

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Woods Park Place 3rd Floor Conference Room (3131 O Street) and Zoom
Thursday, January 14, 2021 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

++ Bradley Brandt	++ Justin Carlson	++ Roy Christensen
Dylan Cork	++ Jim Crook	++ Katie Graf
++ Sherrie Nelson	++ Jonathan Petersen	++ Tammy Poe
++ Isabel Salas	Jeff Schwebke	++ Jennifer Seacrest
++ Rick Vest	++ Kathi Wieskamp	

Members Absent:

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Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	++ Holly Lewis, Asst. Director/Recreation
++ JJ Yost, Planning & Facilities Manager	++ Chris Myers, Park Operations Manager
++ Denise Pearce, Special Projects Adm.	++ Sara Hartzell, Parks Planner
++ Maggie Stuckey, Lincoln Parks Foundation Director	
Angela Chesnut, Executive 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 4:08 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut, noting two members in person and ten members via Zoom. Due to this meeting being held as a Work Session rather than a regular Board meeting, an in-person quorum was not needed, and all members could participate in discussions. No official business was conducted.

STAFF REPORTS:

- **Draft Climate Action Plan:**

Lynn Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) identifying some of the actions that relate to themes for Parks & Recreation. There will be a review and refinement of the number of action items to be included in the Climate Action Plan, which will then be presented to the City Council later this winter for review and adoption. There are eight themes for the Climate Action Plan, of which Parks & Recreation has actions included in seven: Transition to low-carbon energy; Build a decarbonized and efficient transportation infrastructure; Improve protections for Lincoln residents; Build a resilient local food system; Maximize natural climate solutions; Reduce waste; Engage residents in co-creating a climate smart future. The one that Parks & Recreation does not include actions is Align economic development goals with climate realities to ensure a thriving economic.

Sara Hartzell provided additional information on next steps and timing, and informed board members that they could review the entire Climate Action Plan and an executive summary on the City's website. Following Planning Commission and City Council endorsement, implementation could begin by April 2021.

- **Ongoing Adjustments and 2021 Programs & Projects:**

Holly Lewis updated Board members on current Recreation programming with indoor youth and adult team sports programs being canceled. Centers do remain open with occupancy limitations, and CLC's continue to be open. Facility rentals to the public remain on hold, although guidance for resuming will be discussed with the Health Department in the upcoming month. Portable restrooms were also not placed at dog runs or trailheads for the winter in conformance with the summer procedures and necessary sanitary guidelines due to COVID-19.

JJ Yost added current and upcoming projects – replacement of Auld Pavilion wood floor; Cascade Fountain renovation; plans development for Airpark Recreation Center/Williams Branch Library replacement; transfer of a portion of Cooper Park land to LPS with new shared play field anticipated to be completed in 2022; update of the City/County Comprehensive Plan, with recommendations to the Board in early 2021; review and refinement of draft 2020 Climate Action Plan; Wilderness Park user experience master plan; updating guidelines for donor recognition, facility naming, and inscriptions on tribute items; beginning updates of 10-year facilities plan; Pioneers Golf Course irrigation system replacement; renovation of Clancy Woolman Clubhouse at Highlands Golf Course; Phase III Pinewood Bowl improvements; final plans and construction documents for South Haymarket park and plaza project. Questions and discussions among Board members and staff were held clarifying specific items.

- **Lincoln Parks Foundation Report – Land Trust:**

Maggie Stuckey informed the Board that the Foundation has started a Land Conservancy to support the department and City with potential land acquisition. The Conservancy will be called Solidago, which is the Latin word for goldenrod – Nebraska's state flower. The Conservancy has been formed as an affiliated non-profit of the Lincoln Parks Foundation and will have a separate governing board. A public launch will be planned for late summer or early fall of 2021.

ADJOURN:

There being no further reports or discussions, Chairperson Justin Carlson declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.