

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Room 113, City-County Bldg..

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Members Present:

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| Andrew Barry | Molly Brommond | Keelan Chapman | Jonathan Cook |
| Susan Deitchler | Curt Donaldson | Todd Fitzgerald | Karen Hand |
| Jane Raybould | Bob Ripley | Susan Rodenburg | Dennis Scheer |
| Jeff Schwebke | Joe Tidball | | |

Members Absent:

Andrew Barry Justin Carlson Anne Pagel

Others Present:

Representatives from National Manufacturing

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 and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report..

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

*** Recommendation re: acceptance of a metal art piece to be placed in Witherbee Park:**
Bob Ripley reported on a proposal put forth by Witherbee Park, located at 46th & "O" Street, regarding acceptance of donated artwork to be placed in Witherbee Park. The sculpture was made by TMCO and is fabricated from stainless steel, and will be approximately 7 feet tall and 40 inches wide. A poem titled "If I had My Child To Raise Over Again" is proposed to be integrated into the base of the artwork. The artwork will most likely be placed in the south end where most pedestrians would see it. The guidelines for acceptance of artwork states that it should be contextually appropriate for the proposed display location, that it be durable, and that it not pose a public safety concern. This artwork conforms with these guidelines. If approved by the Board this would go to the City Council and then the City Council would accept the piece of art by resolution. ***After brief discussion, it was moved by the Futures Committee to make a recommendation to the City Council to accept the stainless steel sculpture and poem "If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again" and that it be placed in the pedestrian area of Witherbee Park at 46th & "O" Street. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.***

*** Recommendation re: proposed revisions to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Chapter of the Environmental Resources Chapter of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with the Lplan 2040 Update:** Lynn Johnson distributed

copies of the LPlan2040 to Board members (a copy will be attached to the file copy of these minutes). The Plan includes sections on: Regional Parks & Tournament Sports Facilities, Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Greenways, Aquatic Facilities, Recreation/Community Centers & Full Service Community Schools, Trails & Complete Streets, Emerging Recreation Activities, Dog Parks/Runs, Community Gardens, Indoor Ice Center and Indoor Aquatics Center along with the Department's recommendations for most of the sections. A brief overall of the Plan is as follows: The Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan guides land use planning, community growth and development and community infrastructure planning and investment. The Comprehensive Plan is reviewed and updated on a 10-year basis. A major review and update of the Comp Plan, identified as LPlan2040 is in progress. During the last six months, the Futures Committee has been systematically reviewing sections of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Chapter and the Environmental Resource Chapter of the current Comp Plan, and making recommendations regarding revisions to the Plan (refer to the handout for the proposed revisions). In addition to review and recommendations by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Community Forestry Advisory Board is reviewing the urban forest section of the Comp Plan, and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee is reviewing the bicycle and pedestrian transportation sections of the Plan.

The Pedestrian/Bicycle Facility Plan for Lplan2040 has to be packaged so it is fiscally constrained, similar to what is being done for street projects. The plans presented are based on the level of funding we have received in the past. The options presented include one emphasizing capital and maintenance, a second with just a capital emphasis, and the third option is the needs based plan. The plan emphasizing capital and maintenance would spend 50% of the funds available on each maintenance and new construction. The plan emphasizing just capital would spend 70% on new construction and 30% on maintenance and the needs based plan would provide funding to continue constructing new as well as providing necessary funds to maintain existing facilities. The public is being asked if they are willing to support additional funding for the needs based plan as the Comp Plan moves forward. Surveys are available on-line seeking the public's support of the proposals being presented. The results will determine the plan that moves forward.

The recommendations of each of the advisory boards will be reviewed and incorporated in the proposed Comprehensive Plan. The Proposed Comp Plan will then be reviewed by the Planning Commission, and reviewed and approved by the Lincoln City Council and the Lancaster County Commissioners. ***After discussion among Board members, it was moved (Futures Committee) to recommend to the Parks & Recreation and Planning Departments to incorporate the discussed elements into the draft Comprehensive Plan. That Comp Plan would then go before the Planning Commission, and, ultimately to the City Council and County Board for their approval in late summer Motion carried by majority vote of members present with Cook abstaining.***

Golf Committee

- No report

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

- No report

Announcements:

- April 14, 2011, 12:00 noon - Dedication of Jan Pitsch Green
- April 16, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Nature's Market at Pioneers Park Nature Ctr. including auction of artistic birdhouses.
- April 28th - 10:00 a.m. - Arbor Day Celebration, Rosseau Elementary/RI Trail/Bishop Hts. Park, 33rd & Calvert.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.