

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place Lower Level Training Center, 3131 O Street
Thursday, March 11, 2021 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Carlson	Dylan Cork	Jim Crook	Gatran Gatnoor
Katie Graf	Sherrie Nelson	Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe
Jeff Schwebke	Rick Vest		

Members Absent:

++ Bradley Brandt	Roy Christensen	Isabel Salas	++ Jennifer Seacrest
Lori Thomas	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
Angela Chesnut, Exec. Secretary	

++ denotes Zoom attendee

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

As per law, 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 ten in-person Board members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dylan Cork noted that his name was incorrect in a few locations in the minutes, which will be corrected by the Secretary. A motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Rick Vest to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: "Yes": **Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest.** "No": None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee** – Jennifer Seacrest (Chair)
No report at this time.

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

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

Next Policies Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)**
Sherrie Nelson informed Board members that the ongoing surcharge of golf rounds will retire the Holmes Golf clubhouse bond in September 2021. It has been proposed and recommended by the Lincoln City Golf Advisory Committee to repurpose the surcharge for an additional ten years in order to pay for a new irrigation system at Pioneers Golf Course. The Pioneers Golf irrigation system is approximately 37 years old, with a life expectancy of 25 years. The Parks & Recreation Department received two written comments in favor of the proposal.

A motion was made by Rick Vest and seconded by Jim Crook to endorse the approval of retaining the surcharge established for the Holmes Golf clubhouse for replacement of the Pioneers Golf irrigation system. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

Wade Foreman provided a brief update noting that no golf was played in February due to snow and cold weather. Both Pioneers Golf Course and Highlands Golf Course have been nominated as one of the top five courses in the Lincoln Choice Awards, with final voting occurring at this time. The Highlands Golf Course clubhouse flooring and restroom renovation projects are completed.

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

- **Executive Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair)**
Justin Carlson provided a report for the Lincoln Parks Foundation on behalf of Maggie Stuckey who was unable to be in attendance:
 - * We are working on the implementation timeline for the Irving Stransky Rudge project so that after we see federal notification about our recent grant, we can begin!
 - * We are preparing for fundraising activities related to the Wilderness Park Masterplan project, pending Park Board approval this spring.
 - * It is brick season! We are reviewing and approving bricks for placement in Sunken Gardens, Veterans Memorial Garden, and the inaugural bricks at Cascade Fountain.

Party in the Parks 2021: Lynn Johnson presented the 2021 Party in the Parks events (copy attached to official minutes on record) for consideration of the Board. Some of the events have not been confirmed yet due to unknown protocols in the coming months as a result of the pandemic. Two additions proposed for the year are melodrama performances in parks by Lincoln Community Playhouse and Lighthouse’s bike event at Union Plaza. A motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Jonathan Peters to approve the 2021 Party in the Parks activities as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Justin Carlson,**

Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest. “No”: None. **Motion carried.**

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom.

STAFF REPORT

Lynn Johnson provided a presentation (copy attached to official minutes on records) which was prepared as part of the budget process regarding the levels of services that were offered in fiscal year 2019-2020, and the projected restoration in levels of service proposed for fiscal year 2021-2022. Office staff will begin taking reservations for facility rentals in April for reservations beginning May 1st. Permanent and portable restrooms will also be placed and opened beginning the first part of May.

It was announced that staff are working through the process of finalizing the Wilderness Park User Experience Masterplan. Lynn Johnson proposed that the April 8th PRAB meeting be canceled and replaced with a Special meeting on Thursday, April 22nd with primary focus to be review and approval of the Wilderness Park User Experience Masterplan. A status report will be presented to the Facilities/Infrastructure Committee prior to the Special PRAB meeting. The Policies Committee meeting in March will not be held.

JJ Yost noted that the re-bid of the Cascade Fountain renovation project received five bids, versus the original one bid last fall, with several bids below the engineer’s estimate. Staff will be moving forward with a contract award soon.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest.** **“No”:** None. **Motion carried.**