

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
September 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Dittman, Alice Pedersen, Steve Feth, Josh Rosenau, Amy Hanegan, Richie Allen

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Lorri Bodi

Amber Mikluscak – Consultant Project Manager

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

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

BUSINESS

- **Lakefront Project Update and Discussion with Consultant**

Amber, the Consultant's Project Manager with Facet attended to give an update for the Lakefront project. The project is officially in Phase 2 an 18 month process, phase 1 was a year long. Early works demo notice to proceed was given that includes hazardous waste and site cleanup along with the deconstruction of the buildings that need to be demolished. Work for this phase will be finished by end of 2024. Meanwhile the design development phase is ongoing and permit submittals to take place soon. In the next year, they will be refining documents and cost, public bid will go out end of 2025. Phase three would be construction, 2026-2027, with hope and goal of a spring 2027 opening.

Phase 1 of the project was an investigation of what we wanted the park to look like. Phase 2 is now how do we make the park happen with current conditions. Noted there are three parcels including Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve and the two residential lots. Board discussed issues that will come up including parking requirements. How the parking and behavior use will flow

with design while enhancing the bike/walking regional trails and patterns already used. Discussed what sort of number and type of parking will be needed like ADA accessible and load/unload permitted spots. Traffic analysis has been done through the consultant team. Noted throughout the continued design development process, consultants will be refining what the actual construction will be, and how to save costs with construction timeline. While continuing to designing the parks personality with things like railing designs/style, style of play equipment, bike racks, etc, they will continue to gather public input to implement through this phase. Group then talked through the interpretive planning themes, a central theme: this shoreline offers space for reciprocal exchanges that restore the whole watershed and the lives connected to it. Theme 1: reconciliation work begins by acknowledging this site. Theme 2: better understanding the natural system connected to this shoreline, people can restore those systems to more self-sufficient conditions. Board noted a theme of humans and recreation were missing and may need to be represented in a stronger or different way. Cory will send the interpretive plan and schematic design out to the group to take another look.

- **Paws in the Park Update**

Cory gave a quick update on Paws in the Park timing and participants. Invited the Board to attend as well as volunteer at the City Booth during the event.

- **Summer Events Recap and Discussion**

All who attended noted Picnic in the Park went well and participation looks to be closer to pre pandemic attendance. The first community LFP Yard Sale was a hit with around 70 houses participating in the map. People were able to meet new neighbors saw good community participation. Alice noted she has some lessons learned to incorporate next year. Wondered maybe there could be a donation based participation since this was a time consuming service provided to the community.

- **Other**

Cory noted if they want an eNews article submitted, those would need to be received by October 15.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN: 8:45 PM