

**City of Lake Forest Park**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting Summary**  
**November 28, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Lorri Bodi

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:**

None

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

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

**BUSINESS**

**A. Lakefront Property Updates**

Cory gave a quick update of the project, the consultants are working on finishing survey work, beginning design programming and development of concept alternatives that will be presented at the January Parks Board meeting.

Councilmember Bodi noted that the update the Consultants gave to Council went very well. There is good consensus on input from community, Council and Board. Encourage the group to look at the materials, they are moving very fast to hit the grant deadlines in May. Councilmember Bodi thanked the Board and community on participation thus far. Mentioned the Board could possibly go to Council to present Board recommendations.

Tyler brought up the open house, wondered how others through it went. Josh stated he thought it was a good crowd. Wondered if there could be a farther reach going forward. Alice was impressed with how the consultants were managing the questions and open house and is excited for the outcome and future.

**B. 2024 Work Plan**

The Park Board reviewed and talked through the Draft Work Plan for 2024. Josh wondered when Five Acre Woods, could that be added? Cory responded that this project would begin when staff gets direction and time to allows along with funding to make this happen.

Councilmember Bodi mentioned the Planning Commission is moving along with the Comprehensive Plan and Cory should check when the Board's participation may be needed. Said the outline of comprehensive plan will be available soon. Cory can send out the current parks section of the plan. Noted the Climate Action Committee is close to being done with their Climate Action Plan and will be presenting in January or February, could request them to present the plan here.

Councilmember Bodi noted there has previously been a lot of discussion on donations/contributions in early Board years. This could be an active topic to take back up, figure out what the City can do to enhance fundraising/contributions. This could come up with waterfront park, wondered if there are other small cities with similar policies. Josh noted he would like to research more on getting bike racks at parks in the City and wondered what would they have to do to make that work.

Alice mentioned there was just no time for her to take up item two. Josh may be interested in taking this up. Noting what volunteers are doing in the park, could schedule out the year for monthly articles with help from others.

Richie noted we can start making next steps on applying for grant funding to look at the multicultural events for next year.

**C. December/January PRAB Meeting**

The Park Board agreed to cancel the December meeting.

**D. Other**

Councilmember Bodi mentioned there are two new Councilmembers, we can look to invite them in February or March to get to know them and introduce the Board's work. There will be an inauguration ceremony sometime in January.

Josh mentioned at the PTA meeting, a state representative attended, wondered if it would be worth contacting for advocacy of the lakefront park project. The city staff and Council would be involved in this once we have conceptual plans and costs known for the project.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN: 7:55PM**