

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Special Meeting*

Parks and Recreation Grounds, 2740 A Street, Liberty Plaza

Thursday, May 19, 2015 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Susan Deitchler
Todd Fitzgerald	Larry Hudkins	Peter Levitov	Anne Pagel
Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke		

### **Members Absent:**

Emily Graul	Olive Martin	Sherrie Nelson	Joe Tidball
Kathi Wieskamp	Vacant (City Council representative)		

### **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Director  
Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director  
Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Adm.  
Jocelyn Golden, City Law Department

### **Others In Attendance:**

John Chapo & Evan Killeen, Lincoln Children's Zoo  
Christie Dionisopoulos & Don Day, Lincoln Parks Foundation  
Nick Cusick, Lincoln Children's Zoo Board

**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 at 4:00 p.m.

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

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131**  
The purpose of the special meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is due to a quorum of the members indicating a desire to attend the regularly scheduled Futures Committee meeting. Board members and staff convened at the Liberty Plaza north of the Parks & Recreation office building for a walking-tour and on-site review of the proposed Zoo expansion within the Antelope Park Triangle. Lynn provided information regarding the relationship between the City and the Zoo, along with a summary of the proposed expansion program (attached to official minutes on record). The LPS Zoo School, new Zoo entrance, and proposed parking locations and capacity needs were discussed. The group walked to the west of the Parks & Recreation office building toward 27<sup>th</sup> Street and A Street, where Lynn provided a visual of a proposed green space perimeter "buffer" along both streets. It was also noted that the Hamann Rose Garden, the Rotary Strolling Garden, and the Teacher's Fountain to the north would remain, although the Ager Indoor Playground building is included in the proposed expansion area. The group then convened in the Parks & Recreation conference room for additional discussion on these same topics.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.