

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Woods Park Place Lower Level Training Center, 3131 O Street

Thursday, September 10, 2020 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Dylan Cork
Jim Crook (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)	Sherrie Nelson	Anne Pagel (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)	
Jonathan Petersen	Jennifer Seacrest	Kathi Wieskamp	

### **Members Absent:**

Gatran Gatnoor	Tammy Poe	Isabel Salas	Jeff Schwebke
Lori Thomas	Rick Vest		

### **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Director	Holly Lewis, Asst. Director/Recreation
JJ Yost, Planning & Facilities Manager	Chris Myers, Park Operations Manager
Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator	++ Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney
++ Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Adm.	++ Denise Pearce, Special Projects Adm.
Donna Garden, Transportation & Utilities	Kent Stiles, Recreation Coordinator
Kayla Sellhorn, Aquatics Supervisor	Angela Chesnut, Exec. Secretary

++ denotes Zoom attendee

### **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 eight in-person Board members present.

Chairperson Carlson also noted that Katie Dimon Graf was joining the meeting via Zoom and that she would be joining the Board as a new member following City Council affirmation next month.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jonathan Petersen.** **"No": None.** **"Abstain": Roy Christensen, Sherrie Nelson, Jennifer Seacrest, Kathi Wieskamp.** **Motion carried.**

Anne Pagel arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Jim Crook arrived at 4:05 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair) 402-421-8103**  
JJ Yost and Donna Garden from Lincoln Transportation and Utilities gave a presentation (copies attached to official minutes on record) and provided information detailing proposed usage of land on a portion of Porter Park at 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Tamarin Ridge for development of a community recycling collection site. Background information was provided as to the need for the request in order to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and to continue providing recycling collection sites for the community by consolidation, which means larger sites are needed. Ms. Garden reviewed site layout maps, screening plans, and enhanced security for the area. A public open house was held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with individuals voicing both concerns and support (copies of written comments attached to official minutes on record).

Board members asked a number of specific questions regarding fencing, vegetation and landscaping, types and sizes of trees, noise from use, and plans for any future park amenities or play areas. JJ Yost and Lynn Johnson provided responses and discussed issues with a drainage way inhibiting a larger playfield development.

D. Curtis Babbitt, a neighboring resident, gave public input with concerns regarding vehicle lights and noise, as well as traffic accidents and speeding in the area.

The Board continued discussion regarding additional fencing height, extension of the fencing area, creating a berm for higher elevation of tree planting, light shielding prevention, and reconfiguration of the facility by extending or moving.

Roy Christensen left at 4:35 p.m.

Following continued discussion and additional Board recommendations it was determined that members were not ready to vote on the proposed recycling collection site at Porter Park as presented. A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Jim Crook to refer this agenda item back to the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee for revision with incorporation of discussed recommendations for review at the October PRAB meeting. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Sherrie Nelson, Anne Pagel, Jonathan Petersen Jennifer Seacrest, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, at 4:00 p.m.

- **Policies Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) 402-470-3384**  
No report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Wade Foreman updated Board members noting that golf rounds through August are over 12% above target for the fiscal year. Final numbers will be provided soon. High school and college golf practices are beginning with events scheduled at the courses. (Copy of full report attached to official minutes on record.)

Next Golf Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, at 12:00 noon.

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

In the absence of Maggie Stuckey, Bradley Brandt provided her written report (copy attached to official minutes on record):

- \* Cascade Fountain renovation fundraiser – 143 bricks of honor for teachers have been sold since June; goal is 200 bricks by December, with this being an ongoing program; visit [lincolnparks.org/cascade](http://lincolnparks.org/cascade) to order brick; brochures are available at the Parks Foundation office.
- \* Trendwood Park – working with neighbors for past three years on full-loop pathway resurfacing project; third year goal has been reached with one year left.
- \* New Donors – in July and August alone, LPF has had 569 new donors and thrilled to be growing the donor family!

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, at 4:00 p.m.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

- **Anne Pagel Board Retirement** – Lynn Johnson

\* Lynn noted that Anne Pagel joined the Board in 2008 when public art proposals were being reviewed and approved by PRAB. A small rose-tile plaque was presented to Anne as a token of appreciate for her service to the Board.

- **New Play Equipment at Van Dorn Park** – JJ Yost

\* Mr. Yost presented the final site plan for the playground updates at Van Dorn Park including swings as requested and fundraised for by Indian Village Neighborhood representatives. The group is also currently fundraising for a drinking fountain in the park. Board members also discussed the new mountain bike trails that have been recently added to the park.

Anne Pagel left at 5:05 p.m.

- **2020 Pools Report** – Kent Stiles and Kayla Sellhorn \* Due to COVID-19, the 2020 swimming pool season was unknown and ever-evolving. Once it was determined that five pools would open under Directive Health Measure directives, new pool operations protocols, staff hiring, and pool preparation was completed in a one-month timeframe. The 2020 season was from June 15 through August 9 with a standard entry fee of \$2.00 per person over 2 years of age. While not all programs were provided, a number were still made available at a limited capacity depending on the current COVID risk guidelines. Staff worked very closely with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department on a regular basis during the unique season (PowerPoint presentation attached to official minutes on record).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Art in the Garden at Sunken Gardens (8<sup>th</sup> year) on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; attendee restrictions and health plan is in place.
- Third session of the Hub & Soul series will be held this evening (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>), 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., at Union Plaza, free admittance to the community.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. with unanimous approval.