

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Third Floor Conference Room
Thursday, June 9, 2022 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jessica Boren	Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Katie Graf
Jonathan Petersen (arrived 4:03 p.m.)		Tammy Poe	Jeff Schwebke
Sandra Washington (arrived 4:07 p.m.)		Kathi Wieskamp	

Members Absent:

Bradley Brandt	Alex Halvorsen	Conleigh Hemmer	Sherrie Nelson
Jennifer Seacrest	Rick Vest	Vacancy (I.Salas)	

Staff Members Present:

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, 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 Admin.
Jocelyn Golden, Ass. City Attorney	Angela Quinn, 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. Roll was called by Angela Quinn declaring a quorum of Board members present.

Jonathan Petersen arrived at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Katie Graf to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Jessica Boren, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke. "Abstain": Justin Carlson, Jonathan Petersen, Kathi Wieskamp. "No": None. Motion carried.**

A motion was then made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Kathie Wieskamp to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Jessica Borren, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Kathi Wieskamp. "No": None. Motion carried.**

Sandra Washington arrived at 4:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Paul Hammel addressed the Board regarding the new playground equipment and amenities being planned at Irvingdale Park. Mr. Hammel distributed photos (attached to official minutes on record) and asked that the Board help to reconsider some of the changes planned. He was unable to attend the public open house recently held and he and others were disappointed to learn what was planned. Mr. Hammel presented himself as speaking on behalf of the neighbors, including forty-six individuals who had signed a petition (attached to official minutes on record), and the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association who submitted a

resolution (attached to official minutes on record) asking that reconsideration be given. Mr. Hammel noted specific items that are proposed to be removed or rearranged including playground equipment, basketball court, and trees in the park.

Following presentation, Mr. Hammel encouraged board members to ask questions. Discussion followed with Justin Carlson, Tammy Poe, JJ Yost, and Sändra Washington. Mr. Yost offered that the construction plans could be presented to the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee if the Board so desires. Mr. Carlson and Ms. Washington agreed that further discussion should be directed to an upcoming Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting where all comments could be considered.

Final discussion resulted with Board Chair Tammy Poe referring further Irvingdale Park renovation plans and reconsideration discussion to the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee at their next meeting. Chair Poe asked Mr. Hammel to submit his comments in writing so that they could be shared with the Committee and Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Jennifer Seacrest (Chair)**

JJ Yost informed that in 2018 the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed an Action Plan for the development of a bridle path system in Pioneers Park. The first three phases of the plan have been completed. An amendment to the Action Plan (copy attached to official minutes on record) is being proposed to add a fourth phase for an extension along the eastern and southeastern boundaries of the park. Walt Broer and Hadley Richters commented affirmatively and added their appreciation for everyone in the work that has been done together. Following questions and additional discussion between Board members and staff, a motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Katie Graf to approve the endorsement of the amendment to the Pioneers Park Bridle Path Action Plan to include an additional Phase IV segment. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Jessica Borren, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp**. **“No”**: **None**. **Motion carried.**

Denise Pearce provided an overview of a proposal at the southeast corner of N. 1st Street and Cornhusker Highway which was included in the 2009 West Haymarket Integrated Development Plan as “the Nebraska Sports Triangle” for future development of facilities for organized sports activities. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is being asked to formally endorse use of this area as a sports field complex pending Land & Water conversion approval and subject to negotiations between the City and a private developer. Questions and discussions from Justin Carlson, Sändra Washington, Jonathan Petersen, and Katie Graf were addressed by Denise and JJ. A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Justin Carlson to endorse and support the use of City owned property at the southeast corner of N. 1st Street and Cornhusker Highway for organized sports activities. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Jessica Borren, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp**. **“No”**: **None**. **Motion carried.**

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting – Wednesday, July 20th at 4:00 p.m.

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

No report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, July 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Jim Crook left at 4:55 p.m.

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

Wade Foreman provided a review of golf reports from April and May highlighting turf recovery process due to the dry conditions, which will remain a challenge going into summer. Golf rounds and tournaments are going strong as courses move into their traditionally busier season.

Wade also discussed a request from the Golf Committee for approval of a policy regarding mobility devices on Lincoln Municipal Golf Courses (copy attached to official minutes on record). It was explained that alternative modes of transportation, such as motorcycle-type scooters or e-bikes, that are being adapted for golf. The Golf Committee has concluded that a policy was needed in order to establish allowable modes of transportation that could be used on City-owned golf courses. This policy would be established at a base level and could be modified as needed over time. After review and explanation, a motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Jonathan Petersen to approve the policy as proposed by the Golf Committee to establish allowable modes of transportation at City Golf Courses. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: Jessica Borren, Justin Carlson, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp. **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, June 23rd at 12:00 noon.

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

Lincoln Parks Foundation Report, Maggie Stuckey-Ross:

- * Announced that there were over 1,000 people engaged at events over the last eight weeks – Hamman Rose Garden had over 45 people; dedication of new pathway at Trendwood Park with about 50 people; Wake up the Beds had 100 attendees; Run-Bike-Run event in May had over 150 runners/cyclists and 50 volunteers; Cascade Fountain dedication saw 450 people; retirement party honoring Lynn Johnson for Foundation Board, Trustees, and donors had about 100 people; Cascade Fountain open house included around 100 people.

- * This Saturday, the Veteran’s Garden bricks of honor program will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Denise Pearce addressed the Board regarding a proposal for naming the nature camp building at Pioneers Park for former department director Lynn Johnson. The request does comply with Policy 2022-02 Regarding Naming, On Site Donor Recognition, and Donor Acknowledgement Bench Program. Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors and Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department staff enthusiastically recommend approval of this proposal. The formal approval process would be a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to the City Council. A motion was made by Katie Graf and seconded by Sändra Washington and moved for approval by acclamation. Upon roll call vote members

voted as follows: “Yes”: **Jessica Borren, Justin Carlson, Katie Graf, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Sändra Washington, Kathi Wieskamp.** “No”: None. **Motion carried.**

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Per Lincoln Municipal Code, the director reported approval of after-hours use for events at Hyde Observatory on the evening of Sunday, May 15th, and at the BMX track south of Oak Lake on July 1st through 3rd and September 9th through 11th.

Holly Lewis reported good news that all nine of the City’s public pools are open! Many state and nationwide pools are not able to open all pools this year due to staff shortages. The aquatics team brainstormed, researched, and provided training to potential staff. Programs and hours of operation are being modified in order to have all pools open.

Ms. Lewis recognized Kathi Wieskamp, PRAB representative for LPS, who will be retiring and thus in attendance at her last Board meeting. The department and Board thanked Kathi for her service with a small plaque of appreciation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bricks of Honor dedication will be on June 11th, 10:00-11:00 a.m., followed by a Veterans Freedom Music Festival in Antelope Park.

Sue Krueger Park dedication event on June 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Uncle Sam Jam Celebration on July 3rd in Oak Park beginning at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled as a joint meeting with Lincoln Parks Foundation Board on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. It was reported that this meeting is being canceled due to transitions in leadership taking place at this time!

Meeting adjourned.