

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks & Recreation Department

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

Members Present:

Molly Brummond	Justin Carlson	Jonathan Cook	Jim Crook
Susan Deitchler	Todd Fitzgerald	Karen Hand	Jane Raybould
Susan Rodenburg	Dennis Scheer	Jeff Schwebke	Joe Tidball

Members Absent:

Andrew Barry	Keelan Chapman	Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley
--------------	----------------	------------	------------

Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act': As per law, Chairperson Joe Tidball announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted.

*** APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *It was moved (Hand) and seconded (Fitzgerald) to approve the minutes of the Nov. 10, 2011, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.*

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

NEW MEMBER: Lynn Johnson introduced the newest member of the Parks & Recreation Board, Jim Crook. Mr. Crook is a lifelong Lincoln resident and recently retired. His latest place of employment was Bosch Communications where he worked for 30+ years. He's an avid trail user and has a love for anything related to parks and recreation. Board members were asked to introduce themselves to Mr. Crook..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- *** Endorsement of master plan for Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse Replacement Project:** Susan Deitchler asked Consultants Scott Sullivan and Trevor Hall (Erickson Sullivan, Architects), and Mike Jenkins (Landscape Golf Group) to explain the master plan to the Board. Scott described the existing elements (limited seating, bad view of the Capitol, etc.) of the clubhouse and explained how they came up with the new master plan. The new building will offer enhanced views of the lake, move the building closer to the tee boxes, and with some new landscaping it will maximize views of the golf course and the Capitol building. There will also be a larger kitchen/food service area and dining area that will allow the building to be rented out for wedding receptions, etc. The consultants answered questions from the Board members. *After brief discussion, it was moved (Committee) to approve endorsement of the master plan for Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse Replacement Project. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.*
- *** Recommendation re: ADA renovations of neighborhood pools:** JJ Yost reported that there are five neighborhood pools in our system today that are the old 'box' pools and are in need of being brought up to the new ADA accessibility guidelines. These new

regulations state there needs to be two means of ADA access in and out of all pool basins. That can be done in one of several ways: either a ramp in and out of the basin, a transfer station, or an electric lift. Since it's not feasible to get all the pools, wading pools and bathhouses brought up to new ADA standards all at the same time, the City is working on a plan to begin doing one or two at a time. Work will begin this first year on Ballard Pool, and planning for improvements to Eden pool. JJ explained the significant changes that will be made to these two pools, wading pools and bath houses. JJ responded to questions from Board members after which ***it was moved (Committee) to recommend approval of the Department's uniform approach regarding upgrading neighborhood pools to meet new ADA standards. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.*** The Department will use a zero-depth entry to wading pools and attempt to maintain current patron capacity at each pool. The City will also need to have a plan ready to show how they will be working to bring Star City Shores, Highlands and University Place pools also ADA compliance over a period of time.

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

- *** Recommendation re: acceptance of donation of artwork for installation in Union Plaza:** Lynn Johnson reported that there is donor who is willing to work with Shannon Hanson to commission a sculpture (***Discover***) that would be placed on the east side of Union Plaza between "P" and "Q" Streets. The concept is a very simple stainless steel form that would have a rectangular opening in it to be placed out over a slope that would allow visitors to view the Capitol Building through the rectangular opening. The sculpture would be approximately 10' tall and 6' wide in size. The staff's recommendation is to accept the artwork and forward it to the LPPAD (Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development) Committee for review and recommendation. The two options are: (1) have it donated directly to the City; or (2) donate it to the Lincoln Community Foundation to be put on display through a license agreement between the City and the Foundation. After brief discussion about other artwork that will be placed in Union Plaza, ***it was moved (Committee) to approve the recommendation regarding acceptance of donated artwork (Discovery) to be placed in Union Plaza. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.***

Golf Report:

- no report

Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638

- **Election of officers and committee assignments for 2012:** ***It was moved (Hand) and seconded (Carlson) to approve the proposed slate of officers for 2012: Anne Pagel for Chairman and Todd Fitzgerald for Vice Chair. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.*** The Board reviewed the current committee assignments and Jim Crook will be placed on the Futures Committee. No other changes were made.

Staff Report:

- **Report re: master planning of Salt Valley Greenway and Haines Branch Prairie Corridor:** Lynn Johnson said there was a recent article in the paper stating that the Comp Plan continues to entertain the idea of a concept for a continuous greenway around the perimeter of the community. One idea in the new proposed Comp Plan is a prairie corridor that would link Pioneers Park Nature Center to the Spring Creek Prairie. Terry Genrich reported that there's a good portion of this greenway that is already complete. Terry said as this project moves forward in the latest Comp Plan process, there's a real emphasis to identify and move forward with the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor. The Parks Department has been working with the Planning Department to try to move the initiative forward at a little faster pace than some of the other portions of the greenway prairie corridor. The NRD and City are both supplying some funding for development of a master plan for the prairie corridor, and the City has applied for funding from the Cooper Foundation and the Lincoln Community Foundation to assist in preparing the master plan. After the master plan is complete, it is anticipated that a grant request will be made to the

Environmental Trust in the fall. The primary idea is to develop the corridor so it's actually a prairie corridor between the Nature Center and Spring Creek Audubon Prairie. Later on, there may be an opportunity to put a new trail through this area. This issue will eventually come back to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for their endorsement/adoption.

Announcements:

- The agreement with Lincoln Trap and Skeet Club (for Boosalis Park) has been finalized and will be on the Council agenda for Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 with public hearing on Dec. 19th and final approval on Jan. 9, 2012.
- There will not be a PRAB meeting in January, 2012.
- Lynn Johnson said he would like to have the Executive Committee meet with the Parks Foundation Executive Committee to discuss the list of fund-raising projects for the next year.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.