

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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

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

Members Present:

Brad Brandt	Justin Carlson	Veronica Chapman	Jim Crook
Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Tammy Poe	Robert Ripley
Jeff Schwebke	Kathi Wieskamp		

Members Absent:

Leirion Gaylor Baird	Andrew Minchow	Joe Tidball	Rick Vest
Vacancy (Fitzgerald)	Vacancy (Levitov)		

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	Amber Null, Acting-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 Amber Null.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board member Brad Brandt noted that the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting had an error under item 5D – Executive Committee, in that he was no longer the Chair of that Committee as shown. A motion was made by Brad Brandt and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting with an amendment to list Justin Carlson as Chair of the Executive Committee. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke.** “No”: None. “Abstain”: **Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Kathi Wieskamp.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• **Fees & Facilities Committee** – (Chair) 402-
No report at this time.

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

Jeff Schwebke introduced the request for renaming of Highlands Golf Course Clubhouse in recognition of Clancy Woolman. Lynn Johnson noted that the request has also been reviewed by the Golf Advisory Committee who also recommended approval. The renaming is proposed in recognition of Mr. Woolman’s civic accomplishments related to the Department’s activities in conformance with the Parks & Recreation Facilities Naming Policy.

A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Anne Pagel to recommend approval for the renaming of Highlands Golf Course Clubhouse in recognition of Clancy Woolman, with the recommendation being forwarded to the City Council for approval by formal Resolution. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Sherrie Nelson noted that the main story for golf has been winter, and more winter, which does not bode well for golf or projections for the year. Wade Foreman added that the cold weather and snowy conditions essentially began near the beginning of the fiscal year, therefore rounds are down by about 30% and revenue is behind approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000. April and May will be key months. Wade also reported that an Ash tree removal project will begin this spring at Holmes and Mahoney once grounds dry out.

- **Executive Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) 402-770-7188**

Maggie Stuckey provided a Lincoln Parks Foundation report:

- The past month was very active with the Prairie Corridor project, with an event to be held later this spring to celebrate the progress.
- Give to Lincoln Day is approaching, with the Foundation’s participation being “Restore our Historic Parks” theme, selecting one park in each quadrant of the City receiving donated funds.
- Reviewing the feasibility of the Challenge Grant and what projects might qualify.
- The Foundation will have a table at the upcoming Golf open house accepting welcome gifts for Peg, the goose dog, who will be cared for by Casey Crittenden.

STAFF REPORT:

JJ Yost provided an update to the replacement of the Wilderness Nature Camp building and request for an amendment to the concept plan due to utility and floodplain conflicts at the previously endorsed location. The new proposed location (copy attached to official minutes on record) is at an elevation above the floodplain, in closer proximity to utility services, and in direct sight of the interpretive center building. A motion was made by Kathi Wieskamp and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to approve the amendment to the concept plan for replacement of the Wilderness Nature Camp at the revised location as proposed. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Brad Brandt, Justin Carlson, Veronica Chapman, Jim Crook, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Tammy Poe, Bob Ripley, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

An overview of the update to the 2019 Parks & Recreation 10-year facilities plan was provided by JJ Yost (copy of schedule attached to official minutes on record). Plan reviews are scheduled to begin in May with Parks & Recreation staff, followed by monthly reviews with the PRAB Fees & Facilities Committee. The final version of the 2019 update is planned to be presented to the full Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in October for action. Bob Ripley commented on the review of the Veterans Memorial Garden and encouraged staff and the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council to discuss boundaries for the Garden and a clear definition of what some of the physical limits should be.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze provided a report regarding City Council approval of Ordinance changes that were previously reviewed by PRAB, allowing the Lincoln Children’s Zoo to have Special

Designated Licenses for events beyond fundraising, as well as allowing a Jane Snyder Trails Center condominium owner to have an alcohol permit that would extend into Union Plaza. Discussion took place regarding fencing of the Union Plaza perimeter during such events, and what that fencing may look like.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lynn Johnson informed Board members of upcoming events in April:

- Lincoln City Golf Open House at Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse on Saturday, April 6 from 9 am to 2 pm
- Rose Pruning Seminar / Hamann Rose Garden spring clean-up on Saturday, April 13
- Earth Day / Arbor Day community event in Union Plaza on Saturday, April 27

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Kathi Weiskamp to adjourn the meeting.