

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, August 11, 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	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp	

Members Absent:

Susan Deitchler	Todd Fitzgerald	Jeff Schwebke
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Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	Terry Genrich, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager	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 Roy Christensen and seconded by Brad Brandt that the minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. ***The motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

Larry Hudkins arrived at 4:04 p.m.
Bob Ripley and Joe Tidball arrived at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Kendall Weiers attended the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting simply out of curiosity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

* JJ Yost presented an overview of the proposal from Lincoln Midget Football to develop additional fields and parking in the southern portion of Sampson Park, and provided an aerial photo outlining the area. Mike Selvage representing Lincoln Midget Football also discussed the proposed plan for development two regulation size football fields, along with a small maintenance/storage building and restrooms. JJ Yost added that most of the area is within the Salt Creek floodplain, with the field development a good use of the land. Lynn Johnson informed the Board that funding for the project will follow the process for Allied Organizations fundraising for a facility on Parks & Recreation land, and with approval from the PRAB the master plan will then be forwarded to the Lincoln Parks Foundation for approval of a fundraising campaign. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 million with an endowment amount yet to be determined. Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Larry Hudkins to approve the proposed master plan for additional sports fields, parking and related improvements associated with Midget Football Fields at Sampson Field. Upon roll call vote **members voted as follows: “Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. “No”: None. Motion carried.**

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

* Nothing to report at this time.

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

* The June and July Golf reports were reviewed by Board members with no questions or comments. Brad Brandt also conveyed ongoing concerns with hole #15 at Holmes Golf Course due to flooding issues, and that a site visit was recently made. A golf architect will be reviewing the site as well. Rounds and revenue numbers continue to be up from previous years.

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

* Lincoln Parks Foundation Report, Executive Director Christie Dionisopoulos:

- Woods Tennis Campaign – Goal has been reached, with a total of 419 donors! Demolition has begun with ground-breaking planned for mid-September, with the entire project scheduled to be complete by first of May, 2017. The project and endowment are now both fully funded.
- Centennial Mall – Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2016, with a 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. event being planned.

* Anne Pagel provided a brief introduction and Lynn Johnson included additional details for a dedication of the “Groundwater Colossus” sculpture at Union Plaza to the retiring Lower Platte South Natural Resources District General Manager Glenn Johnson, who has provided 44 years of community service and partnership with the City of Lincoln on numerous projects. A motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Bob Ripley to approve the dedication recommendation as presented. Upon roll call, members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Larry Hudkins, Peter Levitov, Sherry Nelson, Anne Pagel, Robert Ripley, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORT:

Terry Genrich updated the Board members on various events throughout the summer, including free family activities during “Play in the Parks”. The program has been extremely successful with large numbers of participants in Water Fitness at Irvingdale Pool, Water Exploration at a variety of pools, free canoeing at Holmes Lake with lines of people waiting for a turn, and the Belmont Family in the Park. Through a grant from the Community Health Endowment, a “Move More Lincoln” wellness program was held providing tai chi, yoga, and zumba, and coming soon will be Yoga In the Parks on Sunday mornings during the month of September. On the upcoming Saturday, August 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., will be the final “Party on the Plaza” at Union Plaza, with a theme of Lincoln Luau.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Volunteer Appreciation will be held on Sunday, August 21st, at Ager Golf Course, with foot golf and a small put-put golf course. Dog Splash will also be held on the same date at Star City Shores.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.