

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, November 13, 2014 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Susan Deitchler
Todd Fitzgerald	Emily Graul	Peter Levitov	Sherry Nelson
Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke	Joe Tidball	Roma Amundson for Larry Hudkins

### **Members Absent:**

Jonathan Cook	Ann Pagel	Kathi Wieskamp
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### **Staff Members Present:**

Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Adm.	Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director
JJ Yost, Planning Design & Const. Manager	

**Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Chairperson Peter Levitov announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda):**

None.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Todd Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting as presented. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

There has been ongoing progress regarding a guidance process for sale or transfer of park land, but nothing has been finalized at this time. Following additional input from staff, the Committee intends to bring this issue to the full Board at the December meeting.

- **Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224**

There is no action to bring before the Board at this time. The Committee will continue ongoing discussion of Senior or Multi-Generational Parks with a recommendation in the near future.

- **Golf Report – Brad Brandt (Chair) 473-9619**

The Golf Committee has continued to discuss fee increases for the 2015 season (copy attached to official minutes on record). This provides a 5% increase with the exception of the teen and junior unlimited passes, which were actually reduced, and the adult and senior passports (15% off green fees), which have remained at the same rate for the past approximate 10 years. The teen and junior unlimited fees reductions are in line with the objective of building the youth contingent. Golf cart fees were also not adjusted at this time, as a new lease will be prepared and fees will be determined with the new contract sometime in early spring. Fee changes will be conveyed through the Player Development Supervisor and the Pros, as well as through social media, e-mail blasts, and postings at the clubhouses, and will include CIP improvements and plans.

Jeff Schwebke arrived at 4:15 p.m.

The motion proposed by the Fees & Facilities Committee was ***unanimously approved by hand vote of all members present.*** The new fees will be implemented December 1, 2014.

- **Executive Committee – Peter Levitov (Chair) 488-2742**

No Report.

#### **STAFF REPORT:**

- Sunken Gardens “Beds to Bed” Recap (Jerry Shorney):  
There were 60 volunteers working approximately 3 hours at the Sunken Gardens on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, spading and composting the beds as is done each fall.
- Project Updates (JJ Yost):  
Centennial Mall – Construction will continue through the winter as weather allows, mostly consisting of clearing in preparation for spring work. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2015, followed by installation of the numerous plantings, which will be done by Parks & Rec crews, to complete the project.  
Airport Entryway Corridor / Cornhusker Highway – Concrete medians have been torn out, soil cored out and new soil brought in, subsurface irrigation added with planting will be done in the spring, and district markers installation has begun. When completed, there will be 16 lighted markers, 400 new trees, and banners to come next spring.  
Tower Square – Lighting is expected to arrive by December 12<sup>th</sup>, and the installation process should take five to seven days.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Young Professional Volunteer Event at Union Plaza has been postponed until spring due to low turnout on behalf of anticipated cold weather.
- The Easterday Holiday Ball will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, at Auld Pavilion, and Board members will be receiving invitations.
- The Tower Square Ascent lighting ceremony has been tentatively discussed as December 21<sup>st</sup>, depending on final lighting installation.
- Todd Fitzgerald noted that he assisted with the Good Life Halfsey during the weekend, where there were approximately 2,700 to 2,800 participants from 28 states. Many compliments and kudos were received regarding the trail system and the good things that are being done in Lincoln.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.