

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
November 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Dittman, Alice Pedersen, Steve Feth, Josh Rosenau, Richie Allen

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Lorri Bodi

Amber Mikluscak – Consultant Project Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Max Beuter

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Alice motioned to approve the agenda, Richie seconded the motion to approve, the agenda was approved unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Steve motioned to approve the September Meeting Minutes, Alice seconded the motion to approve, meeting minutes approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

- **Lakefront Project Update and Discussion with Consultant**

Amber, the Lakefront Project Manager from Facet, went through an update. Started with a schedule review, letting the Board know that the Early Works deconstruction/demo is wrapping up and will be going onto Phase 2. Noted this would keep the City in compliance with the RCO grant requirements. Part of the demo/deconstruction included saving usable material (wood and brick) that is stockpiled onsite to be included in the design, deconstruction abatement and asbestos cleanup has been completed, final item to be completed is the fencing that will stay up through construction of the project. The project team will also start to look at good vegetation to transplant to different locations of the property for next steps.

Josh wondered if there could be a newsflash/social media update on the progress of the project out to the community. Amber noted they could work on a press release once work has been completed, Cory and Lori will work on getting that into a newsletter, telling the story of the deconstruction.

Josh wondered if volunteers can help with replanting. Amber noted that preserving could possibly have some work but not necessarily on the park project at the moment. As long as we count volunteer hours, those hours can be tallied up to count towards grant matches, and noted this would not be able to take place until permit approval.

Amber continued with project updates, design is currently at 50%, the City begin reviewing by end of year. State and federal permitting applications are nearly completed and will be submitted end of November/early December.

Workshop summary, around 50 people attended with online opportunities and a survey, where 77 people responded. The workshop/survey presented the schematic design renderings, review of interpretive themes, and gathered community feedback.

Community feedback on the schematic design, generally was positive and in support the design direction. Most concerns were parking and cost. Recommendations such as a picnic shelter design, planting, and amenities will be brought out at 70% design. Will have a design and architecture focus group to look at things like the shelter and other site designs. Survey also conveyed that there were concerns of too many buildings on site, Amber noted being onsite after the deconstruction, space really feels open. Structures on site are very central in the park, and will open nicely to the preserve, feels like we are at a realistic point of design.

Next steps, an update to Council will take place December 12th, budget was approved to continue design into 2025. Once we are at 70%, it will go back into cost estimates. Will continue to advance interpretive design, local permitting (land use and building permits), and workshop 4 is anticipated to take place in late spring/early summer 2025.

- **Horizon View Garden Tour Art Installation Update**

The Garden Tour has raised and saved funding to donate and commission an art installation project for Horizon View Park. The selection committee includes representatives from the Garden Tour, ShoreLake Arts, Third Place Commons, the City, Parks Board, and a local resident in the Art/Gallery field. The selection committee is interviewing three artists out of 9 submissions. The artwork would be installed in summer of 2025.

- **2025 Work Plan**

Will bring this item to the next Parks Board meeting, take in edits/additions. Looking for Board adoption before March, then will present it to Council.

- **December Meeting**

Board agreed to cancel December's meeting.

- **Other**

Councilmember Bodi noted the comprehensive plan is going to Council for adoption and public hearing on December 12th, including the parks and recreation portion, there has not been much changes since Boards last revisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Max noted he wanted to come down and say hi and hear the presentation from the consultant. Noted he was disappointed in the design and wondered if it was designed for requirements or for a park. Thinks there are no bike racks and there are dead ends in the parks and there is no flow in the design. Wondered if there is going to be design for play or relaxing area. Wondered if salvaging materials from demo, is cost effective or just spending more money. Cory noted it is more expensive but doing what is best for the environment.

Councilmember Bodi noted that the walkway to the park will be improved. There are longer-term plans to improve the 522 crossing.

Councilmember Bodi also gave an update on funding, recently Rod Dembowski, who looks out for us and has helped with the original property purchase, senior center, and Third Place Commons, and has now given an additional 500k to the project.

Also noted that Congressman Jayapal, slated 2.5 million in the budget towards the community center space, as we do not have our own in Lake Forest Park. Mentioned that maintenance and security will need to be figured out as we are tight on space but an Artist residence can also be looked at as community has mentioned interest in this previously.

Max also noted he would like the Park Board to look into adventure lab, a geocash app, that takes you to 5 to 10 different locations, for Lake Forest Park.

ADJOURN: 8:20 PM