

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place Lower Level Training Center, 3131 O Street

Thursday, October 8, 2020 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Roy Christensen	Dylan Cork	Jim Crook
Katie Graf	Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe	

Members Absent:

Justin Carlson	Gatran Gatnoor	++ Sherrie Nelson	++ Isabel Salas
Jeff Schwebke	++ Jennifer Seacrest	Lori Thomas	Rick Vest
Kathi Wieskamp			

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	Angela Chesnut, Exec. Secretary

++ denotes Zoom attendee

CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF 'OPEN MEETINGS ACT':

As per law, Vice-Chairperson Tammy Poe 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 seven in-person Board members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jonathan Petersen and seconded by Roy Christensen to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe.** **"No": None.** **"Abstain": Katie Graf.** **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair) 402-421-8103**
Per direction from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board during the September meeting, Tammy reported that the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee reviewed changes requested for development of a Consumer Recycle Collection Site in a portion of Porter Park. Donna Garden from Lincoln Transportation & Utilities provided an update site layout (copy attached to official minutes on record) noting that the only item that could not be addressed was reconfiguring of the site due to the existing sloping grade. All other requested landscape and layout changes have been made. Ms. Garden also ensured that times of collection would be negotiated with the contracted company.

A motion was made by Roy Christensen and seconded by Jim Crook to recommend approval for use of a portion of Porter Park at 27th & Tamarin Ridge for construction of a recycling collection facility as amended and presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe.** **“No”**: **None.**
Motion carried.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Lynn Johnson noted that the Policies Committee continues to discuss updates to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and has no report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Wade Foreman provided an update (copy of report attached to official minutes on record) regarding fall maintenance at all courses including aerification, over-seeding of driving ranges, and fertilization. Tree removal and replacements are being scheduled, as well as construction of new forward tees. From above average golf rounds for the year, the City Golf operations ended the year with a positive outcome.

Next Golf Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, at 12:00 noon.

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

In the absence of Maggie Stuckey, JJ Yost provided a written report for the Lincoln Parks Foundation:

- * Hub & Soul – successful series wrapped up last week in compliance with Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department guidelines for COVID-19 and held a “COVID-capacity” crowd each week.
- * Cascade Fountain – finished the Cascade Fountain fundraising campaign, raising \$1.66 million in 8 months! This will fully fund the construction costs and the endowment. The brick program in honor of teachers continues.
- * Award – Maggie Stuckey was recently honored as the 2020 Young Professional of the Year by Lincoln Young Professionals Group!

Lynn Johnson provided information to Board members regarding a recent meeting of the Executive Committees of both the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board to discuss the potential for private financial support for operation of the Sunken Gardens. Due to financial constraints on the City budget during the current pandemic, this financial support is being sought as a one-time approach. A joint resolution (copy attached to official minutes on record) between the two Boards was reviewed and endorsed by both Executive Committees for consideration by both full Boards only during this unique situation of COVID-19 pandemic and budget constraints. Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the joint resolution with the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors for solicitation of donations and sponsorships for operation and maintenance of the Sunken Gardens during the City

of Lincoln Fiscal Year 2020-21. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows:
“Yes”: **Bradley Brandt, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe.** “No”: None. “Abstain”: **Roy Christensen.** Motion carried.

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, at 4:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

- **Annual Plan for Golf** – Wade Foreman * A review of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Lincoln City Golf Annual Business Plan and Player Development Plan (written copies attached to official minutes on record) was provided by Mr. Foreman as an internal roadmap for golf courses and customers. Future capital improvements were noted at each of the golf courses. Player development goals include an expansion on existing programming as well as additional programs in order to grow participation and the customer base at all City-owned courses. Board members provided comments on positive personal experiences and customer feedback. It was also noted that the annual customer satisfaction survey was not conducted this year due to pandemic protocols but is planned again for June of 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Trick or Tree Community Tree Giveaway** – In partnership with FedEx and the Arbor Day Foundation, a community tree giveaway will be held on Saturday, October 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Star City Shores parking lot. Two hundred fifty free trees in five different large growing shade varieties will be available to residents for planting on their private property. Two trees per household will be given away on a first come-first serve basis. A second similar event will be held in the spring.
- **Put the Beds to Bed** – The annual spading of the garden beds at Sunken Gardens will be held as tradition, the first Saturday of November, the 7th. Areas will be sectioned to provide social distancing measures for volunteer workers.
- **New Board Member** – Katie Graf was introduced and provided a short personal overview, including that she is a recent Board member for Wilderness Park.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairperson Poe declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.