

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 1, 2018

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Office Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Abby Landmeier
Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Byron Wiehe
Bob Wiig

Board Members Absent: Duke Wortmann

City Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Guests Present: Lincoln Pierce

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Bob Wiig at 12:00 pm

Item 2: Approve minutes from the January 4, 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Sam Susuras made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Byron Wiehe and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3: Bike Share Program

Rob Schoeber talked with the board about a proposal for a Bike Share program. These dockless bikes can be located and are reserved through a cell phone app with a credit card. Bikes can be ridden anywhere and left for the next person to reserve and ride. Staff is considering a 120 day pilot program focused on the university and downtown areas which would allow the vendor to assess feasibility for a larger roll-out. There is no financial risk involved for the City, nor revenue sharing.

Item 4: JUCO Vendor Selection Committee

Rob Schoeber talked with the board about the JUCO Vendor selection process which was created five years ago, to help balance the number and type of vendors at JUCO, so that there is variety in the products offered. The committee includes a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to attend the meeting on February 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and participate in the process. Sam Susuras will represent the Board.

Item 5: Update: Community Center Feasibility Study Process

Traci Wieland talked with the Board about the recent stakeholder and community meetings which are a part of the Community Center Feasibility process. There was a log of great dialogue throughout the day and also from the community meeting in the evening. The group expects to have the next round of community meetings in early to mid-March followed by a presentation to City Council. These meetings will include an opportunity for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to meet with the consultants as well. The final feasibility report is expected mid-summer.

Item 6: For The Good of the Community

Rob reminded the board of the resolution changing the City ordinance to allow E-bikes on the Riverfront Trail. The Resolution passed for the evening, but actually failed because a majority of the Council wasn't present at the meeting. The Council has asked staff to re-submit the resolution for the consideration of the full Council.

Traci Wieland advised the board that the Aquatics Division has earned a Gold Award from Ellis and Associates for 5 years in a row. The department has exceeded industry standards to earn this award.

Mr. Lincoln Pierce spoke with the board about operations and capital improvement projects at Tiara Rado and Lincoln Park golf courses. Rob Schoeber reminded the board that, due to staff vacancies, both Golf and Park Operations are being evaluated and staff is looking at options for both divisions. There is a Request for Proposals out for Golf operations to help staff gather information and make a decision about the best way to move forward.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist