

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Thursday, February 12, 2015 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Jonathan Cook	Jim Crook
Susan Deitchler	Todd Fitzgerald	Peter Levitov	Sherrie Nelson
Anne Pagel	Robert Ripley	Joe Tidball	Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:

Emily Graul	Larry Hudkins	Olive Martin	Jeff Schwebke
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Staff Members Present:

Lynn Johnson, Director
Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director
Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Adm.
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 at 4:05 p.m.

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

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Susan Deitchler and seconded by Todd Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting as presented. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Susan presented discussion from a yarn-bombing request which was reviewed by the Fees & Facilities Committee. The Committee recommended that approval of this and any future requests follow guidelines (copy attached to official minutes on record) with temporary installation for a specified period of time, to be accompanied by signage, with the applicant responsible for installation and removal. Susan added that the yarn bombing may only be applied to non-living objects, and per Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development (LPPAD) advice, could not embellish outdoor structures that are currently art. Discussion was held regarding donor preference or permission, versus art being owned by the City. The Fees & Facilities Committee provided a motion to approve the guidelines as recommended by LPPAD which will provide guidance for department policy. ***A roll call vote was approved unanimously by all members present.***

Susan next brought forth a Fees & Facilities Committee recommendation for approval for the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association to engage in a fundraising project as an allied organization for a crushed limestone pathway in Rudge Park. JJ Yost provided additional information and a map which detailed the proposed crushed limestone pathway along with the conceptual master plan. ***Motion for Irvingdale Neighborhood Association to initiate fundraising efforts coordinated with the Lincoln Parks Foundation as brought forth from the Fees & Facilities Committee was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

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

Bob provided a brief review of the proposed guidelines (copy attached to official minutes on record) for the Advisory Board in reviewing requests for sale or transfer of land used for park purposes. Discussion provided examples of the recent transfer of land at Jensen Park for the value of future infrastructure improvements. The Futures Committee recommended approval of the guidelines as presented. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

The 2015 Party in the Parks proposal is consistent with guidelines adopted in 2014, with the addition of “Music Concert in Tower Square”. The recommendation from the Futures Committee was considered as ***the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

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

The Golf Committee held their January meeting at the Holmes Golf maintenance shop for a tour and introduction of the new Maintenance Coordinator, Casey Crittenden. Brad Brandt also informed that some of the Committee members have requested additional information and a better understanding of the Golf budget and financial information, and that a meeting will be held in March to review these items more closely. The Committee also considered a change to the senior discount pricing age of 55 years, but after additional discussion and calculation made the determination that no change should be made. The 2013-14 financial report was also shared with Board members (copy attached to official minutes on record), which showed a revenue/expenditure deficit of \$140,451, which reduces the amount available in the CIP.

Brad and Lynn Johnson provided an overview of the proposed change to the golf cart lease, with an approximate 5% increase for a one year extension of the current lease. There is a possibility of a larger increase when a bid is requested for a new lease. The Golf Committee recommendation to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is to recommend the approximate 5% increase in golf cart fees to the Mayor. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

Mahoney Golf Course greens fees was also a topic for the Golf Committee, reviewing the trial of a reduced fee structure, determining that the reduced fees did not increase the percentage of play at Mahoney. Therefore, the Golf Committee recommends that the Mahoney Golf Course be adjusted to match the fee structure for the other three 18-hole City courses. ***Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.***

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

The 2014 PRAB sub-committee assignments were reviewed (copy attached to official minutes on record). Peter Levitov asked that is anyone was interested in serving on a committee, or change from the committee they are currently serving on, to e-mail either himself or Lynn Johnson within the next week. Peter also noted the upcoming projects that the committees will be reviewing over the next few months, as listed on the agenda.

Todd Fitzgerald left at 5:20 p.m.

STAFF REPORT:

- Nicole Fleck-Tooze updated the Board on the Illuminating Lincoln project that is being initiated by The Lighthouse in celebration of their 25th anniversary. This will be a public art project similar to the bicycles, with local artists decorating the large lightbulbs which are approximately 6 foot tall, on a two foot base around three feet wide, approximately 120 pounds, and made of fiberglass. There will be up to four Parks sites available for

temporary placement from April through October. Nicole provided a preview of the proposed lightbulbs and potential locations (copy attached to official minutes on record).

Justin Carlson and Brad Brandt left at 5:25 p.m.

- Lynn Johnson informed the Board that the department is currently engaged in a strategic planning process, and will bring the completed information to the Board when finalized. He thanked the Board members for their participation in the survey that was recently completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- JJ Yost updated the Board members on the Cripple Creek play equipment project and an upcoming neighborhood meeting to be held on Monday, February 23rd, at Humann Elementary School. The public meeting and the future project will be in coordination with Lincoln Public Schools.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.