

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, October 9, 2014 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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| Bradley Brandt | Jonathan Cook | Jim Crook | Susan Deitchler |
| Peter Levitov | Olive Martin | Sherry Nelson | Ann Pagel |
| Robert Ripley | Jeff Schwebke | Joe Tidball | |

Members Absent:

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| Justin Carlson | Todd Fitzgerald | Emily Graul | Larry Hudkins |
| Kathi Wieskamp | | | |

Staff Members Present:

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| Lynn Johnson, Director | Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Adm. |
| Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director | |

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 Jim Crook to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting with minor amendments to the Golf Report discussion. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Bob updated the Board on continuing discussions regarding the development of a guidance policy for the Board members on future sales of park properties. Lynn added that the Futures Committee will plan to review again at their October 21st meeting, with a goal to bring a final draft to the full Board at the November meeting.

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

Susan presented the Fees & Facilities Committee recommendation to adopt guidelines for Neighborhood Park improvements and provided an overview of various playground equipment and facilities for improvements or renovation (information attached to official minutes on record). Lynn referred to Cripple Creek Park as an example where improvements are needed. Discussion also included public use of school playgrounds, and conversation with neighborhood residents or associations when renovating neighborhood parks for input on amenities.

Various classifications of parks were reviewed by Lynn, such as pocket parks (ex. 27th & South, northwest corner), neighborhood parks (1/2 mile walking distance), community parks (5 mile area), regional parks (entire community), conservation areas (ex. Wilderness Park). Peter Levitov asked that this information as one sheet summary be prepared for Board member's future reference. Additional discussion was held regarding equipment inspections and maintenance.

Board members voted to approve the guidelines for neighborhood park improvements as recommended by the Fees & Facilities Committee, by unanimous vote of members present. The approved recommendations will be used as administrative guidelines for staff, and will be effective immediately.

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

The Golf Committee continues to discuss the annual plan, focusing on the fee structure. Brad provided a working draft of the proposed fee structure which indicates a 5% increase across the board, with the exception of Teen and Junior fees which may either remain at the same rate or could possibly see a decrease in order to provide incentive for the younger golfers. The 5% increase represents an average increase of approximately \$1.00, and is intended to provide funding for the Golf capital improvement projects. Lynn noted that in order to fully fund the Golf CIP, it is projected that there will need to be a series of fee increases over the next five years.

Discussion was also held regarding the Get Golf Ready program which is currently being started at the City courses, along with the increase in maintenance costs and the fact that fees were not increased for approximately 10 years. A marketing and promotions annual plan is also in the process of being developed with the ability to provide options of seasonal discounts.

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

No Report.

STAFF REPORT:

- Lynn Johnson informed the Board that Terry Genrich has been selected as the new Assistant Director for Recreation, replacing Sandy Myers who has retired. The Nature Center oversight will be added to the Recreation section, and a selection process will be held for someone to take over the trails and greenways that were previously under Terry.
- Lynn gave a presentation on the numerous art pieces in Lincoln's parks. (A copy of the slide presentation is attached to the official minutes on record and will also be forwarded to Board members.)

Meeting adjourned.