

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

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

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Roy Christensen	Jim Crook	Susan Deitchler
Larry Hudkins	Peter Levitov	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel
Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:

Justin Carlson Todd Fitzgerald

Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager	Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Admin.
Jocelyn Golden, City Attorney's Office	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 Susan Deitchler and seconded by Jeff Schwebke that the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. ***The motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

Kathi Wieskamp arrived at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

John Hendry and Bill Roehrs approached the Board to offer their thanks for the support shown to the Pickle Ball community. A public dedication of the six Pickle Ball courts was recently held, and Mr. Hendry claims that they are the nicest Pickle Ball courts in the state of Nebraska. When the group made their presentation to the Board last August, they had approximately 30 to 40 participants, and now there are around 150 people. Mr. Hendry also praised the Parks & Recreation Department and administration. A number of the Board members shared their Pickle Ball experiences and their enthusiasm, and thanked the group for bringing the opportunity to Parks & Recreation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

* Lincoln Parks Foundation Report, Executive Director Christie Dionisopoulos:

- Pickle Ball – there were 75 private donors to the project, including an endowment.
- Disc Golf – Visitor Promotion Committee and County Board approved \$10,000 toward Roper East disc golf course improvements, contingent upon a match which has been received.
- Woods Tennis – with City assistance, signed intent forms have been received for \$275,000, which covers the amount that was not approved by City Council, therefore the endowment funds remain intact. Foundation fundraising has \$70,000 outstanding, with a \$15,000 match available with a pledge of the same amount, which would leave \$40,000 remaining to fundraise. Demolition is scheduled to begin in a couple of weeks, with groundbreaking anticipated at the end of August.

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

* Lynn Johnson provided an overview of the recommendation regarding amendments to the Lincoln Municipal Code for locations where alcoholic beverages can be consumed (details attached to official minutes on record). Requested amendments would include locations at Jayne Snyder Trails Center, Auld Pavilion, Tower Square, and Pinewood Bowl, with various requirements for approval at the different locations. Lynn clarified that the item listed regarding Jayne Snyder Trails Center for events and activities hosted by the condominium owner and held at the Trails Center, should be a separate recommendation and include a written agreement with The Hub Café, as they currently hold a liquor license for their location within the condominium. He also added that written guidelines would be prepared for any events that would include alcohol at Tower Square. Explanations to various questions and concerns were addressed. Roy Christensen suggested that any recommendations from the Board be directed to the Internal Liquor Committee of the City Council.

Robert Ripley arrived at 4:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Peter Levitov to approve the recommendation of amendments to the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) Section 12.08.270 regarding locations where alcoholic beverages can be consumed. Additional discussion was held including the proximity of Tower Square to other liquor establishments, as well as alcohol permitted in park areas in general. It was noted that each area could be voted on separately, or that the item could be tabled until formal guidelines have been finalized and presented to the Board. Peter Levitov requested that each location be voted on separately.

Roll was called on amending the LMC as presented for Jayne Snyder Trails Center in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”:** **Roy Christensen.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

Roll was called on amending the LMC as presented for Auld Pavilion in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”:** **Roy Christensen.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

Roll was called on amending the LMC as presented for Tower Square in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”:** **Roy Christensen.** **“No”:** **Larry Hudkins.** **Motion carried.**

Roll was called on amending the LMC as presented for Tower Square for events and activities that promote economic development in Downtown Lincoln and that are sponsored by the Downtown Lincoln Association, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball.** **“Abstain”:** **Roy Christensen.** **“No”:** **Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Robert Ripley, Kathi Wieskamp.** **Motion carried.**

Roll was called on amending the LMC as presented for Pinewood Bowl in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”:** **Roy Christensen.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.**

Roll was called on amending the LMC as presented for Pinewood Bowl for events sponsored by the contracted operator of the Pinnacle Bank Arena with approval of the Parks and Recreation Director, as a clarification to the current code, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. “Abstain”: Roy Christensen. “No”: Larry Hudkins. Motion carried.**

On a separate item Lynn Johnson explained that a condominium unit owner, The Hub Café, has the ability to serve alcoholic beverages within its premises and by agreement with the City the café can utilize the trails center for special dinners and events. The proposed recommendation would allow the City and The Hub Café to expand upon that agreement allowing alcoholic beverages to be served in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center during activities hosted by the café.

A motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Susan Deitchler to approve the recommendation of amendments to the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) Section 12.08.270 regarding Jayne Snyder Trails Center for events and activities by a condominium unit owner of the Active Living Center Condominium as authorized written agreement, **with members voting as follows: “Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. “Abstain”: Roy Christensen. “No”: None. Motion carried.**

Kathi Wieskamp left at 4:55 p.m.

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

* Jeff Schwebke presented the topic to revise the future land use plan for the Antelope Park Triangle which was previously approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board approximately a year ago. Lynn Johnson provided additional information regarding further master planning efforts, and introduced Dan Spiry with BVH Architects who has been working with the Lincoln Children’s Zoo. Mr. Spiry gave an update on proposed new conditions related to landscape screening and buffering, and to crossing of the Rock Island Trail by vehicular and pedestrian traffic associated with Zoo patron parking (information attached to official minutes on record). Various questions and clarifications were exchanged regarding the A Street crossing, parking locations, bus drop-off locations, Zoo School, new Zoo entrance, and new animal exhibits. A motion was made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Roy Christensen to adopt the revised future land use plan for the Antelope Park Triangle and related conditions as presented. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows: ‘Yes’: Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball. “No”: None. Motion carried.**

* Jeff Schwebke then presented the next item of real property on the South side of A Street and a recommendation to declare as surplus, with he and Lynn providing additional information regarding possible future use for additional zoo parking. Jeff then made the motion to approve the recommendation to approve the declaration of real property on the south side of A Street at about 29th Street as surplus, which was seconded by Jim Crook. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows: ‘Yes’: Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball. “No”: None. Motion carried.**

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

* The May Golf report was reviewed by Board members with no questions or comments. Brad Brandt commented that rounds for June and the entire fiscal year are up.

Sherrie Nelson and Robert Ripley left at 5:25 p.m.

STAFF REPORT:

Lynn Johnson provided members with a summary of the Mayor's proposed budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2016-18 (slide presentation attached to official minutes on record). Estimated costs and proposals regarding Emerald Ash Borer issues were discussed, along with General Fund and Golf CIP recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.