

# MINUTES

*Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*  
Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Lower-Level Training Center  
Thursday, April 23, 2023 ~ 4:00 p.m.

## **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Katie Graf	Sherrie Nelson	Jonathan Petersen
Tammy Poe	Matt Schulte	Jeff Schwebke	Jennifer Seacrest
JJ Toczek			

## **Members Absent:**

Jessica Boren	Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Vacant (C. Hemmer)
Vacant (J. Jackson)	Sandra Washington		

## **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. Roll was called by Angela Quinn who declared a quorum of Board members present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Matt Schulte and seconded by Katie Graf to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Bradley Brandt, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek.** “No”: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Chairman Petersen requested that anyone from the audience who wished to speak on topics 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. The following individual came forward to address the Board:

- Patricia Stear, 2812 T Street – How safe is spraying parks with herbicide? Street trees should not be “V-cut” due to electrical lines; should be replaced with smaller trees or bury lines.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Bradley Brandt (Chair)**  
No report at this time.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting – Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

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

Denise Pearce reported that she had contacted Pinnacle Bank Arena staff, the Mayor’s office, the attorney who works with the JPA, and Jeff Maul of Visit Lincoln and found that there have been discussions regarding some type of recognition for Tom Lorenz at the Arena, however it would potentially be in the form of a plaque. Matt Schulte informed that he had talked with Sändra Washington regarding her questions from the previous meeting. She does feel comfortable moving forward with the proposed recommendation.

A motion was made by Katie Graf and seconded by Matt Schulte to approve recommendation of naming the Pinewood Bowl ticket office on behalf of Tom Lorenz as presented: **“Yes”:** **Bradley Brandt, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek.** **“No”:** **None.** **Motion carried.** Upon final approval from the City Council, the sign will be ordered and placed at the ticket office as soon as it is received.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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

Sherrie Nelson reported that there were no action items to bring forth from the Golf Committee at this time. Wade Foreman noted that golf rounds for February were just slightly ahead of target for the month and year-to-date. Irrigation wells were recently replaced with over 20 years in service. All irrigation systems will be started soon and monitored for efficiency. Seasonal hiring and training for the golf courses are currently underway.

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon

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

Lincoln Parks Foundation Director Randy Gordon announced that the Veterans Memorial Garden and Holmes Lake Dock fundraiser projects have been successfully completed. The dock has been ordered and could possibly be installed in May, exceeding expectations. Foundation is also working with Lincoln Youth Football on a fundraising plan to be launched soon for expansion of the Runza Sports Complex.

Johnathan Peterson provided an committee updates with Bradly Brandt being appointed as the Chairperson for the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee, and Alex Halvorsen joining the Policies Committee.

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

### **Planning/Construction & Facilities Report – JJ Yost**

The Air Park Community Center is in active construction with the exterior of the building reaching completion. Interior construction is under way and staff have met to discuss furniture, fixtures, and equipment details. June 15<sup>th</sup> completion is on schedule with a “soft” move-in from the old location with a more formal dedication after school begins in the fall.

Irvingdale-Rudge construction is now underway, beginning with the rebuilding of the pond wall around the island at Rudge Park and new pathways being constructed. Irvingdale construction will be delayed until after swimming pool season to avoid any disruptions.

### **Director's Report – Maggie Stuckey-Ross**

Facilities & Infrastructure Committee will meet next week to discuss the Mountain Bike Master Plan and the South Haymarket Park Master Plan. The Van Dorn Park Master Plan continues to be assessed regarding safe access and connectivity. A timeline has not yet been determined as additional details are being pulled together.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Spring cleanup at Hamann Rose Garden was held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, with the largest number of volunteers for that annual event.
- Mayor's Press Conference: South Haymarket Park, Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., at the 7<sup>th</sup> & N Streets new park location.
- Arbor Day Celebration with Arbor Day Foundation, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Antelope Park.
- Sunken Gardens Wake up the Beds is scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Matt Schulte and seconded by JJ Toczek to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Bradley Brandt, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Matt Schulte, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek.** **"No": None. Motion carried.**

The next PRAB meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.