

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
July 25, 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, Amy Hanegan

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Lorri Bodi

Councilmember Tracy Furutani

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

LFP Picklers - Becky Hamelton

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Round of introductions and background with the Parks Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Steve 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 June Meeting Minutes, Amy seconded the motion to approve, meeting minutes approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

A. Lakefront Property Process

Cory will set up tour of the Lakefront Property for Park Board members before next meeting. City is working with the consultant now on the scope and schedule and will send updates once available. Board talked about how this process will determine the master plan for the park and budget needed to achieve reached goals and design of the project.

B. Yoga in the Parks

Alice stated there has been around 20 to 50 people every week in attendance, folks are so happy with the event. The last instructor wants to do it every Saturday, donation base. Mentioned the new mic and speaker work well. There were two sub-emergencies in the first two weeks, will work

on finding instructors to create a bigger bench in the future. Wondered if a local studio could be a sponsor? The issue that keeps coming up is most instructors don't have their own insurance, so a sponsor studio could send folks if people cancel.

Tyler likes the improved signing process, noted parking and restrooms are sufficient. A sign and/or banner of some sort would be nice to have out.

Cory will create an email signup sheet for future Park Board news to create a notify my group in the future.

C. Walking Route Project

Councilmember Bodi stated she likes the concept of walking around the town center and weaving through parks and closure to Perkins to 182nd. Mentioned thinking about doing this in the fall. Maybe this could be ran along with a fall event, the pet or fun run.

D. Bird Watching Project

None.

E. Multicultural Event

Cory and Richie will open a City account for the future event to apply for the grant funds.

Councilmember Tracy stated that the City has a contract with ShoreLake Arts, part of their programming is multicultural events. Wondering if there is a possibility to work with the Parks Board on a future event to host one in LFP, specifically the lantern event that celebrates Asian culture and the Lunar New Year. The problem is LFP does not have a big indoor space, group wondered if Brookside Elementary could be the host.

F. Summer Events

Cory gave an updates on upcoming events to attend. Alice mentioned a yoga session in the morning at Picnic in the Park could be organized.

G. Horizon View

Amy sends a request from the pickleballers and others that there needs to be a bathroom near the courts. Would like another port of potty or real bathroom near the reserve. Cory stated that it is not likely going to happen this year as there is no budget for an additional honey bucket and would create more work to let Public Works let the company to the back park area to service the honey bucket.

H. Other

Councilmember Bodi wanted to let people know the Planning Director, Steve, is retiring after many years and a Director of Community Development has been advertised to replace the Planning Directors position.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Becky Hamelton stated she is a LFP resident representing LFP picklerballers. Thanked the group who got the two courts up at Horizon View. Today she is here to request what was done at Horizon View to be done at LFP Elementary School. Background, she has been in communication with Jeff since July '22, has said it is in the works. Shoreline School District has given approval. They would now like to get approval from City Council to get courts at LFP Elementary School. She and her group are willing to help with funding and get the leg work done, like funding nets. Pressure washing would be requested to be done before the courts are lined are painted. Playing would happen after school so the lights need to be done.

ADJOURN: 8:15 PM