

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Hamann Rose Garden/Cascade (Teachers) Fountain, 1207 S. 27th Street  
Thursday, May 9, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Brad Brandt	Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Andrew Minchow
Sherrie Nelson	Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke	Rick Vest

### **Members Absent:**

Veronica Chapman	Leirion Gaylor Baird	Anne Pagel	Tammy Poe
Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp		

### **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.	Maggie Stuckey, Foundation Director
Kaylyn Neverve, Parks Planner	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.

### **RECOGNITION OF ROBERT RIPLEY:**

Lynn Johnson thanked Robert Ripley for his many years of service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and presented him with a small rose-tile plaque. Board member Joe Tidball was not present but will also be leaving the Board and receiving a rose-tile plaque in recognition of his service.

### **CASCADE FOUNTAIN SITE VISIT:**

Staff and PRAB members met on-site at the Cascade (Teachers) Fountain for discussion regarding renovation or replacement of the fountain, basin, and surrounding area. Lynn Johnson provided a brief history of the fountain and the current maintenance issues. PRAB members are being asked for recommendations and advice regarding fundraising and a community survey to request their opinion.

Kaylyn Neverve with the Parks Planning-Construction team provided five conceptual designs (copy attached to official minutes on record) for Board member review and which could be included with the community survey. Initial discussion for costs of the five concepts would range between potentially \$800,000 to \$1.5 million. The UNL Public Policy Center (PPC) is partnering with the Lincoln Parks Foundation and Parks & Recreation Department and would administer the community survey.

Megan from PPC provided initial topics for the survey (copy attached to official minutes on record), and asked for publication and improvement suggestions. Board members discussed various potential amenities, upgrades, and costs. It was suggested that pros and cons be stated for each of the concepts on the survey. Staff and Board members then toured the fountain area and viewed the mechanical area.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lynn Johnson informed Board members of upcoming events in May, June, and July:

- Wake Up the Beds, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11th, Sunken Gardens;
- Celebrating the Prairie Corridor Public Reception, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 14th, Pioneers Park Nature Center
- Party on the Plaza, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 18th, Union Plaza
- Bricks of Honor Dedication Ceremony, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 8th, Veteran’s Memorial Garden
- *Save the Date*: PRAB & LPF Annual Joint Board Tour – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11th, location TBD

A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Brad Brandt to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m.