

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
September 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Richie motioned to approve the August Meeting Minutes, Steve seconded the motion to approve, meeting minutes approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Lakefront Property Updates

Tyler let the Board know him and Richie participated in the Lakefront pre-design workshop with a small group consisting of the Consultants, some city staff, and three Councilmembers including Deputy Mayor French, Councilmember Furutani, and Councilmember Kassover. Tyler mentioned it went well, the group walked down together to the project property, showing the experience of walking to the park from City Hall. Consultants noted ideas and options of how the project's vision can go while being a good neighbor to the residents down at the park and environmental stewards. After the walking tour, a discussion took place to gather information to focus the vision of the park. Mentioned the survey so far is aligned with what the Board and workshop groups have discussed for the vision of the park.

Richie stated the main takeaway she took from the pre-design meeting is whatever the design consideration will be, there will be pros and cons along with cost associated. Noted some structures will have to stay and go away, along with mitigation, environmental needs, and that lake access was number one priority on the survey. Thinks even with restrictions associated with funding sources and the possible merge to create a unified park that will include the preserve will take place.

The Board all received an outreach packet to promote taking the survey and participating in the upcoming open house. Board members will attend and promote to local organizations like PTA's and Scout groups.

Josh noted an idea sparked for a makers space that would need a nonprofit to run it. Would include a community rental for tools, electronics to sewing, etc.

B. Yoga in the Parks Recap

Alice noted that next year she would like to get the process started earlier to find instructors but wondered if they could work with a studio instead of individual instructors. Promotion for the series was all online, would be good to get posters done earlier and printed/promoted. Possibly adding a banner to keep at the park promoting the event could be looked at for next year.

Tyler mentioned the sign in process and speaker improved this year.

C. Paws in the Park

Will take place late October if the Board would like to participate or volunteer at City Booth for the event, Cory will be there to promote a final survey push.

D. Discussion on Current and Future PRAB Projects

Group discussed some potential projects for next year with noting the Lakefront Project will be the majority of their work. Pickle Ball, Bike Racks, Bird Watching, coordinating efforts with Pack the Park in 2024, and addition of a Multicultural Event with the Arts Council were all discussed as options for their work plan.

E. Other

Noted the Planning Commission has started the process to begin the Comprehensive Plan updates. There may be future Park Board input needed throughout the process, parks will be included in the comprehensive plan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN: 8:14PM