

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3131 O Street, Suite 300

Thursday, June 14, 2018 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Crook	Leirion Gaylor Baird	Peter Levitov	Justine Linscott
Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley	Jeff Schwebke	Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:

Brad Brandt	Justin Carlson	Hannah Cass	Sherrie Nelson
Tammy Poe	Deb Schorr	Joe Tidball	Vacancy (Fitzgerald)

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': In the absence of Chairperson Brad Brandt and Vice-Chairperson Justin Carlson, the meeting was presided over by Jeff Schwebke. As per law, Acting-Chairperson Schwebke announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Peter Levitov to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp. "ABSTAIN": Justine Linscott, Anne Pagel. "No": None. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Nothing to report at this time.

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

Party in the Parks activities (copy attached to official minutes on record) were reviewed and discussed by Board members. Partner organizations will organize, promote and present the events, with Parks & Recreation Department providing locations and staff support for logistics as needed. A motion was made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Anne Pagel accept the Party in the Parks activities for 2018 as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp. "No": None. Motion carried.**

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

Wade Foreman provided a review of the April and May Golf Advisory Committee meetings (copies attached to official minutes on record) and the status of play during the previous two months. Capital improvement information updates were provided recently to golfers along with a survey resulting in over 600 responses. Discussion was held regarding current golf rounds and weather restrictions, recent interest in golf and new involvement with kids, and budget discussion in regard to weather challenges.

The Golf Fees Subcommittee recently discussed establishment of a golf replay fee which was proposed to the Golf Advisory Committee for a replay fee of \$25 on a second 18-hole round on the City golf courses. This is a popular program for patrons to play a second round of golf especially when in the area for a weekend visit that includes golf. The recommendation from the Golf Advisory Committee would be for the replay fee to be redeemed on the same day at the same golf course as the first 18-hole round. Following additional clarification, a motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Leirion Gaylor Baird to approve the establishment of a golf replay fee as proposed by the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee. A motion was then made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Leirion Gaylor Baird to amend the motion and approve the replay fee for use at any of the City golf courses on the same date of the first 18-hole round. Roll was called on the amendment to the motion with members voting as follows: **“Yes”**: Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp. **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.** Roll was then called on the original motion as amended with members voting as follows: **“Yes”**: Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Justine Linscott, Anne Pagel, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp. **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Lincoln Parks Foundation – Maggie Stuckey: Working on summer concerts at Union Plaza on the first and third Friday nights; will help facilitate Dog Bowl fundraiser with Friends of the Dog Parks again this year at Pinewood Bowl on Sunday, September 2nd; Foundation Board is working on strategic planning process beginning in August.

Lynn Johnson provided information regarding the selection process of two student members to the Advisory Board. Andrew Minchow and Veronica Chapman have been recommended to the Mayor and City Council for appointment during the 2018-19 school year. Andrew was in attendance at the meeting. Justine Linscott, outgoing student member, was also present and presented a token of appreciation for her service.

STAFF REPORTS:

An overview of ParkScore 2018 survey organized by The Trust for Public Land was presented by Lynn Johnson. Lincoln Parks & Recreation participates in the survey with the 100 largest communities in the United States and receives comparative information which is shared with all participant cities. Various aspects and categories of the survey were described and discussed in more detail, noting that Minneapolis was ranked at #1 and Lincoln rated at #24.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PRAB will be a joint tour and discussion with the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board at the Lincoln Children’s Zoo. Members will meet on Thursday, July 12th at 4:00 p.m. at the Zoo for tours of the new ongoing renovations and additions.

Holly Lewis provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) on the Play in the Park events, “Explore, Experience, and Enjoy Free Activities”. Intention of this program is to introduce individuals to various opportunities that they may not have experienced previously, such as Crunch & Lunch at Peter Pan Park, canoeing on Holmes Lake, yoga/Zumba/feeling fit classes at Jayne Snider Trail Center on various dates and times, and many other options for people of all ages. Large numbers of attendees have taken part from very diversified backgrounds. More information is available in the current Program Guide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dedication of The Ginnever sculpture currently on loan to the City will be held at Holmes Lake Park on Saturday, June 23rd at 4:30 p.m.
- Uncle Sam Jam celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd at Oak Lake Park, with events beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.