

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3140 N Street~Suite 300
Thursday, January 11, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Jim Crook	Peter Levitov	Justine Linscott
Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley	Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp		

Members Absent:

Justin Carlson	Hannah Cass	Leirion Gaylor Baird	Deb Schorr
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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
Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney	Maggie Stuckey, Parks 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 4:05 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball. "ABSTAIN" Peter Levitov, Anne Pagel, Kathi Wieskamp. "No": None. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Brad Brandt introduced and welcomed the new Lincoln Parks Foundation Director, Maggie Stuckey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

JJ Yost provided historical information along with a GIS map for property located at 1233 Garden Valley Road, the eastern portion of Shroder Park. The location is no longer planned for a neighborhood park in this area, since it has been decided to co-locate the neighborhood park for this service area at Kooser Elementary. Aerial views were shown to Board members providing detail of the 1233 Garden Valley Road area, which is currently leased for haying. Following additional questions and clarification, a motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Anne Pagel to approve recommendation declaring real property at 1233 Garden Valley Road as surplus. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne**

Pagel, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. “No”: None. Motion carried.

Lynn Johnson detailed a portion of Shroder Park located south of the Willard Community Center at S. Folsom and W. B Streets. A reconfiguration of the boundary of Shroder Park and sale of land to Mourning Hope for a new facility is being proposed, which is consistent with adopted guidelines regarding sale or transfer of land. A master plan for the remaining portion of Shroder Park would then be developed, including relocation of the existing playground. Mourning Hope Executive Director Carly Runestad also addressed Board members providing an overview of what Mourning Hope provides in the community, and their goals and vision for the future, along with Willard Community Center and other potential partnering groups. Lynn Johnson added that there was a neighborhood meeting in early December and nearly 1,000 posters were distributed throughout the community requesting public input. A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to recommend declaring the eastern portion of Shroder Park as surplus for sale of the property to Mourning Hope for a new facility, reconfiguration of the boundary of Shroder Park, and development of a master plan for the reconfigured park area including relocation of the existing playground. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.** The Board recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for recommendation, and then to the City Council for potential final approval.

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

JJ Yost reported that there are now four open dog runs available for use in each quadrant of Lincoln. Recommendations in the 2016 Dog Use Facilities Master Plan included recommendations for rules and regulations to be posted near the entrance of each facility. JJ reviewed the updated rules and regulations (attached to official minutes on record) that are being proposed. A motion was made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Jim Crook to approve recommendation for posting of the listed rules and regulation at each of the City’s dog run facilities, and request approval from Mayor Beutler by Executive Order. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

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

Golf Advisory Committee did not have a December meeting, although Wade noted recent changes to the Committee By-Laws with new members being recommended to fill additional positions.

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

Lincoln Parks Foundation Executive Director Maggie Stuckey informed Board members that today is her one month anniversary in her new position, and she has been spending her time becoming familiar with previous, current, and upcoming projects. The priority project has been the sale of a home and acreage from a recent Haines Branch property purchase.

Maggie also provided information regarding the Woods Tennis project close up final, with under \$500,000 in outstanding pledges. Reminder letters have been sent, although some pledges are not due until 2019.

Per PRAB bylaws, Committee assignments are made by the Board chairperson in January. Brad Brandt provided appointments for 2018 as:

- Justin Carlson – Fees & Facilities Committee
- Jeff Schwebke – Futures Committee
- Sherrie Nelson – Golf Committee

STAFF REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation staff have been working with horseback riding enthusiasts on developing an action plan for the bridle path Pioneers Park, with a meeting last June followed by a public survey. The draft action plan is organized around adopting standards for the existing bridle path maintenance, sign standards, information locations, as well as phased prioritized additions. The draft has been shared with a representative group of the horseback riding enthusiasts who were supportive of the draft. There will be a 30-day review process with the draft plan on the Parks & Recreation website (copy attached to official minutes on record) and a press release published in the immediate future requesting public input. The action plan will then be presented to the Fees & Facilities Committee for review and recommendation, and then to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in March for action.

Assistant City Attorney Jocelyn Golden provided a reminder of meeting procedures (copy attached to official minutes on record) under bylaws, City code, and Roberts Rules of Order, and that all meetings of the Board are open to the public. Also, as a Board member, any business email discussions are subject to open records requests. Jocelyn noted that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board does a good job of adhering to appropriate public meeting procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.