

# MINUTES

## *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*

Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Third Floor Conference Room  
Thursday, May 9, 2024 ~ 4:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Jessica Boren	Bradley Brandt	Jim Crook	Katie Graf
Isabelle Huertas	Charity Iromuanya	Adrian Lauer	Sherrie Nelson
Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe	Jennifer Seacrest	JJ Toczek
S�ndra Washington			

### **Members Absent:**

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### **Staff Members Present:**

Maggie, Stuckey-Ross, Director	JJ Yost, Assistant Director
Holly Lewis, Assistant Director	Denise Pearce, Special Projects Admin.
Chris Myers, Park Operations Coordinator	Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator
Randy Gordon, Foundation Director	Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney
Angela Quinn, Exec. Secretary	

### **CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF ‘OPEN MEETINGS ACT’:**

As per law, Chairperson Jonathan Petersen announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Quinn who declared a quorum of Board members present.

Two recently Mayor-appointed and City Council-confirmed members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were in attendance for their first official meeting. Current Board members and staff welcomed Charity Iromuanya and Adrian Lauer with brief self-introductions.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Jennifer Seacrest and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to approve the minutes from March 14, 2024 meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Katie Graf, Isabelle Huertas, Charity Iromuanya, Adrian Lauer, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jennifer Seacrest, S ndra Washington.** “Abstain”: Jim Crook, JJ Toczek. “No”: None. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Policies Committee – Katie Graf (Chair)**  
No other report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Bradley Brandt (Chair)**  
No other report at this time.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting – Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.  
(rescheduled from June 19<sup>th</sup> due to Juneteenth holiday).

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)**

Sherrie Nelson provided a brief overview of the most recent monthly golf reports and reported that the Mahoney Golf Course cart path project is complete. Courses have been increasingly busy and the courses are in great condition.

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon

- **Executive Committee – Jonathan Petersen (Chair)**

Lincoln Parks Foundation Director Randy Gordon stated that staff are very busy working on two major campaigns, South Haymarket Park and Mahoney Inclusive Playground.

Next Executive Committee meeting – Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

JJ Yost provided updates on a number of Parks projects in various stages of design, currently or soon to be in construction, and others recently completed, which included a PowerPoint presentation with diagrams and photos (copy attached to official minutes on record). With questions and additional discussion, information regarding new park developments, playground renovations, pools, and trail updates were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

Becky Martin, 338 S. 29<sup>th</sup> Street – Thank you for process with recent Woods Park discussions and look forward to being part of the conversation regarding how the park moves forward.

Steve Scharf, 3720 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street – Encouraged planting Zinnia flowers in parks landscaping: cheap, hardy, grow well where grass does not grow, and very beautiful. Would be happy to donate for seeds to get started.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Wake Up the Beds! 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11th @ Sunken Gardens
- Prairie to Prairie Run-Bike-Run, 8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 19th @ Pioneers Park Nature Center
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, offices closed.
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, evening event in the Veterans Memorial Garden
- Veterans Memorial Garden Bricks of Honor Ceremony, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 8th
- Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19th, offices closed.
- Uncle Sam Jam, Wednesday, July 3rd @ Oak Lake Park
- Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th, offices closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business for the Board a motion was made by Sändra Washington and seconded by JJ Toczek to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Isabelle Huertas, Charity Iromuanya, Adrian Lauer, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek, Sändra Washington.** “No”: **None.** Motion carried.