

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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

Thursday, February 14, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Brad Brandt	Justin Carlson	Veronica Chapman	Jim Crook
Leirion Gaylor Baird	Peter Levitov	Andrew Minchow	Tammy Poe
Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke	Rick Vest	

Members Absent:

Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp
Vacancy (Fitzgerald)			

Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	Holly Lewis, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager	Chris Myers, Park Operations Coordinator
Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Admin.	Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator
Maggie Stuckey, Foundation Director	Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary

Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act' As per law, Chairperson Justin Carlson 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 Jim Crook to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke.** **"No": None.** **"Abstain": Leirion Gaylor Baird.** **Motion carried.**

A motion was then made by Veronica Chapman and seconded by Jeff Schwebke to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Jeff Schwebke.** **"No": None.** **"Abstain": Brad Brandt, Tammy Poe.** **Motion carried.**

Bob Ripley arrived at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

RECOGNITION OF PETER LEVITOV:

Lynn Johnson commended Peter Levitov for his service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and presented him with a small rose-tile plaque. Peter stated that it has been a pleasure to serve for nearly seven years.

Rick Vest arrived at 4:13 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

No report at this time.

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

Jeff Schwebke introduced the recommendation regarding park flyer model aircraft safe operating rules and regulations to be posted at two flight areas proposed in Mahoney Park and Pioneers Park in conjunction with the recently approved Municipal Code amendment allowing park flyers in designated park areas. JJ Yost reviewed the proposed operating rules and regulations (copy attached to official minutes on record) and signage to be placed at the designated areas in both parks, along with illustrated maps (copy attached to official minutes on record) of the designated areas that will be included on the signage.

Following questions and discussion with Board members and staff regarding the designated locations, a motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Brad Brandt to recommend approval of the “Park Flyer Safe Operating Rules and Regulations” as presented as well as two designated areas for operation of Park Flyers, with one at Pioneers Park and another in Mahoney Park, and the signage to be placed at each location. Final approval will be by Executive Order of the Mayor. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest.** **“No”:** **None. Motion carried.**

Mr. Schwebke then presented the 2019 Party in the Parks activities (copy attached to official minutes on record) for consideration of the Board. Two additions proposed for the year are a local music series in Union Plaza, and “Movies in the Park” at Antelope Park. A motion was made by Brad Brandt and seconded by Bob Ripley to approve the 2019 Party in the Parks activities as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest.** **“No”:** **None. Motion carried.**

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

Wade Foreman provided a short report noting the frozen tundra and not a lot of activity on the golf courses. Maintenance staff have been using the time to work on equipment maintenance and shop organization. Ash tree removal has also begun at Mahoney as weather permits. Additional information from January is attached to official minutes on record. Wade also informed Board members that Golf Maintenance Supervisor Casey Crittenden had won a national competition for a “goose dog” that will help on the courses with dispersing geese.

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

Maggie Stuckey provided a Lincoln Parks Foundation report:

- Foundation Board has approved a Strategic Plan through 2023 with four categories:
 - o Awareness – communications
 - o Projects – prioritizing
 - o Fund Development – growing staff and scope
 - o Board Development – skill sets and growth
- July Joint Meeting with LPFB and PRAB – more information to come!

STAFF REPORT:

Lynn Johnson explained that Doug Dittman, owner and operator of The Hub Café within the Active Living Center Condominium at Union Plaza, has expressed interest in developing a free community music, local food, and local craft beer event series in Union Plaza. A Municipal Code amendment is needed to expand the area for serving alcoholic beverages within Union Plaza, since current provisions do not extend beyond the Jayne Snyder Trails Center perimeter. Doug Dittman and Susan Larson Rodenburg were present at the meeting to respond to any questions and provide additional information.

Board members asked about the boundaries of the area and how it would be contained during serving of alcohol. Lynn also explained that The Hub Café currently holds a liquor license for inside the facility, so this change would be to expand to the outside allowing Mr. Dittman to obtain a Special Designated License for the community events. Recommended approval by the Board would be forwarded for approval by the City Council.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Peter Levitov to amend the recommendation to add that a benefit to the community be specified in the regulations. Susan Larson Rodenburg clarified that the proposed events are free, accessible, and open to the public. Additional discussion regarded a financial donation or percentage of proceeds to benefit Parks & Recreation Department or a local non-profit organization. It was also reminded that the event series at Union Plaza by The Hub Café was previously approved by the Board under the Party in the Parks activities for 2019. Ultimately, Bob Ripley withdrew the motion to amend with agreement by Peter Levitov.

A motion was made by Brad Brandt and seconded by Justin Carlson to recommend approval of an amendment to Lincoln Municipal Code to allow alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed in a specified area of Union Plaza on the west side of Antelope Creek channel between P and Q Streets, as proposed. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest. **“No”:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL PROPERTY:

A motion was made by Rick Vest and seconded by Peter Levitov that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board enter into Executive Session at 5:23 p.m. with board members and department staff in order to discuss real property. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Vernoica Chapman, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest. **“No”:** None. **Motion carried.**

Bob Ripley left at 5:30 p.m.

Rick Vest left at 5:50 p.m.

A motion was then made by Brad Brandt and seconded by Peter Levitov to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in regular session at 6:02 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Vernoica Chapman, Jim Crook, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Peter Levitov, Andrew Minchow, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke. **“No”:** None. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.