

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Parks and Recreation Conference Room  
Thursday, December 10, 2015 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Justin Carlson; Roy Christensen; Peter Levitov; Joe Tidball; Bradley Brandt; Anne Pagel; Sherrie Nelson; Jeff Schwebke; Susan Deitchler; Emily Graul; Kathi Wieskamp

### **Members Absent:**

Robert Ripley; Jim Crook; Olive Martin; Todd Fitzgerald; Larry Hudkins

### **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Director  
Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director  
Terry Genrich, Assistant Director  
JJ Yost, Planning Design & Const. Manager  
Chris Myers, Park Operations Coordinator

**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 4:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS:** None.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from 11/12/15, Justin made a motion to approve; Roy Christensen seconded, voted, minutes approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Futures Committee** – Bob Ripley is absent. Lynn Johnson said that he anticipated that the Board would be receiving a final draft today for the dog facility master plan, but due to all the public interest in the project, it will go back to the Futures Committee to review and hopefully a finalized proposal will be presented for action in February 2016.
- **Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224**  
JJ Yost, Parks Planning and Construction Manager was introduced. JJ gave an overview of the 10 year plan. He shared a report of the repairs and replacement items in the Parks infrastructure. Parks and Recreation needs \$2.96 million annually to keep up with repairing and replacing what we currently have. \$3.5 million is needed to develop new parks and trails as the City grows.

All projects were given a priority code of A (immediate need) B (not so immediate) C (lower priority)

Keno funds of approximately \$1 million and cell tower rent of approximately \$224,000 annually have helped fund our projects. Impact fees paid by homeowners help develop new parks and trails in new areas. New community recreation opportunities have a projected cost of about \$42 million and will soon need \$45 million to secure land on the south beltway to build future trails. JJ states that we need to move land acquisition from priority C to priority A to secure the land soon.

Peter reminded the Board that the list of future projects involving fundraising is not "set in stone". This is planning to look 10 years into the future needs of Parks and Recreation. It is the responsibility of this Board to indicate to the Parks Foundation the priorities that the Board thinks would be in the best interest of the City.

Lynn was asked about Woods tennis. Lynn replied that the City Council approved \$400,000 and The Friends of Woods Tennis (FOWT) has asked for an additional \$400,000 for The Woods Park Tennis Center. FOWT will likely be talking to the City Council and Mayor the first part of 2016 regarding additional City funds.

Pioneer Clubhouse is projected to be renovated. Lynn said that a banquet facility and outdoor space will be part of that project. Roy stated that until the Golf program works through some of its financial challenges, the Council will not consider allocating money for improvements. Roy stated that the Council will consider one but not both of the A category items on the list of future fundraising projects. He suggested removal of the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor project to have a better chance to get approval for additional funds for the Woods Park Tennis Center project. He stated that the Council is hesitant to put money into a project that is outside of the City limits.

Susan D. asked about Cascade fountain. JJ and Lynn both stated that it is in decline and the inside of the fountain is in worse shape than the outside.

Pioneer Park Nature Center is trying to raise money from private companies to help fund improvements to expand the area where bison are allowed to graze.

Pinewood Bowl master plan update is ready for review. A funding strategy of \$3.5 million to fund the plan needs to be developed.

The Plant Oasis group has talked to a consultant to come up with a business plan. They are getting the cost of operations and an endowment together to present for needed funds. The project is not currently on the list of fundraising projects.

Jensen Park: Roy stated that this will be a hard issue to get the Council to commit funds to for the next two years. Roy again suggested removing the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor and Jensen Park from the priority list and add it back in two years. A motion was made to remove Haines Branch Corridor and Jensen Park from the priority list and put it in undesignated list.

Further discussion took place and it was decided to change the designation of the two projects to a C instead of removing them all together. Voted: in favor = 8; against = 3; motion carried. Peter asked for a vote to adopt the 10 year plan as amended: voted, unanimously approved, plan adopted.

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

Brad stated that the November monthly report was sent out recently. He discussed the Golf Sustainability Committee and how they have been brain-storming for ideas to improve the Golf program. After several more meetings and finalization of their ideas, the committee will present their proposal to the PRAB, who, upon approval, will present it to the City Council and Mayor for approval. We hope to have the plan finalized next spring.

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

Peter presented the following slate of nominees for office:

Chair: Anne Pagel (who was Chair two years ago)

Vice Chair: Brad Brandt

Fees & Facilities: Justin Carlson

Golf: Brad Brandt

Futures: Jeff Schwebke

Voting will take place at the February meeting.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

Lynn thanked all members for their commitment to this Board and for their work on behalf of Lincoln Parks and Recreation. Members were given gifts including a calendar with pictures of Tower Square and the Airport Corridor. Peter thanked the Parks staff.

### **Announcements**

No meeting in January. The next meeting is February 11, 2016 Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm