

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Jim Crook	Esme Krohn
Mason Minchow	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel (arrived 4:10 pm)	
Jonathan Petersen	Isabel Salas (arrived 4:23 pm)	Jeff Schwebke	
Jennifer Seacrest (arrived 4:05 pm)		Rick Vest	Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:

Brad Brandt Tammy Poe Lori Thomas

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.	Denise Pearce, Special Projects Admin.
Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator	Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney
Kent Stiles, Asst. Recreation Manager	Melissa Lindeman, Asst. Recreation Manager
Kayla Sellhorn, Athletics Supervisor	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 Roy Christensen and seconded by Rick Vest to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 and the July 11, 2019 meetings as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Esme Krohn, Mason Minchow, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp. **“No”:** None. **“Abstain”:** Jim Crook. **Motion carried.**

Jennifer Seacrest arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Anne Pagel arrived at 4:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Dr. Shane Farritor, professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, approached the Board to share an idea of what he called “Planet Ride”. The proposal would be to build a scale model of the solar system along a bike trail in Lincoln, potentially beginning with the sun near the new Telegraph District at 21st & N Streets, along the Billy Wolff Trail, along Antelope Creek, and concluding at Holmes Lake dam. Dr. Farritor provided additional potentials along with a rough cost estimate of \$5,000 to \$10,000 per site, with donations to be sought for each ‘planet’. Following questions and discussion, it was suggested that the topic be referred to a future Facilities and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Lynn Johnson announced two newly appointed members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Jennifer Seacrest and Isabel Salas. Lynn noted that the Board is now full, with sixteen members. Ms. Seacrest was in attendance and provided a brief introduction of herself,

with current Board members and staff in attendance doing the same. Lynn provided background information for Ms. Salas who arrived later during the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair) 402-421-8103**

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

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

Wade Foreman reviewed the 2018-19 fiscal year end report for Lincoln Municipal Golf (copy attached to official minutes on record), noting that weather played a significant factor in the rounds and financial numbers. However, the year did end in a profit for both operations and Golf CIP. Wade discussed CIP projects completed during the year as well as increase in Player Development and Adult Development participation with both youth and adults. A National Golf Foundation article was also shared noting an increase in participation for the first time in 14 years. Sherrie Nelson also added that with the slow start of the season due to weather the turnaround was due to much credit of Wade and the golf maintenance supervisor for controlling expenses and good rounds throughout the late spring and summer months.

Isabel Salas arrived at 4:23 p.m.

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

In the absence of Maggie Stuckey, Justin Carlson provided a written update (copy attached to official minutes on record) for the Lincoln Parks Foundation:

- * The Hub and Soul Music Series at Union Plaza has been incredibly successful, averaging over 400 attendees each week. Donations are being collected to present to GPTN at the end of the Series.
- * The 27th annual Foundation Golf Tournament is being held tomorrow (Sept. 13th) with over 19 teams signed up.
- * Cascade Fountain public survey results are being compiled and it is hoped results will be available to report to the Board in October or November. Over 7,500 individuals completed the survey.

STAFF REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation staff members provided end-of-season reports to the Board, with copies of these presentations attached to the official minutes on record:

- **2019 Pool Season** – Kent Stiles and Kayla Sellhorn
- **2019 Summer Day Camps** – Melissa Lindeman
- **Construction Projects / Trail Projects** – JJ Yost
- **Special Events in Parks** – Chris Myers
- **Greenways / Prairie Corridor** – Chris Myers and Nicole Fleck-Tooze

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.