

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3131 O Street~Suite 300
Thursday, April 12, 2018 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Jim Crook	Leirion Gaylor Baird	Peter Levitov
Sherrie Nelson	Bob Ripley	Deb Schorr	Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp		

Members Absent:

Justin Carlson	Hannah Cass	Justine Linscott	Anne Pagel
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Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	Holly Lewis, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager	Chris Myers, Parks Operations 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.

INTRODUCTION OF TAMMY POE: Ms. Poe was introduced and provided her background with YMCA, her enjoyment of golf, and that her favorite park is Holmes Park. Mayor has appointed Tammy Poe to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with City Council approval to be on Monday, May 14th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting as presented, with Chairman Brandt requesting that the addition of the 402 area code be added to telephone numbers of Committee Chairs. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Sherrie Nelson, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke.** **“ABSTAIN”:** **Joe Tidball.** **“No”:** **None. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

Leirion Gaylor Baird arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Kathi Wieskamp arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Deb Schorr arrived at 4:12 p.m.

BISHOP HEIGHTS PARK FUNDRAISING PRESENTATION – SIMON BROCKMEIER:

Eight year old neighbor to Bishop Heights Park, Simon Brockmeier, provided a Power Point presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) outlining his fundraising efforts for new playground equipment. Simon worked with JJ Yost from Parks & Recreation and Maggie Stuckey from the Lincoln Parks Foundation, in determining the best pieces for the park,

placement locations, and the amount of money needed. Having exceeded his goal quickly, Simon has continued to fundraise for a bike rack, trees, and possibly picnic tables. The Board members thanked Simon for his enthusiastic efforts and gave a round of applause for his presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Fees & Facilities Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) 402-770-7188**

JJ Yost and Mark Canney provided a broad overview of master planning efforts for future renovation and improvements to Cooper Park. Mr. Yost and Mr. Canney provided a brief history of the park, being Lincoln's very first park at 6th & D Street. Following a series of stakeholder meetings and public open house beginning in 2016, the master plan evolved and funding for lighting replacement and restroom renovation has been identified in the 2017/2018 CIP budget. Additional concepts in the plan do not currently include identified funding.

Following questions and discussion with Board members, a motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Bob Ripley to provide endorsement of the new master plan for Cooper Park as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Sherrie Nelson, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

- **Futures Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) 402-470-3384**

Nothing to report at this time.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair) 402-416-0137**

- Wade Foreman noted that the cold and wet weather had resulted in few rounds and revenue.
- Ager Golf Course has partnered with the UNL Turf Grass program with two students now maintaining the course.
- Golf course aeration schedules have been changing daily depending on weather conditions.
- A quarterly revenue expense chart (copy attached to official minutes on record) was provided for review, which will be updated throughout the year.

- **Executive Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) 402-421-7734**

Lincoln Parks Foundation – Maggie Stuckey: Upcoming events – Wednesday, April 18th, the dedication of the Doolittle Raiders memorial monument at the Veteran's Memorial Garden; Thursday, April 19th, celebration of gift of \$40,000 over five years from U-Stop in support of Ager Golf Course for youth golf; Tuesday, May 22nd, ribbon cutting at Bishop Heights of newly installed playground equipment due to fundraisers by Simon Brockmeier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Hamann Rose Garden Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 14th from 1 to 4 pm at the Hamann Rose Garden in Antelope Park
- Lincoln City Golf Open House on Saturday, April 14th from 10 am to 2 pm at Holmes Golf Course
- Arbor Day Celebration, Thursday, April 26th from 9 to 10:30 am at Kooser Elementary School, N. 14th & Alvo Road