

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3131 O Street~Suite 300  
Thursday, February 8, 2018 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Leirion Gaylor Baird	Peter Levitov	Justine Linscott
Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley	Deb Schorr
Jeff Schwebke	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp	

### **Members Absent:**

Justin Carlson	Hannah Cass	Jim Crook
Vacancy (Deitchler)	Vacancy (Fitzgerald)	

### **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Director	Holly Lewis, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager	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 4:00 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Bob Ripley to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”:** None. **Motion carried.**

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

None.

Leirion Gaylor Baird and Anne Pagel arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Deb Schorr arrived at 4:10 p.m.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Lynn Johnson provided background information regarding historically working with the Board in establishing cost recovery goals for a number of Parks & Recreation programs. The request is for the Board to affirm the cost recovery framework as presented (copy attached to official minutes on record). Comparability to other communities and to the local market was discussed and taken into consideration where comparisons could be made. The proposed cost recovery guidelines will assist staff in preparing for the upcoming budget process and any fee increase discussions. Following discussion, a motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to affirm the recommended cost recovery framework and goals

for Parks & Recreation fee-based programs and facilities, as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Nothing to report at this time.

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

Rounds during December and January were discussed, as well as youth indoor activities at local schools and Y's. Additional indoor activities were noted, such as a hitting net at the Highlands Golf Clubhouse. Courses are open at any times the temperature is over 35 degrees.

Wade Foreman provided information regarding the proposal for special pricing at Mahoney Golf Course, as recommended by the Golf Advisory Committee (copy attached to official minutes on record). The special pricing for this course would provide for competitive price with other courses in this area of Lincoln during specified days and times. An approval for the recommendation would be forwarded to the Mayor for final approval by Executive Order. A motion was made by Sherrie Nelson and seconded by Leirion Gaylor Baird to recommend approval to the Mayor of the Value Specials as proposed for Mahoney Golf Course. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Lincoln Parks Foundation – Maggie Stuckey: meeting with various individuals, groups, and partners, creating working relationships for future projects; working with Ager Golf staff on new investment opportunities; upcoming summer concert series at Union Plaza; hosting Wesleyan University student intern for the semester regarding communication methods.

Lynn Johnson noted that Susan Deitchler has previously represented the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on the Lincoln Cares Advisory Committee. Justin Carlson has agreed to be the new representative to that Committee.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

The address for the facility where Parks & Recreation Administrative offices are located has changed to reflect the frontage along O Street, rather than the N Street address which is reasonably the back side of the building. The newly assigned address is 3131 O Street. Branding and wayfinding options are being coordinated.

With the recent retirement of the Parks Operations Assistant Director, a restructuring plan is currently underway. Chris Myers will be managing the Parks Operations and Golf Maintenance sections, with JJ Yost managing the Carpentry, Heavy Equipment, Planning & Construction Facilities sections. The now vacant position will be filled at a lower level with a Park Planner to assist with reassigned project management and community outreach duties.

Lynn Johnson provided a presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) to Board members on the LNKStat Performance Management Reporting System regarding the outcome area of Livable Neighborhoods. Discussion included public trees and Emerald Ash Borer preparation, parks maintenance, mowing, long-grass, Prairie in the Parks, facilities and infrastructure repair and replacement needs, and funding strategies.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.