

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place Lower Level Training Center, 3131 O Street

Thursday, February 11, 2021 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Dylan Cork (4:08 pm)	Jim Crook
Katie Graf	Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe	Jeff Schwebke
Jennifer Seacrest	Rick Vest (4:05 pm)	Kathi Wieskamp	

Members Absent:

Bradley Brandt	Gatran Gatnoor	++ Sherrie Nelson	++ Isabel Salas
Lori Thomas			

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	Denise Pearce, Special Projects Adm.
Maggie Stuckey, Foundation Director	++ Sara Hartzell, Park Planner
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 nine in-person Board members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Roy Christensen and seconded by Katie Graf to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting and the work session summary from January 14, 2021 as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke.** **"No": None.** **"Abstain": Jonathan Petersen, Jennifer Seacrest, Kathi Wieskamp.** **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Diane Walkowiak, Indian Village Neighborhood Association, commented on the Climate Action Plan and the involvement of Parks & Recreation Department portions of the plan. She questioned whether edible landscaping has been discussed, such as native plums, currents, and others. Lynn Johnson informed that the draft Climate Action Plan is posted on the City website for public review and will be presented to the City Council in March. Sara Hartzell also mentioned that there have been conversations about the topic of local food and how Parks & Recreation might play a role in providing opportunities for both community gardens and urban agriculture.

Rick Vest arrived at 4:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair) 402-421-8103**

Tammy Poe introduced the topic of future development and renovation of park improvements at Peach Park. JJ Yost shared additional information and map of the proposed master plan (attached to official minutes on record). Improvements in the plan are consistent with the standard program for neighborhood parks. And is identified in the department's 10-Year Facilities Plan as a medium priority.

Dylan Gatnoor arrived at 4:08 p.m.

Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp. **“No”**: None. **“Abstain”**: Dylan Gatnoor. **Motion carried.**

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Jeff Schwebke reported that the Policies Committee has been reviewing the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan updates over the past few months, discussing various aspects of the plan. Lynn Johnson noted that an equity review was included during the discussions which provided mapping, criteria, and outcomes. Sara Hartzell provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached to official minutes on record) as an overview and synopsis of the updates. The plan provides a vision for future development of Lincoln and Lancaster County including parks, recreation facilities and programs, and open spaces.

Board members provided comments and appreciation for the work and presentation during the presentation. A motion was then made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Kathy Wieskamp to endorse the portion of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan updates providing guidance for parks, recreation, and open spaces. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Dylan Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp. **“No”**: None. **“Abstain”**: Roy Christensen. **Motion carried.**

Lynn Johnson noted that the information will be forwarded to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, with the action from the PRAB providing recommendation to the Mayor, City Council, and Lancaster County Board as the plan moves its way through the review and adoption process.

Policies Committee will not be meeting in February.

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

Wade Foreman provided an update (copy of report attached to official minutes on record) from the golf program. October and November showed good rounds due to favorable weather. During the fall and winter, staff continued tree removal efforts, fall fertilizer, weed control, and servicing golf carts. Pioneers Golf Course irrigation

replacement continues to be discussed with design efforts completed. Carpet and tile have recently been replaced at the Clancy Woolman Clubhouse at Highlands Golf Course, which was original from 1993. With the cold weather the courses have been quiet over the last couple of months.

Next Golf Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, at 12:00 noon.

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

Maggie Stuckey for the Lincoln Parks Foundation, as they work on closing out 2020:

- * 1,103 unique donors; 65 bricks added to Veteran's Memorial Garden; 56 bricks added to Sunken Gardens; 201 neighbors donated to the Trendwood Park pathway project; 414 unique memorial gifts; \$24,483 donated during Give to Lincoln Day.

- * Mini-grant program awards: Star City BMX, Trendwood Park pathway project, Flying Disc Club, Girl Scout Troop #20706, Highlands Golf Clubhouse, Holmes Lake Park accessible pathway and bench, Forestry employee appreciation event.

- * Foundation Board approved funds to be directed to the Air Park Recreation Center campaign through an unrestricted estate gift and the Challenge Grant fund.

Justin Carlson introduced the slate of proposed officers for 2021 as Tammy Poe, Chair, and Sherrie Nelson, Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Rick Vest to approve the proposed slate of officers and elect Tammy Poe as Chair and Sherrie Nelson as Vice-Chair for 2021. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Dylan Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp. "No": None. Motion carried.**

Committee assignments were discussed and Board members were asked which committees they were interested in serving on. Committee members and chairs were appointed by Chairperson Tammy Poe. Meeting times were also reviewed with a determination that all Committee meetings and the Board meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting is being rescheduled for Tuesday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m. due to other conflicts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Katie Graf and seconded by Justin Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Justin Carlson, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Dylan Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp. "No": None. Motion carried.**