

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Room 113 - County City Building

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009

### **Members Present:**

Ian Chapo	Jonathan Cook	Susan Deitchler	Joe Tidball
Curt Donaldson	Todd Fitzgerald	Karen Hand	
Anne Pagel	Bob Ripley	Susan Rodenburg	
Dennis Scheer	Jeff Schwebke	Ray Stevens	

### **Members Absent:**

Rod Confer	Alex Paine
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**Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Chairperson Karen Hand announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted in the City Council Offices.

**\* APPROVAL OF MINUTES :** *It was moved (Deitchler) and seconded (Tidball) to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009, meeting as mailed. Motion carried by majority vote of members present.*

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Lynn Johnson introduced Todd Fitzgerald and Ian Chapo as new members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Todd is employed by State Farm Insurance and Ian Chapo attends Lincoln High and "Zoo School" and is a student representative on the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda):** None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Fees & Facilities Committee - Joe Tidball, Vice Chair**

- **Review and endorsement of schematic design for replacement Performing Arts Structure in Antelope Park:** Dennis Kudrow, BVH Architects and Dean Heist (Lincoln Municipal Band) were in attendance at the meeting and did a power point presentation of the schematic design for a replacement performing arts structure in Antelope Park. The LMB has been developing a plan replacement of Shildnek Bandshell in Antelope Park and exploring the feasibility of a fundraising campaign to fund construction and endowment of the new facility. The Board has already approved a Guidance Statement providing direction to the planning effort. Dennis said the schematic design is still in the preliminary stages and that it took into consideration the architecture of Auld Pavilion, the current site of the band shell and the current and future uses of the band shell. Dennis and Dean responded to questions and concerns of the Board members including various concerns on lighting, size of stage, curve of roof etc. *After much discussion it was moved by the committee to endorse the schematic design concept for a new performance structure in Antelope Park. This motion was modified by Cook, seconded by Stevens, to amend the Committee and Staff recommendation to state 'seating for approximately 50 rather than 40 (as contained in the Guidance Statement) and on an appropriate scale that fits within the context of the park and adjacent park facilities. Amendment passed by unanimous vote of members present. Original motion by the Committee (with the amendment) to move forward with the schematic design passed with unanimous vote of members present.*

#### **Golf Committee - Rounds and Revenue**

- Steve Hiller distributed copies of a Statement of Revenue as of August 2009. The one sheet shows what happened (rounds etc.) at each golf course and the other sheet shows expenses at each individual course. Year-end golf rounds finished up a little over 1% and revenue was up

approximately 5%. Hiller reported the year ended up approximately \$125,000 in the black so it was a good golf year but there will be many issues to face in the coming years. Hiller reported that on Sept. 11 there will be a golf marathon fund raising event at Jim Ager Junior Golf Course. There's about 30 teams who will attempt to play about 100 rounds of golf each and there's already been a commitment of about \$20,000-25,000 made for the fund raiser. Hopefully, this will become a yearly event that will be played at the other golf courses!

#### **Executive Committee - Karen Hand (Chair) - 423-1244**

- **City Council Report** - Cook reported that the Council has passed the Mayor's budget that included next year's closure of Meadow Heights Pool. The Council also changed the definition of the 'fast forward fund' to include CIP elements (which include several parks projects). Cook will work with Lynn Johnson to develop a list that would enable the money to be used for some real City CIP needs.
- **County Commissioners Report** - Ray Stevens reported the horse park at 84<sup>th</sup> & Havelock Ave. is seeking donations for a \$250,000 study to determine how the northeast corner of 84<sup>th</sup> & Havelock can be turned into a new horse racetrack as well as other horse-related activities. The University is also interested in participating with some of their activities. The Visitor Promotion Committee (which is part of the County Board will contribute \$50,000 to this study.

The County Board has also been working on a motorcross facility for several years at Abbott Sports Complex and have received a couple additional approvals to move forward. This project will begin next summer and will be funded by Federal and Game & Parks money.

- **Lincoln Parks Foundation Report** - Karen Hand reported the Board met on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Issued discussed were:
  - Danielle Conrad is the new Public Relations Director for the Foundation.
  - there is some concern being voiced about agency accounts with the Lincoln Community Foundation so this is something the Board will be looking at. It's possible that the Foundation's money may be moved from the LCF but that's not been decided definitely.
  - Quick Books program is up and running for the Foundation;
  - the Foundation is also looking at Gift Works Program to track the money that comes in to the Foundation;
  - the Foundation is proceeding with some enhancements to their web site
  - they are working on finalizing acquisition of the "A" Street property (antique store southeast of the Admin Building); and
  - they adopted a new Strategic Plan that was done as a class project by one of the Board members.
- **Selection of Chairperson for Fees & Facilities Committee:** Susan Deitchler was nominated to serve as the Chair of the Fees & Facilities Committee. Voting rules were suspended and Deitchler was elected by unanimous vote of members present.

#### **Staff Reports:**

- **Centennial Mall Renovation Project:** Lynn Johnson reported there is a team currently working on this project. Clark Enerson Partners are serving as the lead, BVH Architects, Olsson Associates and Tom Laging will serve as support for the project. The team is working on deciding what the concept of the project should be and also working on developing a communication strategy. There are numerous stakeholders involved in this project and the desire is to make it a statewide initiative because of fund raising. There's a meeting/workshop scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 p.m., on the second floor of the Clark Enerson Partners building. Park Board members are welcome to attend this meeting as the Board will serve as an advisory group in the process. The final approval body, however, will be the Capitol Environs Commission.

- **AV Artwall - presentation to Lincoln Arts Council Board:** This agenda item has been delayed until after it's gone before the Lincoln Arts Council's Executive Committee. The Department will receive a letter, hopefully sometime in October, from the Arts Council with a recommendation from their Executive Committee.

**Announcements:**

- "Night at the Gardens" event sponsored by the Lincoln Parks Foundation to be held Sept. 10, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hamann Rose Garden in Antelope Park.
- Centennial Mall Stakeholders Workshop 1, Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 4:00-6:00 pm. Location yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Bowling, Secretary to the Director  
Parks & Recreation Dept.