

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Suite 300, Lower-Level Training Center
Thursday, October 14, 2021 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Katie Graf	Alex Halvorsen
Sherrie Nelson	Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe	Isabel Salas (arrived 4:05 p.m.)
Jennifer Seacrest	Sändra Washington (arrived 4:03 p.m.)		

Members Absent:

Jim Crook	Conleigh Hemmer	Jeff Schwebke	Lori Thomas
Rick Vest	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	Denise Pearce, Special Projects Admin.
Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Foundation Director	Angela Quinn, Exec. Secretary

++ *staff participating via Zoom*

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.

Sändra Washington arrived at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Justin Carlson to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Sändra Washington.** **"Abstain": Jennifer Seacrest.** **"No": None.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Next Policies Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th, at 4:00 p.m. with a discussion on new mowing standards.

Isabel Salas arrived at 4:08 p.m.

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

A pump track facility has been requested by Star City BMX to be developed east of the current BMX track near Charleston & N. 1st Street, south of Oak Lake Park. Lynn Johnson provided a GIS map and images of the proposed facility. Tim Beckman representing Star City BMX provided a description of a pump track as a series of rollers and turns that can be used by bicycles, scooters, or skateboards at any skill level. Other Star City BMX members participating in the discussion were Josh Larson, Chris Sondra, Justin Darling, and Stephanie Ferris. She has begun fundraising efforts with over \$12,000 currently raised. The pump track would be open to the public the same as the BMX track currently is. Board member questions were answered and discussions held. Future phases were also discussed.

A motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to approve the development of a new pump track facility as presented and recommended by the Fees & Infrastructure Committee. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jennifer Seacrest, Sändra Washington.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

Committee Chair, Jennifer Seacrest, informed the Board that the public comment timeframe for the Parks & Recreation 10-Year Facilities Plan update was extended through October 8th, with four comments received.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th, at 4:00 p.m., for review of the 2021 10-year Facilities Plan public comments.

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

Sherrie Nelson and Wade Foreman updated PRAB members reporting that the 169,000-round goal for the was exceeded and actual rounds played were 209,787. A national event was held at the Highlands Course with only two golfers from Nebraska. Wade reported on equipment that has surpassed its useful life and the plans for replacements. Pioneers' fairway #5 and irrigation installation is ongoing.

Sherrie informed board member of net profits due to rounds and revenue exceeding projections during 2020 and 2021 providing an opportunity to establish an operating reserve fund for the program. These funds may be expended only for the City Golf program. Working with the City Finance Department, a Lincoln City Golf Reserve Fund would be established and maintained per specific guidelines (copy attached to official minutes on record). The Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee has discussed and voted at their September 23rd meeting to recommend approval to PRAB. Discussion was held regarding various golf programs and additional information was included.

A motion was made by Jennifer Seacrest and seconded by Bradley Brandt to approve establishment of the City Golf program reserve fund as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jennifer Seacrest, Sändra Washington.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

Next Golf Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28th, at 12:00 noon.

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

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Lincoln Parks Foundation Director, provided the Foundation update:

- * The Hub & Soul Concert series had over 450 volunteers; over 2,400 attendees averaged to over 400 people per evening; \$10,000 was raised through donations for the Chris Beutler Trail connection in the South Haymarket area.
- * Cascade Fountain bricks have arrived! The Fountain dedication will be held on June 2, 2022.

Tammy Poe thanked Jennifer Seacrest and Alex Halvorsen for volunteering on behalf of the Board, and officially appointed them to serve on the Outdoor Inclusive Play Working Group. Working Group and public meetings are being scheduled in the very near future.

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28th, at 4:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORT:

- 2021 Pool Season Report: Recreation Coordinator Melissa Lindeman and Aquatics Supervisor Kayla Sellhorn provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to official minutes on record) for the 2021 aquatics program. A large challenge was due to staff shortages and the low number of returning staff leading to training and certification for a large number of new staff. Certain lessons and programs were modified due to these staffing challenges. Attendance and gate revenue was consistent with the 2019 season.
- Design of new Air Park Recreation Center/Williams Branch Library Facility: JJ Yost gave a brief overview of the new Air Park Recreation Center and Williams Branch Library project sharing various design sketches depicting a number of areas of the proposed facility, both inside and outside, with design revisions continuing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dedication of Tilted Donut #7 by sculptor Fletcher Benton was held on Thursday, October 7th in Trago Park
- Dedication of Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte by sculpture Ben Victor was held at 11 am on Monday, October 11 in Centennial Mall between K and M Streets
- Veteran's Parade will be held on Sunday, November 7th, 2:00 p.m., beginning with an opening ceremony at the State Capital building north steps, 14th & K Streets
- Reminder that the next Advisory Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10th, rather than Thursday, due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Isabel Salas to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Isabel Salas, Jennifer Seacrest, Sändra Washington.** **“No”**: None. **Motion carried.**