

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3140 N Street~Suite 300

Thursday, May 11, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Jim Crook	Peter Levitov
Justine Linscott	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley	Deb Schorr
Jeff Schwebke	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp		

Members Absent:

Hannah Cass	Susan Deitchler	Vacancy (Todd Fitzgerald)
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Staff Members Present:

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

Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act': As per law, Chairperson Brad Brandt 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 Sherrie Nelson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Brad Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **"Abstain": Justin Carlson, Bob Ripley.** **"No": None.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

* Jeff Schwebke reported that the Committee recently discussed drone racing in parks with a goal to possibly identify a park location that drone racing might take place. Equestrian trails in Pioneers Park was also briefly discussed at the recent meeting. Lynn Johnson provided an update regarding the equestrian trails with communication from one of the nearby stable property owners who has now filed a tort claim with the City. With that, staff will be working with the City Law Department before moving forward with additional discussion.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair) 416-0137**

* The March and April golf reports were included in Board member packets for review. Sherrie Nelson also noted that all four courses are in beautiful condition and that the maintenance staff have done a phenomenal job of preparing the courses for spring.

* Wade Foreman was introduced as the newly promoted Golf Business Coordinator. Mr. Foreman discussed operations revenue, expenses, and rounds projections. A 10-year facilities plan has begun in order to identify and prioritize CIP projects.

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

* Christie Dionisopoulos remarked on the recent L Magazine cover and article regarding Parks & Recreation and the Lincoln Parks Foundation, noting the numerous comments that have been received about the major impact both have on the community.

* Discussed the Chief Standing Bear sculpture, with sculptor Ben Victor, recently at Jayne Snyder Trail Center. Over 2,000 people visited Ben and the sculpture. The sculpture will be placed on Centennial Mall when completed.

* Open house and dedication of Woods Tennis Center will be held on Wednesday, June 17th. Board members are encouraged to attend and view the new facility.

* Received two checks from an individual today - \$1,000 for trees, and \$1,000 for support of the Foundation's work.

* Next Foundation campaign will be for dog runs. Two new dog runs will be created, with the Parks CIP providing funds for the simple basics, with the campaign to provide enhancements. The campaign is just getting underway, with a kick-off planned later in the month.

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

* Nicole Fleck-Tooze provided an overview regarding reconfiguration of Jensen Park with an exchange of approximately 34 acres of parkland on the south side of the park, for 40 acres of land owned by Talcotts/Krueger Development Company on the east side of the park. Staff input suggested that this would be a positive exchange for the Parks & Recreation Department, as well as for the development company. Questions and addition information were addressed, and a conceptual layout was reviewed. Upon potential approval by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the recommendation would then be presented to the City-County Planning Commission and ultimately the Lincoln City Council. A motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Bob Ripley to approve the recommendation to declare 34 acres on the south side of the park as surplus to be transferred to Krueger Development Company in exchange for the acquisition of 40 acres of land adjacent to the east side of the park as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”**: Roy Christensen. **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

STAFF REPORT:

Lynn Johnson and JJ Yost provided updates to current and upcoming projects:

* Irvingdale-Stransky-Rudge Master Plan – A public open house was held to review the master plan and answer questions, which was well attended. The final draft of the master plan will be ready for PRAB discussion and recommendation at the June meeting.

* Wilderness Park Strategic Planning – The recent strategic planning process has been completed with a draft report being prepared. The report will be presented to the Futures Committee with the intent of discussion and recommendation by the full Board at the June meeting.

* 10-Year Facilities Plan – The plan is updated every two years, with the 2017 update currently underway. Each Parks district is being reviewed and revised as needed including trail projects and Golf courses in each quadrant, with Board presentation in the fall.

* Taylor Park – Playground renovation discussions are being planned with a committee to include one or two representatives from each of the neighborhood associations and civic groups in the area. Design plans and master plan implementation will be reviewed with the committee in selection of equipment and design tweaks. Beginning construction is potentially planned for later this summer. Susan Deitchler has volunteered to represent the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on the committee.

* Chief Standing Bear Monument – Placement will be on Centennial Mall in time for the Nebraska Sesquicentennial celebration. The sculpture is being donated by Don Miller Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wake up the Beds at Sunken Gardens will take place on Saturday, May 13th. Staff and volunteers will plant approximately 5,000 to 7,000 plants that morning.

Party on the Plaza at Union Plaza will be held on Saturday, May 20th, beginning at 4:00 p.m., with a theme of fitness.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.