

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board SPECIAL Meeting*

Woods Park Place Lower-Level Training Center, 3131 O Street

Thursday, April 22, 2021 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Members Absent:**

Justin Carlson	Roy Christensen	Gatran Gatnoor	Lori Thomas
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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
Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator	Denise Pearce, Special Projects Adm.
Sara Hartzell, Parks & Rec Planner	Angela Chesnut, Exec. Secretary

### **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. Chairperson Poe also informed members in attendance that due to a change in the Open Meetings Act which was signed into law today (April 22, 2021), during an emergency declared by the Governor of Nebraska, members of public bodies may now meet, participate, and vote virtually. Roll was then called by Angela Chesnut declaring a quorum with nine Board members present either in-person or via Zoom.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Rick Vest. "Abstain": Dylan Cork, Katie Graf, Isabel Salas. "No": None.** Motion carried.

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

None.

Jennifer Seacrest and Kathi Wieskamp arrived.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Jennifer Seacrest (Chair)**  
Wilderness Park User Experience Master Plan: Sara Hartzell provided a Power Point presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) outlining the process followed during the in developing the Wilderness Park User Experience Master Plan, highlighting assistance from partner agencies and input from the public through virtual and in-person self-guided tours, in-person signage demo, and use and project surveys. The plan intends to improve trailheads, signage, trail route options,

including updated mapping, for hiking, biking, and equestrian use; bridge, connector, and connector repairs/replacement; project prioritization and funding.

Questions and comments were added by Board members including timeline, park maintenance, and user education. Penny Costello with Friends of Wilderness Park also commented on starting dates and thanked Sara and Board members for all of the work.

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Jonathan Petersen to endorse the Wilderness Park User Experience Master Plan for guidance in capital improvements in the park as proposed and presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp**. **“No”**: **None**. **Motion carried**.

Renaming Heritage School Building at Pioneers Park: Lynn Johnson gave a brief overview of the history of the Heritage School which was moved to Pioneers Park in 2010 from the Nebraska State Fair site in Lincoln. Prior to that time the building was originally identified as The Cunningham School District 113. Lincoln Public Schools provides educational programming at the site for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and has requested (copy of letter attached to official minutes on record) that the Heritage School be renamed as Cunningham School, District 113, returning it to its original identity. A motion was made by Rick Vest and seconded by Jim Crook to recommend to the City Council approval of a resolution to rename the Heritage School Building at Pioneers Park to Cunningham School, District 113. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Rick Vest, Kathi Wieskamp**. **“No”**: **None**. **Motion carried**.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Rick Vest and Katie Graf left the meeting.

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

Next Policies Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)**  
Sherrie Nelson reported that operationally the golf program is doing really well coming out of the winter months. There were no rounds played in February, although March and April have begun to rebound, with rounds and revenue both above target for the year. The main focus at the March meeting was regarding hole #5 at Pioneers Golf Course. The area has been discussed by the Golf Advisory Committee and could be address in conjunction with an upcoming irrigation project.

Next Golf Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, April 22, and on Thursday, May 27, at 12:00 noon.

- **Executive Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair)**

Bradley Brandt provided a report for the Lincoln Parks Foundation on behalf of Maggie Stuckey who was unable to be in attendance:

- \* Cascade Fountain construction is beginning, with JJ Yost adding that the contractor is beginning to mobilize at the site. Estimated completion date is near the end of October. Brad noted that Maggie stated that there are nearly 400 bricks to install in the first year of the “Honor Roll” program. The initial goal was 250 bricks, so Foundation staff are very pleased. A time lapse of construction will be created and available to the public online.

- \* Several public events upcoming – May 1<sup>st</sup> Arbor Day Tree Distribution; Wake Up the Beds at Sunken Gardens; Give to Lincoln Day with a focus for donations on behalf of Wilderness Park improvements; Memorial Day observance at Veterans Memorial Garden on May 31<sup>st</sup>

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Lynn Johnson reported:

- \* City Council held a public for consideration of a Certificate of Participation Bond Financing for both the new Airpark Recreation Center and the replacement of the irrigation system at Pioneers Golf Course, both as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

- \* The 10-year facilities plan will be kicked off soon for 2021 beginning with quadrant/district reviews. The Facilities/Infrastructure Committee will be reviewing updates in June, with Board consideration in November or December.

- \* Informed of concerns from neighborhood residents regarding Cooper Park/Park Middle School. Lynn and JJ Yost have been communicating with the residents and working through resolution.

### **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Isabel Salas to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp**. **“No”**: None. **“No response/technical difficulty”**: **Jennifer Seacrest**. **Motion carried.**