

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Suite 300, Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, June 10, 2021 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Dylan Cork (arrived 4:07 p.m.)	Jim Crook
Gatran Gatnoor	Katie Graf	Sherrie Nelson	Jonathan Petersen
Tammy Poe	Isabel Salas	Jeff Schwebke	Jennifer Seacrest
Sändra Washington (arrived 4:33 p.m.)		Kathi Wieskamp	

### **Members Absent:**

Lori Thomas                  Rick Vest

### **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
Maggie Stuckey, Parks Foundation Director	Angela Chesnut, Exec. Secretary

++ *staff participating via Zoom due to meeting room capacity*

Chairperson Poe noted that Sändra Washington had been appointed as the new City Council representative to the Board. She also acknowledged student members Dylan Cork and Gatran Gatnoor whose terms will expire with the current meeting and presented them with a token of thanks for their service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

### **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 twelve in-person Board members present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Kathi Wieskamp to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Kathi Wieskamp.** “Abstain”: Justin Carlson. “No”: None. **Motion carried.**

Dylan Cork arrived at 4:07 p.m.

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

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Policies Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair)**

Jeff Schwebke introduced the request to merge “Pine Lake Road Park/Pine Lake Park” and “56<sup>th</sup> & London Road Park” and change the working name for the entire combined geographic area, approximately 45.7 acres, to “Beal Slough Greenway”.

The two park areas were acquired at different times, with additional parcels between

the two acquired over time, which connected the parks. Following brief discussion and comments, a motion was made by Jeff Schwebke and seconded by Justin Carlson to combine the parcels that make up and adjoin “Pine Lake Road Park/Pine Lake Park” and “56<sup>th</sup> & London Road Park” to a new working name of “Beal Slough Greenway”. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”**: **Dylan Cork.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Next Policies Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Jennifer Seacrest (Chair)**  
Jennifer Seacrest gave a brief overview of the request for Board endorsement of an amendment to the Cooper Park Master Plan. JJ Yost discussed the history of the master plan development and various previous updates. Following recent community meetings held by Parks & Recreation Department, Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), and Transportation & Utilities Department (LTU), and feedback received from residents located near Cooper Park and Park Middle School, additional master plan modifications (copy attached to official minutes on record) are being proposed. Board member questions were discussed with proposed improvements to include replacement of two tennis courts with one standard size tennis court and two junior size tennis courts that can also be used for pickleball play. Due to additional construction on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and at Park Middle School will make this a coordinated effort between Parks & Recreation, LPS, and LTU. Additional details were discussed.

A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the endorsement of the amendment to the Cooper Park Master Plan update as presented by staff. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“Abstain”**: **Jennifer Seacrest.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Sändra Washington arrived at 4:33 p.m.

A proposed master plan (copy attached to official minutes on record) was presented by Jennifer Seacrest for a new disc golf course at the newly renamed Beal Slough Greenway. Trenton Franz and James Fleege from the Lincoln Flying Disc Club (LFDC) participated and provided a presentation via Zoom regarding their vision for an 18-hole disc golf course. The project would be two-phased with a path constructed in the initial phase and the concrete tee pads in the second phase. LFDC will coordinate with the Lincoln Parks Foundation for a capital campaign to fund the new proposed course along with pursuing additional funding sources. Additional discussion included topics of floodplain, mowing and maintenance, trail extension plans, parking, nearby private property and housing. This is a fluid master plan proposal and subject to future revision and updates. Following a virtual mapped review and final conversation regarding adjacent private property, phasing timeframes, and mowing and maintenance responsibilities, a motion was made by Jonathan Petersen and seconded by Justin Carlson to approve the proposed Master

Plan and layout for a new disc golf course at Beal Slough Greenway as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp.** “No”: None. **Motion carried.**

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)**

Sherrie informed that there were no actions items from the Golf Advisory Committee at this time although discussion and proposed action regarding an operational reserve fund in the near future. Wade Foreman reviewed the monthly report and recent Golf Advisory Committee meetings. He also announced that Pioneers Golf Course had recently received the Lincoln Choice Award for best golf course in Lincoln. Programs are now in full swing and the Pioneers Golf Course irrigation project is in the final bid stage.

Next Golf Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon.

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

Maggie Stuckey updated Board members with a report from the Lincoln Parks Foundation:

- \* Give to Lincoln Day raised just over \$30,000 designated to Lincoln Parks Foundation.
- \* Bricks of Honor Dedication Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Veteran’s Memorial Garden at 10:00 a.m., with dedication of bricks from 2020 and 2021.
- \* Benjamin Victor, artist for the Dr. Susan LaFlesch Picotte sculpture, will be at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center during the coming week for public hours while he works on the sculpture.
- \* The third year of Hub & Soul is coming soon, beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, on Thursday evenings at Union Plaza.

Tammy Poe introduced new Board member, Sändra Washington, the new City Council representative for PRAB. Sändra served on the Board approximately 15 years ago and stated that it was good to be back.

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

**STAFF REPORT:**

- Woods Park Master Plan: Lynn Johnson and JJ Yost provided a visual description (copy attached to official minutes on record) of the current layout of the Woods Park playground area and discussed two minor updates for consideration. The Woods Park master plan amendments would include the addition of a unity swing on the east side of the existing playground, as well as relocation of the basketball court to the northwestern portion of the park. Since these are considered minor amendments to the master plan they would not need to be carried forward to the

City Council at this time. Various discussions were held regarding the variety of amenities and green space at Woods Park.

Justin Carlson left at 5:11 p.m.  
Isabel Salas left at 5:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Sherrie Nelson and second by Jeff Schwebke to approve the minor amendments to the Woods Park Master Plan as proposed. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

Jonathan Petersen left at 5:24 p.m.

- Lynn Johnson informed Board members that, per Municipal Code, a temporary modification was recently made to park hours at Peter Pan Park due to severe vandalism. Closing time of the park was changed to 8:00 p.m. for a two-week period and has now been restored to regular hours. Another temporary modification of park hours is also being made at the BMX track at 1<sup>st</sup> & Charleston, during two separate weekend competitions, allowing overnight camping on site.
- Lynn relayed that, due to the Open Meetings Act and the lifting of the pandemic emergency declaration, City Advisory Board meetings will no longer include Zoom as an option for board member participation and establishment of a quorum. However, subcommittee meetings will continue to have Zoom as an option for participation.
- The Executive Committee meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> will be for new student member interviews for the 2021-2022 academic year.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will be a joint meeting with the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The group will meet initially at the Lincoln Fire and Rescue Training Center north of Sherman Field on West South Street. Following that discussion individuals will travel and regroup at the Pioneers Park Nature Center Education Building located at the west end of Pioneers Park.

### **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Jennifer Seacrest and seconded by Kathi Wieskamp to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Dylan Cork, Jim Crook, Gatran Gatnoor, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**