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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Lincoln Parks Foundation Board Annual Joint Meeting

Olsson Terrace, 601 P Street (West Haymarket)
Thursday, July 11, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Jim Crook	Esme Krohn
Andrew Minchow	Tammy Poe	Lori Thomas	Rick Vest
Kathi Wieskamp			

Members Absent:

Brad Brandt	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel	Jonathan Petersen
Jeff Schwebke			

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.	Sara Hartzell, Parks Planner
Kaylyn Nerverve, Parks Planner	Bobby Bartja, Parks Planner
Scott Philippi, Accountant	Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary
Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor	Adelle Burke, Mayoral Aide

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.

Introductions Mayor Gaylor Baird was recognized as being in attendance and introduced herself and her Aide, Adelle Burke, who is the liaison to the Parks & Recreation Department. Mayor Gaylor Baird congratulated and welcomed the two new student representatives to the Board, and also thank the Parks Foundation Board for all the support and advocacy to the Parks & Recreation Department. Self-introductions were then conducted from all in attendance, including both Board's members, staff, and others providing short background information.

Following introductions, Lynn Johnson again recognized Mayor Gaylor Baird who recently left the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as the City Council representative. Mr. Johnson presented the Mayor with a small rose-tile plaque as a token of thanks for her guidance during her tenure on the Board.

Interactive Project Stations Attendees were provided the opportunity to engage in various project stations with Parks & Recreation Department staff. Project design boards and informational materials were available as well as staff to provide additional project insight.

Joint board members reconvened for a business discussion at 4:50 p.m.

Increasing Diversity of Board Members An open discussion was held to relate the need for diversity in appointing and selecting new members for both the Advisory and the Foundation boards. Lynn Johnson suggested an open brainstorming session regarding reaching diverse populations and encouraging participation. Mr. Johnson also noted that the department has a total of five varying boards or committees that also rely on volunteer community members. A number of individuals provided input as well as discussed previous outreach efforts.

Allied Organization Guidelines & Process Board members were provided a copy of the Guidelines for Facility Development and Fundraising by Allied Organizations for Parks and Recreation Facilities (copy attached to official minutes on record), which was adopted in December 2009. Recent changes observed are that some organizations are working to become a 501c3 organization, which previously was a benefit to organizations in working with the Parks Foundation for fundraisers. Lynn Johnson asked the group to review the established Guidelines and discuss whether they still seem to be a viable and sensible process, and whether when working with a 501c3 organization is capitol fundraising or programming fundraising. Department and Foundation staff have discussed the matter and suggest that direction given when working with a 501c3 organization that fundraising for improvements on park land be driven by the Parks Foundation as the fiscal sponsor, organization, and coordination of efforts; however, when the organization is fundraising for operation or programming, they would utilize their own 501c3 status. Short discussion was held and members collectively deemed that the current Guidelines continue to provide the structure and guidance as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Attendees were invited to remain and join a walking tour of the proposed new South Haymarket Park and Plaza at S. 7th and N Streets.