Mission's Parks, Rec+Tree Commission
Priorities and Recommendations 2025

Top Priorities

1. Broadmoor Park bridge replacement
    - Highest priority project for this year, offering multiple community benefits in addition to addressing safety concerns:
        - Consider alternatives to bridge replacement including stormwater redesign, landscaping, and continuous accessible pathway and provide long-term erosion control protection
        - Reduce annual maintenance requirements and associated costs
        - Establish a more natural, functional landscape integrated with park aesthetics
    - Plan future funding and grant options for playground, dugout/fence, gazebo, bathroom and parking lot remodel
2. Public art installations
    - Pursue local sculpture rental/sharing program to enhance park aesthetics; engage local art communities
    - Consider existing structures for murals
3. Pursue partnership with Kansas Master Gardener for community and/or demonstration garden
    - Determine location for demonstration garden
4. City-Wide Trail Connections and Accessibility
    - Move forward with Rock Creek Corridor trail resurfacing, prioritizing severely deteriorated sections
    - Build upon recent design projects that safely connects residents to city parks, the business district, and neighboring communities
        - Emphasis on beautification, stormwater management, way-finding with clear access points to trail, and cohesiveness with Mission Market
5. Bench Replacements
    - Replace aging benches with new cohesive designs across the city
6. Community Engagement and Donations
    - Expand and advertise opportunities for community members and businesses to financially support Parks and Recreation projects
    - Consider corporate sponsors to expedite improvement projects

Areas for Continued Support and Growth

- Maintain current structures, parks, trails, tree canopy, amenities, playgrounds, and all facilities
    - Every Park Every Year: Include each park in yearly capital improvement projects
- Continue to emphasize accessibility and inclusion of all ages, abilities, and communication modes
    - Support policies that prioritize park safety, equitable access, and community use, regardless of housing status
- Parks & Rec Staffing Recommendation: maintain full and part-time staffing to support seasonal and routine needs
- Increase social media posts and education for Parks & Rec activities, events, and programs (Arbor Day events, Champion Tree, Celebration Tree, Contain the Rain, sustainable yard practices, etc.)