

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Lincoln Children's Zoo Multipurpose Room, 1222 S. 27th Street
Thursday, October 10, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Esme Krohn
Mason Minchow	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel (arrived 4:05 pm)
Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe	Isabel Salas
Jeff Schwebke	Lori Thomas	Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:

Brad Brandt	Roy Christensen	Jennifer Seacrest
Rick Vest		

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
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.

John Chapo, President/CEO of the Lincoln Children's Zoo, welcomed Board members and others to the Zoo's Nebraska Environmental Trust Center. Mr. Chapo noted the long history of collaboration with the City and Lincoln Parks & Recreation. He announced more expansion next year with additional animals and extended greenspace.

Anne Pagel arrived at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: "Yes": **Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Esme Krohn, Mason Minchow, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp.** "No": None. "Abstain": Lori Thomas. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee** – Tammy Poe (Chair) 402-421-8103
No report at this time. Next meeting will be November 20, 2019.

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

No report at this time. Lynn Johnson advised that the next meeting noted on the agenda as October 15th would not be held, and that the Policies Committee would meet again on November 19, 2019.

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

Sherrie Nelson reported that the September meeting of the Golf Committee was very brief and there were no action items to bring forth. The Committee has been reviewing the 10-year facilities plan for golf which will be shared at the next PRAB meeting. Wade Foreman also informed that the annual aerification of the greens is running according to schedule and that September golf rounds were above target due to favorable weather.

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

Maggie Stuckey for the Lincoln Parks Foundation:

- * The Hub and Soul Music Series at Union Plaza was a “wild” success with no real knowledges of expectation as a new event. Plans for next year are being planned with details to be brought to the Board in the future.
- * Bricks and benches are being installed in various locations with outreach to donors. So far 71 bricks and 11 benches have been installed, with next installation scheduled for the spring.

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:

- **Initiatives of Mayor Gaylor Baird’s Administration** – Lynn Johnson
- **2018 Downtown Master Plan and catalyst projects** – Paul Barnes
(Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department)
- **Wilderness Park Trails Community Survey** – JJ Yost
- **Work Plan for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** – Lynn Johnson
- **Trago Park Sculpture Placement** – Lynn Johnson

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Lori Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m., with unanimous approval.