

NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: February 12, 2009
LOCATION: *Room 113, County-City Building. 555 So. 10th St.*
TIME: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
CHAIRMAN: Karen Hand

Jeanne Bowling
PARK BOARD BOOK

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'
3. Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2008 *
4. Comments from the Public for Items not Listed on the Agenda
5. Committee Reports
 - A. Fees & Facilities Committee - Jolanda Junge-Kuzma (Chair) 488-4032
 - Recommendation re: approval of proposed funding agreement with the Kinder Porter Scott Family Foundation for the children's play area in Union Plaza *
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 - B. Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
 - No report
 3. Golf Committee
 - Rounds and Revenue
 1. Executive Committee - Karen Hand (Chair) - 423-1244
 - City Council report by Jonathan Cook
 - County Commissioners report by Ray Stevens
 - Lincoln Parks Foundation report
 - PRAB designee to the Antelope Park performance structure steering committee (Bob Ripley)
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7. Staff Report:
 - Hazel Abel Park Master Plan Update - JJ Yost
 - Therapeutic Recreation Program overview
 - Budget and Capital Improvement Program preparation
 - Resource Development Activities for 2009
 - Marketing and communications strategy for programs and facilities
8. Announcements:

* Denotes Action Items

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Room 113 - County City Building

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Members Present:

Rod Confer	Susan Deitchler	Curt Donaldson	Karen Hand
Jolanda Junge-Kuzma		Anne Pagel	Alex Paine
Bob Ripley	Susan Rodenburg	Dennis Scheer	Jeff Schwebke
Barb Walkowiak			

Members Absent:

Jonathan Cook	Georgia Glass	Ray Stevens	Joe Tidball
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Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act': As per law, Chairperson Karen Hand announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted in the City Council Offices.

* **APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 13, 2008 meeting:** *It was moved (Rodenburg) and seconded (Scheer) to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as mailed after change on page one, second agenda item for Fees & Facilities, in 4th sentence year should be 2001 not 1007. Motion carried by majority vote of members present*

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda): None

As an introduction to the agenda item regarding Budget Summary for Natural Resources/Greenways/Nature Center, Nature Center Coordinator Nancy Furman introduced a special guest, Victor, a turkey vulture who has been a resident of the Nature Center for about six years. Nancy gave a brief description of the life of a turkey vulture and answered questions from Board members. She also briefed the Board on the pre-school program offered at the Nature Center which started with one small class and now serves 75 preschoolers every week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131

- **Review of P&R Department Budget Outcomes, Methods and Indicators (discussion item):** Lynn Johnson went over the information included in members packets on the budget outcomes for the Parks & Recreation Department. There are eight broad outcomes that have been identified including: **safety and security**, economic opportunity, **liveable neighborhoods**, **healthy people**, effective transportation, **environmental quality**, accountable government and **identify Lincoln**. These are the activities, facilities and programs that the Administration believes the community expects from City government (the ones in bold are the ones that directly affect the Parks & Recreation Dept.) Each department has organized facilities, programs and services within these eight outcomes. Department activities are then described through goals, methods, and indicators. In their packets, members received a summary of the outcomes, goals, methods and indicators identified for the Parks & Recreation Department. Regarding this process, the Department will be conducting a survey asking the community how they feel about the quality of park maintenance, trail maintenance, operation maintenance of pools and golf courses, etc.

The Departments will be holding interdepartmental meetings over the next few weeks with the intent of getting all the outcomes together by outcome area and then organize and prioritize them before the beginning of the next budget process. One of the things the Board will be asked to do is to look at the standards to determine what is an acceptable level of performance and changes that need to be made. Another thing the Board will be asked to do is help the Department decide how to bench-mark the Department's revenue and the cost recovery process of the Department's programs. Johnson responded

to questions asked by the Board members.

Fees & Facilities Committee - Jolanda Junge-Kuzma (Chair) 488-4032

* **Recommendation re: establishment of Endowment Program for care of the display ponds at Sunken Gardens:** Jolanda Junge-Kuzma reported that a family had come to the Foundation who was interested in having the display ponds at Sunken Gardens named after a family member who was killed a couple years ago who loved fish and worked at the Fish Store. The family would like to give an annual gift that would serve as an endowment and the Foundation would like to get information out to the general public to perhaps create a program similar to 'One Flower Forever', 'Paving the Path' and the fountain bricks at the Rose Garden.

Jerry Shorney (Assistant Director) said this endowment could be set up similar to the facility endowment program. The projected current cost of operating the ponds is about \$2500 per year so a \$50,000 total endowment would be required to fund this cost annually. Naming rights (for the ponds) would need to be a gift of 50% or more of the total endowment program amount. The Department and committee recommend approval of this program language so that Jolanda can go back to the family and give them the needed numbers. If they family chooses to move ahead, the naming process of the ponds could be done in a very subtle manner that would still honor the family's wishes. ***It was moved (Committee) that the Board recommend approval of the establishment of an endowment program for Sunken Gardens display ponds, and set a value for naming rights for the program. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.***

Follow up on possible land use of parcel proposed to be declared as surplus located in the 3100 block of No. 41st St.: JJ Yost updated the Board on this agenda item stating he contacted the gentleman who approached the City about surplusing this property. He said his plans are to construct a garage for his hobbies of refinishing furniture and refurbishing cars. JJ contacted the Planning Department and got confirmation that this use is acceptable within the I-1 zoning. The Department will continue to move ahead with this project with the next step being approval at the Director's level with the Mayor. It would then go the Planning Commission for Comp Plan conformance for surplusing and then on to City Council.

Golf Committee -

- Steve Hiller reported that revenue and rounds are both down which is expected in the winter months. The new fee structure was passed with very few changes and there's a current promotion in the Journal Star underway for a discount card for reduced green fees and/or cart fees for the upcoming season. Membership cards are also currently for sale.

Executive Committee - Karen Hand (Chair) - 423-1244

- **City Council Report** - no report.
- **County Commissioners Report** - no report.
- **Lincoln Parks Foundation Report** - Susan Rodenburg reported that the County Board designated \$25,000 for Union Plaza and the news media have also been very positive about the project. The Timeless Tiles Campaign is in full swing and thus far approximately 100 tiles have been sold - they sell for \$250 each. Each donor receives a certificate, lapel pin and a copy of the wording that will appear on the tiles. This program will continue after the completion of Union Plaza much the same as the Paving the Path and One Flower Forever programs at Sunken Garden and the brick program at the newly renovated Rose Garden. The Union Plaza campaign is at approximately 95% of the goal.
- **Election of Officers for 2009:** Karen Hand was re-elected as Chair and Joe Tidball was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for 2009. Junge-Kuzma moved and Confer seconded to approve the slate of officers. Committee assignments and committee chairs/vice chairs will be appointed at the committee meetings.

Staff Reports:

- **FY-2008-09 Budget Summary for Natural Resources & Greenways Division including Pioneers Park Nature Center:** Terry Genrich said because his division doesn't have a very large budget, they depend on other park divisions to assist them in accomplishing their section's mission. One of the things they do is manage some of the Department's natural areas such as Wilderness Park. One project, the Wetland Restoration Project, was recently completed and

involved getting an Environmental Trust Grant, partnering with the Lower Platte South NRD and Friends of Wilderness Park to obtain approximately \$100,000 to remove sediment and remove some of the trees to open up the areas. This was done in six wetland areas and was a major success. Terry's section also writes all the grants and administers plans for all the commuter trails in town.

Approximately \$350,000 - \$500,000 of grants are secured each year for these trail projects as well as another grant that is used to restore trails. The Hyde Observatory is also one of Terry's divisions and is operated totally by volunteers.

Terry distributed and explained the budget spreadsheet for the Nature Center and responded to questions. (A copy of the budget sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes).

The other area that Terry's division is responsible for is the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership made up of the City, County (Nature Conservancy), State Game & Parks Commission, and the Lower Platte South NRD. The City has been working on this project for about six years to acquire existing saline wetlands (approximately 4,000 acres) and restoring them for natural habitat.

- **Information re: access to Prairie Bowman property:** Genrich displayed a map of the Prairie Bowman Property and how it relates to the surrounding property. Genrich stated he met with the Planning Dept. regarding this parcel and they stated it will be possible for the PB property to gain access to their property from the development to the north and only one access will be required; however a couple things will need to happen before this is possible. There are two parcels to the north of the PB property that can be developed. The eastern most parcel has a final plat that has been approved for 110 units. The developer has permits to build 54 of those units, however in order to build the remaining units, he is required to build a wider access from Warlick Blvd. to handle the additional traffic. In order for the developer to get approval of a final plat on the western parcel, they are required to build an additional access from a new entrance to Info Technology as well as a service road adjacent to Warlick Blvd. The western parcel is where access to the PB property is possible, so until the first parcel has been completed and approval on the final plat and construction of the roads to serve the western parcel have been completed, access to a PB development cannot happen. The access between the two houses currently being used for their club cannot serve as access to the property if it were developed - only access from the north is possible.

Announcements:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Bowling, Secretary to the Director
Parks & Recreation Dept.