

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
February 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Dittman, Amy Hanegan, Alice Pedersen, Josh Rosenau

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Lorri Bodi

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Richie Magpayo, Meredith LaBonte

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Park Board members went through a round robin of introduction and background of themselves.

Councilmember Bodi mentioned the City's Comprehensive plan is being updated and the Park Board should have some coordination with the Planning Commission. Sated that once the Lakefront Property consultant has been hired, the Parks Board will be heavily involved, as well as a full park system update that will happen. The Lakefront Property funding for construction will need to be secured and probably staged depending on what funding comes in. Also mentioned that the Climate Action Committee is creating a climate action plan to keep a look out for.

Alice wondered if there is a discussion on revisioning a Prop 1 Levy retry. Councilmember Bodi said at this time no, but maybe once the Lakefront Property plan is complete, there may be another look at that. Also mentioned a big problem will be maintenance upkeep of the Lakefront Park along with our current parks. Stated there will be lots of grants to look at to apply for to help with all of this.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amy motioned to approve the agenda, Josh seconded the motion to approve, the agenda was approved unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Alice motioned to approve the September Meeting Minutes, Amy seconded the motion to approve, meeting minutes approved unanimously, with one correction of updating the correct Councilmember attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Lakefront Park Planning Updates

Cory gave an update on timeline, the RFQ will be going out the month of March, with April looking at making a decision. Councilmember Bodi mentioned the City may ask a member of the Board to participate in the interviews. The group will look for a consultant who will fit LFP needs. Councilmember Bodi also requested a rough concept, timeline, and schedule of the Lakefront property and Park Master planning process.

B. Yoga in the Parks

Park Board agreed they would like to bring Yoga in the Parks back again. Alice stated the biggest place for growth is captivating our audience, we can seize the opportunity of the public more with things like creating a sign up/email list. Wondered if there are other community building/engagement the Board can improve. Alice gave a background of the series from last year.

Councilmember Bodi likes the idea of bringing in the engagement component. Changing the waiver process could also be an improvement.

The Board did some brainstorming on improvements, Alice will spear head the series again and bring back some ideas and thoughts on how to improve.

Tyler wondered if there is anything else that could follow along this model of community building, low lift/impact? Councilmember Bodi liked the structured walk idea, could look at closing a street, or some bird walks. Josh stated he would look into the bird walk idea and bring back some ideas.

C. Summer Events

The Board talked over potential summer events they could be present at. Cory will have a more set schedule in March/April, keep ideas going on what sort of presence they may want to have at events like Picnic in the Park and maybe farmers market.

D. Walking Route Project

Tyler will take a look at the planning of this and bring more walking ideas.

Josh mentioned this is a good opportunity to look at highlighting the missing components of the parks and walkability to create access awareness for future advocacy.

E. 2023 Work Plan

The Board discussed the work plan, talked about some additions and edits Cory will make to bring back for next meeting to review.

OTHER

Meredith, a Planning Commission member, stated they are beginning to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. There will be overlap on a few different elements: community service, parks and trails, environment and shoreline. Also stated, as a citizen comment, she liked the idea of a park scavenger hunt of some sort.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richie stated she would like to see more activities, wondered if it is possible to identify demographics of citizens and identify activities for age groups. She is hoping to join the board and brainstorm ideas moving forward as she recently interviewed with the Mayor.

ADJOURN: 8:40 PM