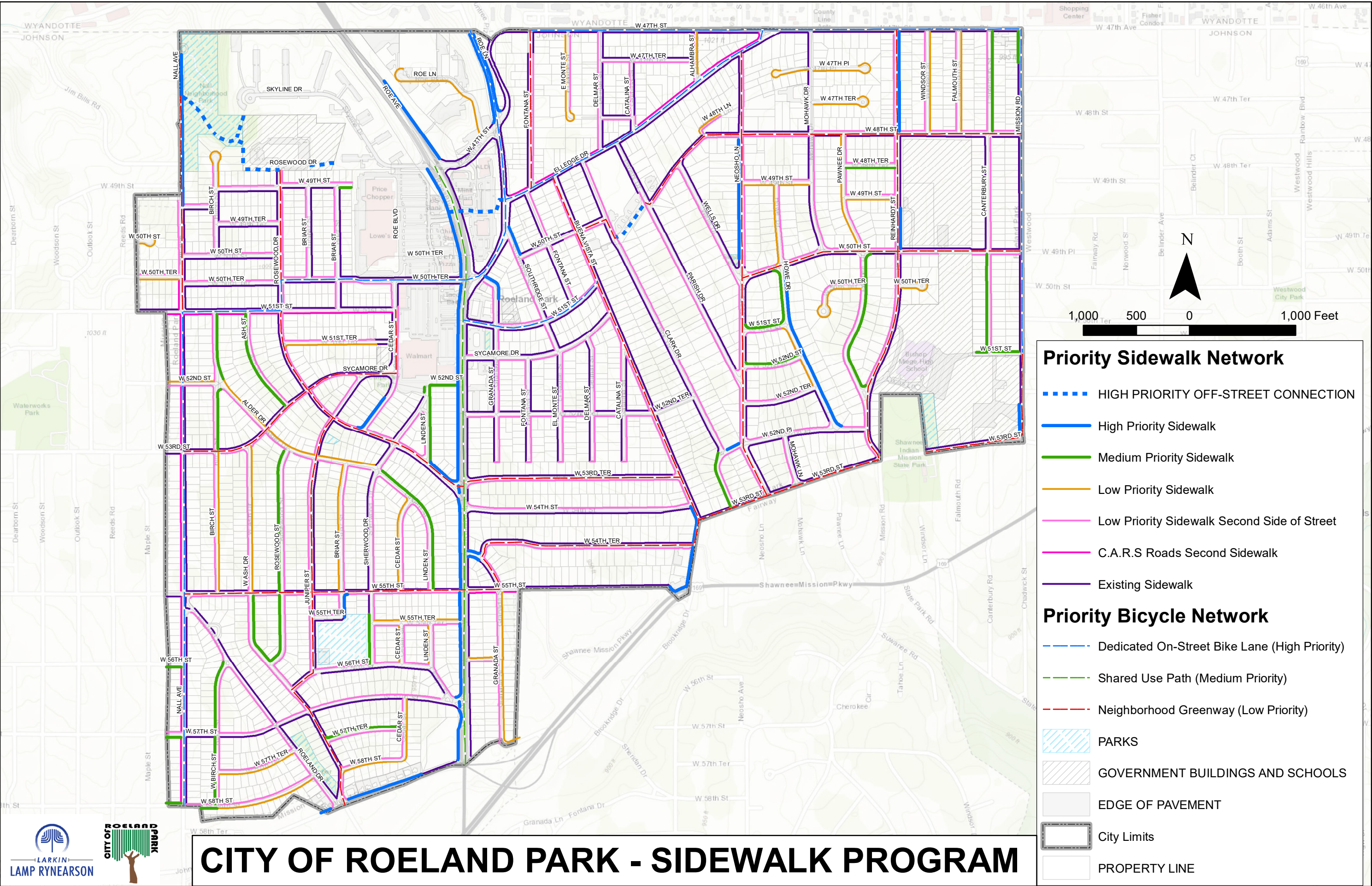
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2017 Combined Sidewalk and Bike Strategic Plan Map



Item Number: IV.
Committee Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Ad-Hoc Historical Committee Meeting Minutes February 27, 2025

Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

Details:

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
Line Item Code/Description:	

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ad-Hoc Historical Committee Meeting Minutes February 27, 2025

Feb 27 2025 Ad Hoc Historical Committee Meeting Minutes

Tom Madigan called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members in attendance: Tom Madigan, Ian Tompkins, Liz Vogel, Anna Jacobson, Jim Grebe, Chief Honas

- Discussed the location for the Roe sign.
- Anna's recent visit with the Council.
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- The committee acknowledged receiving Anna's Essay 2 Draft 2 (Roe Family) and Essay 4 Draft 1 (Development) and a brief discussion followed.
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- Anna to contact those tribal members who objected to our presentation in 2022. "We heard you and this is what we've done."
- Seventy-fifth anniversary sign. Anna suggested that we focus on the day of being founded. We'll vote on the sign at our March meeting.
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- Discussed Prairie Village's new interpretive sign about red-lining.

Ian confirmed that the John Roe House sign and Land Acknowledgement sign have been ordered.

- Discussed the agenda for our March 27 meeting.
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Adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted with respect,
Jim Grebe

Item Number: IV.
Committee Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Aquatic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

Item Type: Action Item

Recommendation:

Details:

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Aquatic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
AQUATICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2025, 6:00 PM on Zoom

Committee members present: Jason Wiens, Elizabeth Baddeley, Mike Calovich, Emily Hage, Tom Madigan
Staff present: Anthony Marshall
Guests present: Elizabeth Harner

Call to order at 6:03 PM

Resident feedback - Elizabeth Harner, asking Committee about the idea of dedicated lap lanes

1. Unfinished business
 - i. [Committee recommendations](#) and budget objectives

The Committee spent quite a bit of time discussing the possibility of adding lap swimming, as has been a conversation and recommendation of the committee for over a year now. The Committee endorsed a pilot “program” to be posed as a program that is meant to break even; thus, consensus is that we would not need a budget objective to move forward with our investigation of the following questions:

- How many people take advantage of lap swimming
- What night of the week is open for use after hours?

Other recommendations:

1. Host a family friendly event for the 3rd of July – this is within the normal pool hours
2. Extend the season?
 - a. Jason is in favor of this concept; discussion among the committee. Both Cmbrs discussed the fact that it does not make financial sense to extend the season.
 - b. Committee consensus is to put this on the shelf.
3. Shade structures
 - a. This would be a better fit for a 2026 budget objective; Anthony will provide number for additional shade structure and lawn chairs to fit within it – fits within the “Improve Community Assets” goal within objective form.

Committee voted to move forward with shade structure budget objective. Chair Jason Wiens made the motion; Elizabeth Baddeley 2nd; motion approved unanimously.

2. New business

i. Advertising for the 2025 season

Anthony provided an update regarding marketing for lifeguards in KCKPS school district, trying to advertise more broadly. Will also focus on advertising to schools to let them know about the resident rates available for the 2025 season. We will be tracking non-resident day pass purchases to better understand where non-residents are coming from so we can continue to market more effectively.

Adjournment at 7:02p

Item Number: IV.
Committee Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2025.pdf

Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

Details:

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2025.pdf

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025
6:00 PM City Hall

X	Marek Gliniecki, Co-Chair
X	Mary Schulteis, Co-Chair
X	Lynda Leonard, Gallery Director
A	Jan Faidley, Council Representative
X	Matt Lero, Council Representative
X	Jonna Crosby
X	Tim Ross
A	Kelley Nielsen, Staff Liaison
G	Shannon Cole, resident & local artist

A. Modifications to the Agenda – Added item 9. 2026 Budget Objectives

B. Meeting minutes from January 15, 2024 were approved.

C. Open Action Items – None

D. New and Old Business

1. Master Arts Plan – The RFP to consultants is currently out and due Feb 7. The City anticipates receiving more than one proposal. An AAC subcommittee of Jonna, Tim, & Matt will see what we've received and then screen the proposals for further review and selection of a consultant. Several committee members said they might be able to help with review on Feb 13 at 6:00.
2. Budget – No change in current budget balances in the last month.
3. At the January AAC meeting, Austin Bradley with EPC Real Estate Group and his arts team for the Rocks development presented their preferred concepts for a multi-arch sculpture at the southwest corner and an enhanced parking garage façade on the lower east side. AAC discussed both locations and assembled some comments for feedback. Marek will give the various comments to the Rocks team for consideration. There is an existing sanitary sewer easement in that area that will affect the location of the large sculpture – no discussion on that at this meeting.
4. "Regier" structure. Paul Dorrell will keep it until spring and then AAC will install or store it in the City. The Burger King area is again a possible location for installation.
5. Sculptures being considered for decommissioning - Northington's "Scourge" and "Untitled" currently on the Community Center campus. Jonna asked Zahner Co. to

assess these two pieces along with “Wedge”, also at the Community Center. Shaun Kelly has arranged for Kat Zahner to help with the evaluations.

As discussed in the December AAC meeting, “Bench” in the median of Roe Blvd is broken in two, making it a candidate for decommissioning – it will also be evaluated by Zahner Co.

Shannon Cole works with Zahner and is familiar with the process.

Mary reported that “Torso” and “Tree” are not wanted by the Art Institute for recycling. AAC voted to dispose of them. Jonna and Mary will talk with Public Works on getting that done.

6. Paul Dorrell, resident and owner of Leopold Gallery, received a Patron of the Arts award from Governor Kelly.

7. See Item 5.

8. 2025 Projects - AAC members sent ideas to Matt prior to this meeting and Matt assembled them into groups based on size and characteristics. See attachment below. All committee members volunteered to develop one or two of the options from each group to get the effort started. Not all projects on the list will be developed, and some like those in Community Outreach may be done by other committees in cooperation with them.

9. 2026 Budget Objectives - Matt shared info from the City’s Behavioral Values and Goals Objectives process. The 2026 budget process has started and each committee can submit one budget objective for consideration. That needs to be submitted to Keith in early March. AAC briefly discussed an objective that would be an example. We could submit the concept developed in 2024 for a new shed for the community garden. Approximate cost of the shed is \$15,000. Committee members should submit any other ideas to Matt in the next couple of weeks.

E. Gallery Update – The next reception is for JCDS in the gallery February 7, 5:00-6:30. They will be selling original art, cards and prints. They are hopeful for Valentine’s Day card and gift purchases. The next exhibit will be by the Senior Arts Council.

Adjourned



Arts Committee 2025
Project Options.pdf

Attachment

Item Number: IV.
Committee Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025

Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

Details:

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
Budgeted item?	Budgeted Amount:
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025



February 25, 2025 RP DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Carrie Paulette, Emily Cramer, Haile Sims

Guests Present:

- Prairie Village Diversity Committee: Karen Heath, Ron Nelson, Chi Nguyen
- Mayor Poppa
-

Members Absent: Harold virtual, Roginia

1. Follow-up from Last Month's Business

- **Approval of January Minutes:** Emily motioned to approve, Haile seconded.
- **City/Council Updates and Follow-up:** Reviewed January updates and opened for questions.
- **Police/ICE Policy Update:** Adjusted language from “shall” to “should not” to lighten restriction language; police chief confirmed this will not impact current practices. The section on public notification of ICE presence was removed. Updates [here](#)

2. New Roles (Based on last month's input):

- **New Council Liaison:** Kate Raglow
- **Recruitment:** Harold, Roginia
- **Boulevard Apartment Liaison:** Roginia
- **Haile?** (Follow-up needed)
- **March Meeting Date:** Options discussed—March 18th or April 1st (to be determined).

3. Committee Goals & Updates

Goal 2: Open Lines of Communication with Roeland Park's Community

- **Communication Plan Reminders:**
 - Haven't yet seen Feb social media celebrating Black History Month or with immigrant rights resources posted. Carrie will send this to Kate to follow up.
 - March social media/email: Women's History Month
 - April/May Roeland Parker: AAPI Month, Arab Heritage Month

Goal 1: Assess City Council Initiatives with an Equity Lens

- **Collaboration with Prairie Village (PV) Diversity Committee:**
 - **Roeland Park DEI History & Focus Areas:** Established in 2020; began with education and community events, shifted in 2024 to reviewing ordinances and laws, providing equity-focused feedback to the city council, and maintaining open communication with the community.
 - **Prairie Village Overview:** Focuses on education and celebration through town halls and events, including Juneteenth and MLK Day. PV does not liaise with the city council on ordinances. They engage constituents through monthly proclamations, presentations, and outreach via Eventbrite and email lists.
 - **Collaboration Opportunities:** Potential partnership for a Hispanic Heritage celebration on **September 20, 2025 (4-9 PM)**. Discussion of DEI backlash challenges.
 - **Recruitment Insights from PV:** High engagement and active participation. Preference is given to applicants who prioritize DEI as their first committee choice. Word of mouth and recruiting at events.

Monarch Refuge Project - Sustainability Committee

- Proposal to establish a **monarch refuge garden** with city funding.
- Potential DEI Committee support:
 - Educational programming linking migration patterns to the immigrant experience.
 - Spanish translations for informational materials.
 - Immigrant artwork to complement the project.
 - Collaboration with Cedar Roe Library or Roesland for programming. Story walk in the garden?
 - Documentary screening: <https://www.aymariposafilm.com/>

DEI City Updates

- No major changes to city DEI initiatives/language, except for adjustments towards more “cautious” wording.

Sidewalk Clearing Update

- Not discussed.

Needs Investigation: Roesland Elementary Community Data

- **Meeting with Roesland Principal & Social Worker:**
 - **Student Demographics:** 24% English Language Learners (ELL), 43% qualify for free/reduced lunch.
 - **Diverse Student Population:** Includes Spanish-speaking, Muslim, Jewish, Jehovah’s Witness families.
 - **Special Needs Considerations:** Large population of students with autism.
 - **Recommendations:** Sensory play equipment and a communication board at Nall Park.

- **Community Needs:** Absenteeism, transportation limitations, Medicaid-private insurance gap, increasing support for immigrant children.
- **Potential Events:** Multicultural Night or General Wellness Night.

Immigrant Rights Initiatives

- **Business Partnerships:** Collaborate with RP businesses to share **Know Your Rights** information at upcoming **Rise business meetings**.
- **Law Enforcement Engagement:** Two RPPD officers with strong community ties will continue linking resources and sharing materials.
- **Virtual Court Option:** Maintained for accessibility and due to increase absenteeism at court.
- **City resources:** Red Know Your Rights cards not handed out at court. Educational rather than directive language for city communications.

Budget Objectives

- Budget objectives due **March 3rd**; no new objectives at this time. Will consider parking lot of ideas throughout year to prepare for next year.

3rd Floor City Hall Space

- Discussion on equitable use of space; ideas to be explored.

City Code Chapter 11

- Not discussed.

4. Next Steps & Action Items

- **Emily:** Send out meeting minutes.
- **Carrie:** Share updates as needed.
- **Next Meeting: TBD (March 18 or April 1)**

5. Future Agenda Items

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as rentals.
- Trans rights initiatives.
- Native American reconciliation efforts.
- Criminal history as a protected class.
- Strategic Plan development.
- Bike & Pedestrian Network Plan.

- DEI scoring for capital projects.
- Research other city initiatives (Mission, Johnson County, KCMO, Lawrence).

Committee Feedback

<u>City Code Chapter11</u> n/a
<u>3rd Floor Space</u> n/a

Equity Guiding Questions

- **Disproportionate Impact:**
 - Has input from people most affected been sought?
 - Is it possible some groups would be more negatively affected than others?
 - Is it possible that some groups benefit more than others?
 - Is that necessary and/or in line with goals? If not, could this be minimized?
- **Equity in language:**
 - Does the policy/practice make normative/stereotypical assumptions?
 - What types of words are used to describe individuals/groups identified in the policy/practice?
 - Is there language that includes or excludes communities that have been historically minoritized? (Ex. "She/He" > "They")
- **How will this action affect/serve people and places that are:**
 - Low-income (consider: renters, shift work schedules, limited transportation)
 - Communities of color
 - Limited-English speaking
 - People of varying abilities (mobility, vision/hearing impairment)
 - People with marginalized faith traditions

Item Number: IV.
Committee Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Parks and Trees Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025

Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

Details:

Fiscal Impact	
Amount of Request:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks and Trees Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025

Parks and Trees Committee

Feb Minutes

Location

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91746576398>

Meeting id: (enter manually if issue with link): 917 4657 6398 **Mobile** 1-346-248-7799, (id 917 4657 6398)

Committee Members: (highlighted in attendance)

Sarah Martin, (Chair)

Jaime Davis, Judy Hyde, Katie Redhair, Linda Heinen, Linda Thornburg, Mallorie Hurlbert, Russell McCorkle

Tom Madigan, Council Liaison, Matt Lero, Council Liaison alt,

Facilitator: Anthony Marshall, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Optional: John, Public Works

Consent Agenda:

- Total available funds for expenditure: \$9996.76 (plus 2797.55 for at meadow and 2500 for plantings)
- Approve minutes for Jan

Guests:

- None known

Discussion/updates/new items:

- Signs update
 - Meeting with PW tomorrow to make sure they work, in spring

Public Comment/ Concerns:

-

Completed in last months:

Open Action Items : (For next month just on here for record keeping) view

All Parks/Trees:

- Watering- Anthony is working on a bid for it

- Anthony still working on for irrigation, on the list for a Budget Objective? (Every Committee will have one)
- 1 fte today all day to water during the day
- Anthony to provide bids for this (and ask PW).

Social Media/Community Outreach

- Anything to promote?

Cooper Creek:

- Any updates- **Judy**
 - Still watering newest replacement
- Little Free Library?

Nall Park:

- Update on timeline and budget- Master Plan
- Update to council last month.
- Update to the team
- Timeline reminder- Construction is moved out to 2026, Park is likely funded or close to
 - Next steps:
 - ~~Select/Finalize vendor to update the master plan- complete~~
- ~~Discuss ideas with Design/Construction vendor- completed~~
 - ~~Master plan (work with) and the City Engineer- completed~~
 - ~~Both Parks and Council approval~~
 - ~~Community forum/feedback- in April- in progress~~
 - ~~Dots exercise or other means of feedback~~
 - ~~Next step- virtual meeting- June 26, if the city agrees to aggressively promote~~
- Group planning and review of detailed plans/any edits
 - Final plan/any changes requires Parks and Council approval
 - follow up on next steps
- Trail Maintenance, beginning this work

R Park:

- Suggest waiting until spring to cut back plants in parks
 - Ask pw
- Future discussion on R Park planting/watering
 - \$2200 reserved for this already in the R Park “bucket” from Citizens Fundraising for R park
- Repair sod

- Use mulch, clear rocks
- Fix speed limit sign footing
 - Going to add cement
- R Park- "Mighty Bike" Sculpture- *Matt*
 - Foundation installed along with slabs
 - Fabrication underway
 - Timeline? Early spring
- R Park- Wildflower Meadow Subcommittee and Grasses Walk- Jaime
 -
- Basketball court-*Better basketball goals might be better and other options for a light re-surface*
 - Consider for objective council project

Sweaney:

- Small play structure-reaching out on objective?

Other Parks (no agenda items listed):

- Carpenter, Juniper, Granada, any updates from group?

Next Regular Parks Meeting, second Wednesday of next month

Discussion-

Parking Lot

- We will push Bridge the Gap Foundation and Contain the Rain JoCo resources to community. Presentation in new year
- Islands and Medians open for adoption
- do we want that to be available, under Donnie's purview
 - Traditionally available, but program is not coherent/available- parking lot until website is available

Item Number: IV.
Committee Minutes



City of Roeland Park
Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

Title: Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

Details:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
February 18, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

The Roeland Park Planning Commission met virtually on February 18, 2025.

Commissioners Present: Lisa Brunner, Vice Chair
Josey Shaw
Haile Sims
Macrina Abdouch

Commissioners Absent: Darren Nielsen, Chair
Mark Kohles
Joe Kmetz

Staff Present: Jennifer Jones-Lacy - Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
Alex Felzien - City Attorney

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Brunner called the meeting to order. Ms. Jones-Lacy called the roll noting that Commissioners Nielsen, Kohles, and Kmetz were absent. In addition to Ms. Jones-Lacy, City Attorney Felzien was also present at the meeting. The meeting was held virtually.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. Approve Minutes from November 19, 2024, Planning Commission meeting

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BRUNER MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ABDOUCH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.)

III. Public Hearing

No public hearing was held.

IV. Action Items

A. Finding of Consistency for the Redevelopment District No. 3 Project Plan for Area 3D

Commissioner Bruner gave a recap of the proposed plan noting the district would include improvements to Nall Park, the area around the Community Center, some pathways and road work on Roe.

Ms. Jones-Lacy added that part of the TIF 3 area includes the Boulevard Apartments on the west side of Roe and the industrial park on the east side of Roe. She reviewed the areas to

be added to the TIF 3 boundary. TIF 3 and TIF 4 (The Rocks) have projects that are integrated with one another. One of the projects is to extend Skyline Drive west to Roe and be picked up again and completed further west to connect the Community Center, the Aquatic Center, and the trail system at Nall Park. This is an effort to improve access and increase the number of users at those features.

Ms. Jones-Lacy also reviewed the Nall Park Master Plan, which includes improving the bike trail, adding a natural arboretum, updating the restrooms and installing play structures with inclusive play options.

Commissioner Bruner said the report is very well-written. She also noted that it adds walkability, and this will work to integrate the east and west sides of the City.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SIMS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ABDOUCH SECONDED THAT THE TIF 3D REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROJECT PLAN FOR AREA 3D IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.)

V. Discussion Items

There were no Discussion Items.

VI. Other Matters Before the Planning Commission

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they will be coming back to the Planning Commission later this year with a development plan for some work that the City of Fairway will be doing near their public works property. Currently there is not a date set for that.

She said the Rocks are still happening. The developer continues to work with staff. They have their building permits approved, but the City needs payment. They hope ground will break soon. The developer will come before the City Council at their March 3rd meeting for approval of their 1 percent for art. The developer is also working on universal design incentives for some units to make them more accessible.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BRUNER MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ABDOUCH SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. (THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.)

(Roeland Park Planning Commission Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.)

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Action Item Summary

Submitted By:

Committee/Department: Administration

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Item Type: Presentation

Recommendation:

Details:

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Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2025, 6:15 pm
In Person Meeting - City Hall

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Members in attendance: Megan Reavis, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto, Natasha Rickel, John Puricelli,

Liaison(s) in attendance: Khal Miller, Jan Faidley

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:20

Approval of minutes: 6:21

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda: see below

Sustainability Minute:

Old Business

- Grace: update on DEI Committee project?
- Grace will discuss location for the monarch pollinator with Harold Morales on February 7. Difficulty in getting progress with R Park/Parks Committee. Considering a pocket park, Roeland, or hill by Aldi's
- Need at least 500 square feet of place with full sun exposure, monarchs need North/South
- Park near library? We want site to be as accessible as possible.
- Need permission from JoCo library, Payton Smith training to be a naturalist

New Business:

- Repair Café popup in RP?
- RP Resident wants RP to host Re-Useful repair cafe

- Volunteers show up and repair/demonstrate repairs
- Attach Repair Cafe to Go Green table?
- **<https://reusefull.org/events/repair-cafe/>**
- Update: we (Melissa) provided input to the Noxious Weeds portion of the city code
- 3 things taken out for not being natives, two added
- Ginny's update regarding mosquito management
- Parks and Trees Committee received approval to plant more native plants in the sunny area of R Park
- Ginny met with Jana and Nancy regarding alternative mosquito management (ie no spraying). Jana and her neighbors use dunk buckets- putting mosquito dunks in buckets will reduce their population
- Start with education regarding pesticide problems, removing standing water, etc. Johnson County Extension Office
- Wants to write an article in April/May RParker, possibly launch program to provide dunk buckets. Dunks are not harmful to other beneficial insects in theory.
- Ginny to email JJL regarding space in Rparker
- Give out dunks at Earth Day Cleanup? End-of-year festivals at local schools?
- Grace's Roeland Parker article
- Grace spoke with PV Trees Committee regarding DRKC's native plant sales
- Print magazines don't reach youth nearly as well as older folks, maybe RP could email PDF of Roeland Parker to residents who would prefer it
- People who opt in also essentially get community digest emails in publication's dead periods
- Climate Action KC April 5- John and Aiden tentative to attend
- Budget/Bike
- Jan: Budget objective deadline is March 3. 2026 goals. What would SustComm like to see done as a budget objective for 2026?
- Pedestrian plan cycle is one year off, will be similar to Mission
- This year we're doing the carbon emissions estimate for City buildings.
- EV charging stations at community center?
- Ginny and Grace to submit monarch/mosquito net plans to Jan, SustComm to fall back on EV chargers as backup
- Think of opportunities for high schoolers to volunteer in Roeland Park

Adjourn: 7:20

Next Meeting: March 6, 2025

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Guest(s) in attendance: Jaime Davis, Janna Wilhaus, Nancy Short, Harold Morales

Call to Order: 6:19

Approval of minutes: 6:19

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

Climate Action KC Summit April 5, a few SustComm members interested in attending

Sustainability Minute:

Agenda:

- Elections
 - o Status quo remains
 - Megan and David as co-chairs, David remains taking minutes
- Monarch Butterfly Budget Objective update
 - o Submitted by deadline
 - Potentially could get bumped over \$10,000
 - Grace’s concern- hard costs for SustComm side (planting, etc), so making sure we have monies set aside for programming/education
 - Also need clarification regarding City property/right-of-way concerns
- Presentation by Parks Committee on Grass Walk project (6:30pm)
 - o ParksComm wants to partner more with other committees in 2025

- Partnered on wildflower meadow in R Park
- Idea is to re-plant a few areas in which the plants didn't take, remove some landscape fabric
- Barberry plants harbor ticks and will be removed
- Dig out turf area and plant a native "grass walk" to attract birds and bugs
 - Hopefully will be very low-maintenance once established, will incorporate 3 of 4 native tallgrass prairie species
 - Interactive signboard with species info
 - Ginny will be SustComm's liaison to Parks
 - Parks wants more contact with SustComm's master gardeners
- Presentation by Janna and Nancy on Mosquito Dunk project (6:45pm)
 - 30,000 bees in Janna's beehive went from thriving to dead within a few days. Sent to Cornell's lab and confirmed killed by pesticide
 - Wanted to share her use of mosquito dunks- the bacteria in the dunk prevents the mosquito eggs laid in the water from turning into adult mosquitos. The "tainted" water is harmless to humans
 - Idea is to educate citizens and incentivize them. We could potentially just decrease the nearby mosquito population and avoid spraying
 - Provide a 4-month supply of dunks to average person (would be \$2.50 per person, plus bucket)
 - Summit Chemical will sell bulk supplies at \$0.76/dunk
 - For \$100 we could supply approximately 65 yards
 - \$200 passed unanimously
 - Janna and Nancy want to just give these out at City/local events in April/May
 - Survey use levels- Joey could map it properly

Adjourn: 7:38

Next Meeting: April 3, 2025