

## MINUTES

### *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Parks & Recreation Conference Room1

Thursday, June 12, 2012

#### **Members Present:**

Justin Carlson

Keelan Chapman

Jim Crook

Susan Deitchler

Todd Fitzgerald

Karen Hand

Anne Pagel

Jane Raybould

Bob Ripley

Dennis Scheer

Jeff Schwebke

Joe Tidball

#### **Members Absent:**

Andrew Barry

Molly Brummond

Jonathan Cook

**Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Vice Chairperson Todd Fitzgerald announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted.

**\* APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *It was moved (Ripley) and seconded (Scheer) to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012, meeting as mailed. Motion carried by majority vote of members present with Raybould abstaining.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda):** Jeff Beatty was at the meeting representing Star City Disc Golf to discuss the possibility of using Pioneers Park as a temporary disc golf site. He stated that Star City Disc Golf has an on-going agreement with the City of Lincoln for the use of Tierra Park and Max E. Roper park for disc golf activities. Jeff said, at some future meeting, he would like to introduce his club to the Board and give a presentation regarding the possibility of getting disc golf included in future planning for other City parks. Currently the club is interested in hosting an event on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Pioneers Park and has filled out an Exclusive Use Permit request which has been denied. Jeff was asking the Board for a clarification regarding any former direction they may have discussed regarding disc golf activities at Pioneers Park. Jerry Shorney explained that he met with Beatty about the reorganization of the Disc Golf Club and that several years ago, there was a request for a permanent court to be installed at Pioneers Park and the Board felt at that time that the request may be an overuse for Pioneers Park, given the other activities that take place out there. Shorney said the Department has tried to discourage temporary use at the park because at times it may interfere with the cross-country activities. Shorney stated that he, too, was seeking clarification from the Board and if the request for temporary use doesn't turn into a request for permanent use he would have no problem approving the Exclusive Use Permit for the Club to use Pioneers Park for a one-day only event on August 19. ***After further discussion it was moved (Raybould) and seconded (Carlson) to reconsider the previous ruling and allow the one day use of Pioneers Park by the Disc Golf Club. Since this was simply an interpretation of an existing policy, a vote of members was not necessary.***

Lynn Johnson suggested that Jeff and his Club members attend a Future's Committee meeting rather than a regular Board meeting. Johnson and Shorney will work with Beatty in this regard.

#### **\* Recommendation re: policy on tobacco use in outdoor Parks & Recreation Department**

**Facilities:** Lynn Johnson introduced Judy Halstead, Director of the Health Department, and Charlotte Burke, also from the Health Department. Lynn Johnson stated that a joint working committee was

formed that included members of the Board of Health and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to discuss the possibility of either a smoke-free or tobacco-free policy in regards to outdoor parks facilities. The working group met four times and designed a survey that was put on-line. Approximately 2,500 people responded to the survey - with an over-representation of people who use tobacco products. The group came up with two different recommendations and at the staff level, the Departments brought forward a little narrower version of the original recommendation, copies of which was distributed to the Board members. Judy Halstead reported on the process the Board of Health members went through to come up with their recommendation. She said both the Health Department and the Parks Department honored all the feedback they received from the survey in bringing forth the staff recommendation which is a little less restrictive than the original committee recommendation. The three areas that will be exempt from the recommended policy will be green spaces, trails and dog runs. ***After further discussion and questions from the Board members, it was moved (Ripley) and seconded (Deitchler) to recommend approval of the City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department Policy Regarding Tobacco Use in Outdoor Parks & Recreation Department Facilities. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.*** A copy of the final recommendation will be attached to the file copy of these minutes. The no-tobacco areas will be signed and will not be enforced by the Police Department but will be self enforcing and will depend on citizen awareness. This issue will now go to the Mayor's Office to eventually be adopted by an Executive Order.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler, Chair - 488-4224**

- No report

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

- No report

#### **Golf Report:**

- Lynn Johnson reported that the Holmes Golf Clubhouse project has been redesigned and now should be within budget. It's currently in the Purchasing Department and should be advertised very soon and out for rebid on July 9th. One of the concerns of the Golf Committee was that in the redesign, the underground golf storage area had to be eliminated. If a covered golf cart area is still needed sometime in the future, it would need to be built in a free-standing building sometime in the future.

#### **Executive Committee - Anne Pagel (Chair) - 570-9194**

- No report.

#### **Staff Report:**

- Lynn Johnson reported that Centennial Mall is under construction. The first phase (M Street to north of N Street) is on schedule to be completed by August 1st.

#### **Announcements:**

- 20 Anniversary Luncheon for the Lincoln Parks Foundation, Wednesday, July 11, 1012.
- Joint Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors tour and meeting, Thursday, July 12, 2012, 4:00 p.m. (Woods Tennis and Children's Zoo).
- 'Save the Date' Union Plaza dedication / Antelope Valley Project Celebration, Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> evening with a rain date of Friday, Sept. 14, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.