

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
September 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Dittman, Amy Hanegan, Alice Pedersen, Tony Auriemma, Max Beuter

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Tracy Furutani

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Alice motioned to approve the August Meeting Minutes, Amy seconded the motion to approve, meeting minutes approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion with Public Works Director Jeffrey Perrigo

Jeff gave an update on the budget process with parks, mentioned there will be future grant funding coming in next year, 2023, begin a parks master plan with current parks to obtain community needs and wants. This should also allow the City to begin on some park improvements as it is in the Mayor's proposed budget. Mast plan should also look at connecting parks through accessible walking trails and routes.

Tyler wondered where the budget process is, Jeff said there are about three more meetings on the budget but should be approved around November. He also mentioned the City is able to maintain current budget for next year's level of service but the master plan will guide us on where we need to go. Operations and maintenance budget may be able to improve some level of service but will at least maintain current.

Councilmember Tracy wanted to thank the Public Works crew for their maintenance, mentioned he reported graffiti and was taken care of right away. Amy noted there were people out at Horizon View Park testing electric lawn equipment while playing pickleball and really appreciated the lower level of noise.

Alice wondered what a master plan would entail and would include in the Lake Front Property park. Jeff stated this would include the park property and would include a master plan for each park. Mentioned the City would be hiring a consultant to perform the master plan process.

B. 2023 Work Plan Discussion

Cory wanted to bring the 2023 Work Plan to everyone's attention for a future meeting to discuss in more detail. Alice mentioned the media outreach may be a bit robust and should be looked at. Ideas of creating a monthly spotlight on a park could be the avenue instead.

OLD BUSINESS

Tyler mentioned he attended Picnic in the Park with a booth for the Cub Scouts, thought it was a good event. Alice seconded. Cory mentioned to brainstorm and store ideas for next year as there is room for the Parks Board to add a component to the event. Alice mentioned we should add this onto the work plan, could start the day off with a yoga in the park.

Tracy mentioned that CAC had a booth and the input was great.

For Ordinance 1247, Tyler mentioned he started to draft a letter to Council but did not get far. Cory also did not get far, and this will be brought up at the next meeting.

A. Workplan Items: Progress, Updates and Discussion Increasing Recreation Opportunities

- Horizon View Tennis/Pickleball Court – Updates

Cory gave update that this will not be able to be done in 2022 but will be complete in early spring 2023. Amy gave an update on funding for the nets, they were able to raise the full amount and they have been ordered.

- Walking Tour and Recreation Connection – Updates

Tyler gave an overview on his idea to create another version of yoga in the parks, walkie talkie, to connect with neighbors and create community connections. He went over the few routes he mapped out.

Tracy mentioned Councilmember Tom French makes it a point to find vacant lands, there is a meadow area near Horizon View, could potentially wrap those into routes to make it continuous. Also stated to look at linear parks, could close off sections of roads to create a day park like Perkins Way.

Max mentioned they could get in contact with people like the Master Gardeners and Stream Keepers for an educational component. Also stated it is getting dark again, wondered if there could be funds to promote walking visibility.

Alice does like the idea of winter walks if we could have the be safe be seen campaign/equipment.

Cory will reach out to the Police Department to see where they could or would be able to help out.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

Max mentioned he was down at Lyon Creek Preserve and seems like the dock needs work, Cory will relay message.

ADJOURN: 8:25 PM