

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3140 N Street~Suite 300
Thursday, November 9, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Susan Deitchler
Leirion Gaylor Baird	Peter Levitov	Justine Linscott	Sherrie Nelson
Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley	Deb Schorr	Jeff Schwebke
			Joe Tidball

Members Absent:

Hannah Cass Kathi Wieskamp Vacancy (Fitzgerald)

Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	Holly Lewis, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager	Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Adm.
Chris Myers, Park Operations Coordinator	Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator
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 Justin Carlson and seconded by Leirion Gaylor Baird to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “**Yes**”: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Joe Tidball.** “**Abstain**”: **Susan Deitchler.** “**No**”: **None.** Motion carried.

Bob Ripley arrived at 4:05 p.m.
Anne Pagel arrived at 4:10 p.m.
Jeff Schwebke arrived at 4:13 p.m.
Deb Schorr arrived at 4:17 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Discussion and action regarding addition of a bocce ball court to the Union Plaza Master Plan will be moved to the December 14, 2017 Board meeting agenda.

- **Futures Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) 470-3384**

Lynn Johnson informed the Board that the department was notified recently that the UNL campus is planning to become completely tobacco free and questioned the northern end of Centennial Mall which abuts multiple UNL properties in that area. The Futures Committee discussed that Centennial Mall does meet the criteria for the current policy for Tobacco Use in Outdoor Parks & Recreation Department Facilities. The Committee recommended that rather than just the two northern blocks, that all four blocks of Centennial Mall that are closed to vehicular traffic be designated tobacco-free. Lynn explained that signs are posted in designated tobacco-free areas with the intent of being self-regulating. Following additional questions and Board discussion, a motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Leirion Gaylor Baird to request public input be sought prior to a final decision. A press release will be issued and signage placed in the areas being considered on Centennial Mall requesting public comment and the item will be placed on the December 14, 2017 Board meeting agenda. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff, Schwebke, Joe Tidball.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Wade Foreman provided highlights from the September and October monthly reports and the 2016-17 fiscal year-end financial report (attached to official minutes on record). CIP projects were also noted as well as current rounds through the beginning of November, with October rounds slightly down from last year due to weather conditions. The Golf Committee has been reviewing a new 10-year facilities plan for golf.

Lynn Johnson provided an overview from recommendations of the special committee appointed to review sustainability of the Lincoln City Golf program. From those recommendations and discussion of the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee, bylaw amendments have been suggested which would reduce the number of members from the PRAB from three to two, increase the total number of LMGAC members from 9 to 11, and establish length and number of terms. A motion was made by Sherrie Nelson and seconded by Peter Levitov to approve the amendments to the bylaws for the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee as proposed (attached to official minutes on record). Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff, Schwebke, Joe Tidball.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

- **Executive Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) 421-7734**

Lynn Johnson informed the Board of acquisition of property by the Lincoln Parks Foundation which is part of the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor. The Foundation has agreed to sell five of the 20 acres purchased to the City for the prairie corridor.

The Foundation has been actively involved in seeking candidates for the vacant Director position, with an opportunity for the Board and other interested individuals to meet with two of the candidates on Friday at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center.

A slate of PRAB offices for 2018 was brought forward from the Executive Committee of Brad Brandt as Chair, and Justin Carlson as Vice-Chair. No additional nominations were received from the Board. Action will be requested at the December 14, 2017 meeting.

The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Board members then met with the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors, with JJ Yost providing a presentation of the updated Parks & Recreation 10-year Facilities Plan. Joint discussion was held regarding potential projects for consideration of fundraising efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lynn informed attendees of the Veterans Day program to be held at 11:00 a.m., as well as the dedication of the Post 9/11 Monument in the Veterans Memorial Garden at 12:00 noon, both on November 11th at Auld Pavilion.