City of Lake Forest Park

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Summary

May 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Dittman, Linda Holman, Mike Vetersneck, Amy Hanegan

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Matt Mulinberg

Cory Mattson – Community Programs Planner

Laura James – ShoreLake Arts Executive Director

Nova Heaton – Public Works Director

Mack Douglas – Public Works Superintendent

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Round Table of Introductions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Linda motioned to approve the April Meeting Minutes, Amy seconded the motion to approve, the minutes were approved unanimously**.**

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION WITH:

- **ShoreLake Arts Executive Director Laura James**
  Laura, ShoreLake Arts Executive Director, gave a quick background of the 27 year old organization, previously known as the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Art Council, now ShoreLake Arts. Noted the gallery/gift shop closed at town center and relocated at the new location is in Ridgecrest neighborhood, this space allows them to now host art classes. Last year they did a veteran gallery art show at the new office/studio, all veteran art was sold. They also started doing

classes at the senior center, where 50 and older are eligible to participate. ShoreLake arts does over 40 events through the year. Laura noted the edible book fair came back with over 400 participants and 20 submissions this year. Listen Here! Is the new teen showcase co-hosting with Musicology, that will take place at Animal Acres Park. Looking to select 4 bands, all band members must be under 21 to play. Shakespear is booked for Arts in the Park August 8th at Animal Acres, this is geared towards youth and families. Battle of the Bands will take place again in LFP, August 22, and ShoreLake Arts will be at Picnic in the Park and Paws in the Park with hands on art.

- **New LFP Public Works Director Nova Heaton and Superintendent Mack Douglas**

Nova – background of where she has worked – committed to long term planning and connecting people to where they are and go. Started in late February – focusing on the transportation plan – connection to parks walk/bike. NPDES – focused next then parks following on her priorities. Want to layout maintenance needs and budget needs, identify gaps. Looking at maintenance cost and impacts are looked at before going in. masterplans for parks, updating and creating. Best use for parks and needs of community.

Mack – more of the day to day – weekly/daily priorities. Parks and open space background. Working with linda and mastergarden at AA. Updating operating procedures. Small crew and how to optimize and track and tell the story to advocate public works and parks.

BUSINESS

- **2026 Community Events**
  Cory went through events and noted next year she would like to bring an actual concert serries to Animal Acres with now owning the Showmobile. This year the City is updating it and getting it in better shape. She will also look at doing a pop-up yoga, rather than a series, just not enough time to coordinate right now.

- **LFP Adventure Lab/Geocaching**
  Matt put together a draft adventure guide packet of what something would look like for phones or to be printed to complete. Board talked about what Geocaching is an App base program, where you can put geocache boxes or things to look at. People will leave notes and different objects in boxes or puzzles. Other cities have some adventure labs. Some are city created with focus on food/business tours. Board will do more research and come back together to chat.

- **Parks eNews Article for June**
  Matt will have Linda look at an article drafted up for the otter garden at Animal Acres Park.

- **Lakefront Park Updates and History/Picture Reschedule**
  Amy brought up the Lakefront Hearing decisions, noted that the Examiner remanded some items and the SEPA appeal was denied. One of the remands was the dock width, not length. The decking around the house, parking, and kayak rack. City will be going back to hearing with solutions to get approval, there is no timeline or other information at this time.
  Amy also had concerns that the sound transit project was going to take away funding for the lakefront, it is not a City funded project and would have no issues with conflicting or overlapping funding resources.

- **Other**
  Park Board agreed to move the regular monthly board meetings to the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00PM.
  The Board is still having a special meeting May 21st, 4:00PM to go through pictures for the history sign project.

Linda would like to get the Board together to walk through Blue Heron soon to discuss future plans for the park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN: 5:30 PM