

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Lower-Level Training Center
Thursday, May 11, 2023 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt Justin Carlson (arrived 4:13 p.m.) Jim Crook
Katie Graf (arrived 4:04 p.m.) Alex Halvorsen Jonathan Petersen
Tammy Poe Matt Schulte Jeff Schwebke JJ Toczek
S ndra Washington

Members Absent:

Jessica Boren Vacant (C. Hemmer) Vacant (J. Jackson) Sherrie Nelson
Jennifer Seacrest

Staff Members Present:

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Director Holly Lewis, Asst. Director/Recreation
JJ Yost, Planning & Facilities Manager Chris Myers, Park Operations Manager
Denise Pearce, Special Projects Admin. Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney
Wade Foreman, Golf Bus. Coordinator Randy Gordon, Parks Foundation Director
Angela Quinn, Exec. Secretary

CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF ‘OPEN MEETINGS ACT’:

As per law, Chairperson Jonathan Petersen announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Petersen announced that anyone from the audience who wished to speak on topics listed or not listed on the printed agenda sign in on the provided sheets, then state and spell their name and address prior to beginning comments. Those speaking are encouraged to focus on presenting new information, rather than repeating prior points or information and to limit comments and presentations to three minutes. Roll was called by Angela Quinn who declared a quorum of Board members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bradley Brandt and seconded by Tammy Poe to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Alex Halvorsen, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jeff Schwebke, JJ Toczek.** **“Abstain”:** **Jim Crook, S ndra Washington.** **“No”:** **None. Motion carried.**

Kattie Graf arrived at 4:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

No members of the public requested to speak on items not listed on the May 11, 2023 agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Bradley Brandt (Chair)**
Committee Chairperson Brandt introduced the Mountain Bike Facilities master plan agenda item noting that the full plan could be viewed at lincoln.ne.gov keyword Mountain Bike.

Justin Carlson arrived at 4:13 p.m.

Sara Hartzell provided a review of the overall process which included board/committee representatives along with members of the public, resulting master plan (copy attached to official minutes on record). Board members discussed and staff responded to various questions. Public comment was also provided:

Jamie Granquist, 5457 Betty Lou Blvd. – in favor of proposed master plan.

Jill Tillinghast, 1326 S. 37th Street – thank you; in favor of proposed master plan.

Ruby Tillinghast, 1326 S. 37th Street – youth advocate and in favor of proposed master plan.

Rosina Paolini, 1850 Dakota Street – supportive of mountain biking in Lincoln; plan should be brought before Planning Commission; advocate for different processes to reach more citizens during public comment process.

Jesse Poore, 4310 Locust – advocate for mountain biking and in favor of proposed master plan.

Jason Brummels, 3315 E. Pershing – in favor of proposed master plan and dirt, single track trails.

Adam Hintz, 1919 Prospect Street – in favor of proposed master plan.

Diane Walkowiak, 1600 Sioux Street – much neighborhood support of Van Dorn Park single track and in favor of proposed master plan.

A motion was made by Jim Crook and seconded by Katie Graff to approve the Master Plan for Mountain Bike Facilities in Public Places as presented. Following additional discussion by Board members and staff, upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jeff Schwebke, JJ Toczek, Sändra Washington.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

Jeff Schwebke left at 4:52 p.m.

Matt Schulte left at 5:05 p.m.

JJ Yost discussed the proposed South Haymarket Park master plan (copy attached to official minutes on record) and provided a description and explanation of the current vision. Board members questioned and discussed various aspects and amenities of the proposed new park.

A motion was made by Sändra Washington and seconded by Justin Carlson to endorse the conceptual master plan for development of South Haymarket Park as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, JJ Toczek, Sändra Washington.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

A motion was then made by Justin Carlson and seconded by JJ Toczek to recommend Lincoln Parks Foundation proceed with a capital campaign to fund the proposed South Haymarket Park and to create an endowment. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, JJ Toczek, Sändra Washington.** **“No”**: **None. Motion carried.**

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting – Wednesday, May 17th at 4 p.m.

- **Policies Committee – Katie Graf (Chair)**

Jocelyn Golden provided a review of updates to the Parks & Recreation Department's Behavior Policy. Following Board member discussion and questions, no action was taken.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m.

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

Wade Foreman reported on the recent Golf Committee meeting and provided updates on golf rounds, maintenance, and irrigation updates.

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, May 25th at 12:00 noon

Sandra Washington left at 5:35 p.m.

- **Executive Committee – Jonathan Petersen (Chair)**

Lincoln Parks Foundation Director Randy Gordon announced that the new dock has been installed at Holmes Lake, the Foundation is prepared and excited to begin fund raising efforts for South Haymarket Park, and providing guidance and support for the Lincoln Youth Football capital campaign.

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th at 4:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

Holly Lewis, Assistant Director of Recreation, provided an update on summer programming and upcoming events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chief Standing Bear postage stamp release and ceremony, Friday, May 12th, 11:00 a.m., Centennial Mall at Chief Standing Bear sculpture
- Sunken Gardens Wake up the Beds, Saturday, May 13th, 8:30 a.m., 2600 D Street
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th – Offices Closed / Swimming Pools Open / Memorial Day Ceremony (8:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Garden, 3200 Veterans Memorial Drive)
- Prairie to Prairie 2023: Run-Bike-Run, Sunday, May 21st, 8:30 a.m., Pioneers Park Nature Center to Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center
- GPTN Tour de Lincoln bicycle trail rides (12-16 miles each), every Thursday in May starting at 6:00 p.m. – rides begin and end at Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 21st & Q Streets
- Bricks of Honor Annual Dedication Event, Saturday, June 10th, 10:00 a.m., Veterans Memorial Garden, 3200 Veterans Memorial Drive,

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Justin Carlson and seconded by Katie Graf to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, JJ Toczek.** “No”: **None.**
Motion carried.

The next PRAB meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.