

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, April 11, 2013 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Justin Carlson	Jim Crook	Susan Deitchler	Todd Fitzgerald (arrived at 4:18 pm)
Karen Hand	Larry Hudkins (arrived at 4:20 pm)		Peter Levitov
Cleo Mullison	Anne Pagel	Robert Ripley	Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball			

Members Absent:

Jonathan Cook	Vacant Position	Vacant Student Position
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Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director	Jerry Shorney, Superintendent
Terry Genrich, Outdoor Education	Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Administrator
Dale Hardy, Golf Administrator	Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary

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

* **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Karen Hand and seconded by Justin Carlson to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting, with the correction that Joe Tidball was absent from the meeting rather than arriving at 4:20 p.m. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

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

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- * **Alley Vacation Along Western Boundary of Irvingdale Park:** Susan directed members to a GIS map provided (attached to these minutes). JJ Yost described that this would be a typical ROW vacation with the parcel (varies in width from approximately 30'-40') being split down the middle. The east portion of the vacated ROW would be retained by the City while the west portion would be sold to three respective adjacent property owners. A motion was made by Susan Deitchler and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the vacation, as amended by Robert Ripley requesting that the width of the parcel sold to the adjacent property owners be held constant around the northern radius of the northern most lot (2700 S. 17th) so that the City will retain frontage/access at 17th and Harris Streets. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

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

- No Report

Golf Report – Golf Administrator Dale Hardy

- **Rounds and Revenue:** Comparisons from last year to this year show rounds are down 12% and revenue is down 6%. It was noted that last year's mild winter and higher than normal rounds and revenue, have increased the average for comparisons.
- The golf sustainability study to be conducted by the National Golf Foundation will begin next week.

- Pictures of the new Holmes Clubhouse were distributed, which is nearing completion.
- Golf course maintenance equipment as approved by the City Council should be received within the next week.
- The price matching special at Mahoney Golf Course is currently underway, with a report forthcoming after the May ending date.
- Grounds & Facilities subcommittee is reviewing courses regarding native grass/long grass area suggestions.
- Budget & Finance subcommittee did not meet in March, but will be having another meeting in the near future with Steve Hubka from the Finance Department.

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

- Anne informed members that additional Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Representatives are needed on the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee, due to the resignations of Cleo Mullison and Trent Reed. No one stepped forward at this time.
- Karen Hand was recognized and thanked for her nearly 20 years of service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, with a round of applause. She will be retiring from Lincoln Public Schools, with a replacement to be assigned by LPS.

Staff Report:

- Public Comment Period on Conversion of Property at 21st & N Streets
Nicole Fleck-Tooze provided a power point presentation (attached) regarding the conversion of the property at 21st & N Street, within the Antelope Valley north redevelopment area, which is encumbered by Land and Water Conservation Funds. With this, the Parks & Recreation central maintenance and forestry sections are being relocated to the Municipal Services Center, and the garden maintenance section is being relocated to an area south of A Street, while the Planning and Construction and Athletics offices will remain in the historical Muny Building at 21st & N Street. The conversion is considered appropriate as the current space does not serve an outdoor recreation use.

The conversion of property at 21st and N Streets requires the purchase of replacement property that is equal in value. Early in 2012, Parks and Recreation solicited proposals for replacement property in Stevens Creek to serve as a regional park and potential multi-use facility. Three proposals were received. Numerous questions were presented by the Board members and answered by Lynn, Nicole, and JJ Yost. Preliminary plans were discussed for a replacement property at the southwest corner of 98th & Adams, adjacent to Burns Park, providing for the possibility of tournament facilities, picnic areas, ball fields, trail connections, and the potential for stream restoration with assistance from Watershed Management and Lower Platte South NRD. This property is 62 acres with great characteristics and natural and historical resources including a native stand of Burr oak and other wildlife habitat along the stream corridor. The property is of a size that could be developed as a Community Park, but offers the potential for expansion to a Regional Park in the future. The property would be initially seeded with native prairie grasses and provided with parking and a walking path. Future improvements are expected to be beyond the 10-year planning horizon.

Anne Pagel recommended that the 21st & N conversion be opened for public comment. A motion was made by Robert Ripley and seconded by Larry Hudkins that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board move to sell the 21st & N Street property, while retaining the Muny building for continuing use as office space by the department, and also to move

forward with acquisition of the 98th & Adams property. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

- Review of Budget Indicators for FY 2011-12:
Tabled until next meeting, May 9, 2013

Announcements:

- Rededication of Sherman Field will be held at Sampson Park, 2nd & South Streets, at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17th.
- Dedication of the “Jan’s Emma” sculpture will be held on Sunday, April 21st, at 2:00 p.m., at Jan Pitsch Greet, Sheridan Blvd. & E. Summit Blvd.
- Natures Market at Pioneers Park Nature Center will be held on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The volunteer planting project at Sunken Gardens, “Wake Up The Beds”, is being planned for Saturday, May 11th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Todd Fitzgerald to adjourn. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***