

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 3131 O Street, Lower Level Training Rooms
Thursday, November 14, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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| Brad Brandt | Justin Carlson | Roy Christensen |
| Jim Crook | Esme Krohn | Mason Minchow |
| Sherrie Nelson | Anne Pagel (arrived 4:10 pm) | Tammy Poe |
| Isabel Salas (arrived 4:10 pm) | Jeff Schwebke (arrived 4:16 pm) | |
| Rick Vest (arrived 4:06 pm) | Kathi Wieskamp | |

Members Absent:

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| Jonathan Petersen | Jennifer Seacrest | Lori Thomas |
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Staff Members Present:

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| Lynn Johnson, Director | JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager |
| 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 declaring a quorum with nine Board members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Sherrie Nelson and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: "Yes": **Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Esme Krohn, Mason Minchow, Sherrie Nelson, Tammy Poe, Kathi Wieskamp.** "No": None. "Abstain": **Brad Brandt, Roy Christensen.** Motion carried.

Rick Vest arrived at 4:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Tom Tallman, representing Lincoln Botanical Gardens, addressed the Board to provide an update regarding their goal of creating a glass structure for a plant conservatory at Van Dorn Park, as well as surrounding gardens within the park. Mr. Tallman noted that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in 2015 approved the conceptual idea, with a requirement for Lincoln Botanical Gardens group to show they can build and operate said facility. A feasibility study was completed a year ago with additional direction provided to the group. An architectural conceptual site plan from 2015 was shared with the Board (copy attached to official minutes on record).

Anne Pagel and Isabel Salas arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Jeff Schwebke arrived at 4:16 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair) 402-421-8103**
JJ Yost provided a brief overview and recap to the Board of the 2019 proposed update of the Parks & Recreation 10-year facilities plan (copy attached to official minutes on record). The original plan was developed in 2013 and is updated every two years which serves as a guide during the biennial budget and the financial requests in the Capital Improvement Program. Categories in the plan include repair/replacement/renewal of existing facilities, development of new neighborhood parks and trails to meet community growth, and new recreation opportunities. Mr. Yost noted that the emphasis in this plan is taking care of what we have. A current freeze of construction impact fees will delay creation of new neighborhood park amenities including playgrounds.

Following questions and discussion from Board members, Chairman Justin Carlson provided a statement (copy attached to official minutes on record) and welcomed public comments from citizens in attendance. Speakers were asked to limit presentations to five minutes, and to provide their name and address at the beginning of their comments for the record. Two individuals provided written comments via email prior to the meeting, copies of which were provided to the Board members. Written and in-person comments were as follows:

- Cheryl Kahler (email) – not in favor of any new parks
 - Sherylyn Miller (email) – requesting upgrades at Stuhr Park
 - Adam Hintz (1919 Prospect) – more information for Wilderness Park
 - Rosina Paolini (1850 Dakota) – Wilderness Park and bridges
 - Diane Walkowiak (1600 Sioux) – support of Boosalis Trail and Bison Trail connection, and Van Dorn Park “neglect”
 - Adam Hintz (1919 Prospect) – 14th Street parking lot at Wilderness Park
 - Janet Squiers (620 B Street) – requesting Cooper Park update which was provided by JJ Yost
- **Policies Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) 402-470-3384**
No report at this time. Policies Committee will meet again on Tuesday, November 19th.
 - **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair) 402-416-0137**
Sherrie Nelson reported that a rate increase proposal for next year was discussed at the October Golf Committee meeting, although no action was taken at that time. It will be further discussed at the December meeting. The proposed increase is considered modest and would apply to membership rates rather than daily rates. Wade Foreman added that the roof for the Pioneers Golf Clubhouse is in the process of removal and replacement, which was last done in the 1980’s.
 - **Executive Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) 402-770-7188**
Maggie Stuckey for the Lincoln Parks Foundation:
 - * Working with Arbor Day Foundation to implement a tree planting partnership for parks and private homeowners.
 - * Prairie Corridor project annual Cabinet meeting was held recently.
 - * Foundation Board has been working on visioning process to be announced following the Foundation Board meeting in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Community Meeting regarding development of guidelines for stream crossing structures in Wilderness Park on Thursday, November 21 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Training Center on the Lower Level of Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street.
- Winter Lights at Tower Square on Friday, December 6 from 6 pm to 7 pm at Tower Square, 13th and P Streets.
- Pearl Harbor Day Program on Saturday, December 7 at 11:55 am at Auld Pavilion.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Roy Christensen and seconded by Rick Vest to adjourn the meeting, with unanimous approval.