

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, April 14, 2016 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Jim Crook
Larry Hudkins	Peter Levitov	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel
Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke		

### **Members Absent:**

Susan Deitchler	Todd Fitzgerald	Emily Graul	Olive Martin
Kathi Wieskamp	Joe Tidball		

### **Staff Members Present:**

Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director	Holly Lewis, Recreation Coordinator
Terry Genrich, Assistant Director	Dorothy Skorupa, Recreation Coordinator
Christie Dionisopoulos, Parks & Rec Foundation	
Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary	

**Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Chairperson Anne Pagel announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Roy Christensen that the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. ***The motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### • **Futures Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) 261-6328**

Jeff Schwebke brought forward the recommendation from the Futures Committee regarding amending signage guidelines at City parks and facilities associated with special use permits. The current guidelines allow for only a 24-hour period prior to an event, with the recommended amendment to allow for 7 days prior to an event. Jerry Shorney indicated that during the previous year there were 130 special events, ranging from a couple of hundred people to 3,000 to 4,000 people in attendance. Increasing the allowance for signage to 7 days provides the public with information that a large event will be taking place at a given time. A motion was made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Justin Carlson to approve amending the signage guidelines associated with special use permits from 24-hours to 7 days. Roll was called on the motion with ***all members present voting 'yes'***.

#### • **Fees & Facilities Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) 261-6328**

No report.

Larry Hudkins arrived at 4:06 p.m.

#### • **Golf Report – Brad Brandt (Chair) 473-9619**

The March Golf Report (attached to official minutes on record) was provided to Board members, with no questions coming forward. Brad also reviewed the summary of the Community Committee on Lincoln City Golf Sustainability (attached to official minutes on record) with the group providing

an overview of various options and discussions from the Committee. The upcoming open house was noted which will be held on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Southwest High School. Other discussion from the Board members in attendance was in regard to the fee increases and marketing, youth play development, Foot Golf and other new ideas.

- **Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) 570-9194**

Ann Pagel discussed a minor change to committee meeting schedules, with the Executive Committee meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m., and the Futures Committee beginning their meetings at 4:30 p.m., continuing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Ann noted that committee chairs could discuss further with their committee members if other changes might be desired.

A new informative portion of the Executive Committee Report will now come from the Parks & Recreation Foundation in order to remain abreast of their activities. Foundation Director Christie Dionisopoulos provided an overview of upcoming events. On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, an event will be held on Centennial Mall with various activities during the time that the fountains are turned on for the first time. The Mall will be completed this summer and a donor event will then be held in September. The Lincoln Cares Pickle Ball project at Peterson Park will be the site of a Mayor's press conference on May 26<sup>th</sup>, with the project scheduled to be completed in July. Give to Lincoln Day will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> as well.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Terry Genrich, Holly Lewis, and Dorothy Skorupa provided a preview of upcoming summer plans.

Holly Lewis provided photos and information from the installation of the new slides and play structure at Star City Shores. She also noted that there are approximately 255 programs at the pools between swimming lessons, swim team, junior lifeguard, and water aerobics. This is also the 20<sup>th</sup> year for Star City Shores, so a small "birthday party" will be planned.

Dorothy Skorupa discussed upcoming summer day camps which will begin May 23<sup>rd</sup>, with numerous events being planned including swimming, yoga, tennis, golf and foot golf, and pickle ball. This year's theme is "Healthy Me". The Athletics programs will also be kicked off in the next week with softball, and other programs starting soon after. Dorothy also introduced a small stuff fox, a smaller version of the Parker Rex fox mascot.

Terry Genrich talked about the Nature Center camps, one for three to six year olds, and at Wilderness Park for six to thirteen year olds. A new program this year is Play in the Parks, with canoeing at Holmes Lake, May through September, plus water exploration, water fitness, and yoga in the parks. Terry also informed the Board that the Beer, Brats, and Bats event is sold out.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jerry Shorney discussed upcoming events beginning with the Rose Garden cleanup event at the Hamann Rose Garden and Rotary Strolling Garden on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. He reminded the group of the City Golf community meeting which will be held on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., and the dedication event for the N Street protected bikeway on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will begin at Elliot Elementary School at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.