

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, January 12, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Hannah Cass	Roy Christensen	Jim Crook	Susan Deitchler
Peter Levitov	Justine Linscott	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Deb Schorr
Jeff Schwebke	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp		

### **Members Absent:**

Justin Carlson	Robert Ripley	Vacancy (Todd Fitzgerald)
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### **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Director	JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager
Holly Lewis, Assistant Director	Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Spec. Projects Admin.
Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary	

**Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Vice-Chairperson Brad Brandt announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Roy Christensen to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting, with a typo correction on page 2. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Brad Brandt, Hannah Cass, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp.** **"No": None.** **"Abstain": Deb Schorr, Joe Tidball.** Motion carried.

County Commissioner Deb Schorr was introduced and welcomed. She replaces outgoing County Commissioner representative to the Board, Larry Hudkins.

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

None.

Anne Pagel arrived at 4:10 p.m.

### **NEW OFFICE SPACE:**

Heather Keele of Clark Enersen Partners provided a presentation to the Board of the new office space design being constructed on the third floor of the current City-County Health Department building. Lynn Johnson noted that the moving time frame is scheduled for the end of March. Entryway design is planned for a separate future stage.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

\* Standing Bear Park: Jeff Schwebke informed the Board that department staff and Futures Committee members met with Lincoln Public School representatives to review options to their previous request for acquisition of a portion of Standing Bear Park. Lynn Johnson provided an aerial view of the park and the location being requested, approximately a 0.397 acre area. The acquired land would be used as an access drive to connect parking areas of a new Lincoln Public Schools food distribution center. Recommendation from the Futures Committee would stipulate that transfer of a strip of land adequate to accommodate an access drive on the north side of the food distribution center to LPS be approved; the existing four large trees in the park be retained; and landscape screening be installed along the property line between the park and the food distribution center truck parking area. Following a short discussion a motion was made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Jim Crook to approve declaring an area of southeast corner of Standing Bear Park as surplus and transfer ownership of the designated land area to Lincoln Public Schools, with the recommendations stipulated by the Futures Committee. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Brad Brandt, Hannah Cass, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

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

\* Brad Brandt reviewed the Golf report that was distributed prior to the meeting (attached to official minutes on record). He also noted that there were 75 applicants for the new Golf Business Coordinator, which has been narrowed to five applicants who will be interviewed.

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

\* In the absence of Christie Dionisopoulos from the Lincoln Parks Foundation, Lynn Johnson relayed that the Foundation is currently working on organization of a fund raising effort to implement dog facilities master plan development and improvement of dog runs.

\* Anne Pagel presented the Board officers for 2017 of Brad Brandt as Chair and Bob Ripley as Vice-Chair. Anne made the motion for approval which was seconded by Susan Deitchler. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Brad Brandt, Hannah Cass, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.** Committee Chairs were also appointed as Justin Carlson (Fees & Facilities), Jeff Schwebke (Futures), and Sherrie Nelson (Golf).

\* A member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board also serves as a member of the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board, which has traditionally been the PRAB Chair. It has been discussed that perhaps the PRAB Vice-Chair could serve on the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board, since the Chair is committed to a number of other committee meetings. Determination can be made and reported to the Parks Foundation at a later date.

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

\* No report at this time.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Lynn Johnson noted that a number of department staff and each of the Board members have received a letter (copy attached to official minutes on record) from the Taylor Park Neighborhood Association. The letter expresses their concerns regarding the proposal for developing a playground on the west end of Taylor Park, and also requests a community engagement process as the plan moves forward. Lynn proposed that a working committee be established to work with the Parks Planning & Construction staff to develop plans for the improvements and include representatives from all of the neighborhood groups in the Taylor Park area, as well as a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Susan Deitchler offered to represent the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on the committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Fees & Facilities Committee and Futures Committee will not meet in January. The February Board meeting will encompass discussion regarding management of Wilderness Park and upcoming strategic planning.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.