City of Lake Forest Park

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Summary

August 29, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Cory Roche – Environmental & Sustainability Specialist

Councilmember Lorri Bodi

Amber Mikluscak – DCG/Watershed Consultant

Chuck McDowell - DCG/Watershed Consultant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Round of 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

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

LAKEFRONT PROPERTY OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION WITH CONSULTANTS

Amber, the Consultant Project Manager, gave a short background of the firm and their roles. The group went through an overview and background of the scope of the project passed by Council. Noted it will be a years' worth of effort hearing what the community envisions for this project with the goal to make RCO grant deadlines of May in 2024, driving the timeline to meet this criteria.

DCG-Watershed will create materials for the Board to take out to community groups to promote public participation and input on the project. The group talked over what the year of community outreach and input will look like.

Park Board then went through an exercise to help frame the predesign meeting that included input items like:

- What tools or measures can improve community participation?
- Does the public have any preconceived notions about the park?
- Have community members or others been promised anything?
- What are the barriers and obstacles to community support of the project?
- What are specific strategies to overcome those barriers and obstacles?
- Vision.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Yoga in the Parks Recap

Will table for next meeting.

B. Picnic in the Park

Cory will send out an email to sign up for volunteering at the booth to promote the Lakefront Project.

C. Other

Councilmember Bodi noted there have been some good candidates for the previous Planning Director vacancy, now the Community Development Director, and will announce the new hire soon. City is also in the process of hiring assistant planner and an arborist.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tyler read public comment submitted from Nancy Gorbman:

In the development and design plan for the new Waterfront Park, please see suggested items below:

1) Community Center Building:

with education exhibits - art, sustainability, marine biology, local history, with rooms for classes; a free public meeting room/gathering space facing the waterfront. —-For an example, see Edmonds Waterfront Community Center!!!

2) Boat rentals (canoes)

3) Swimming beach area with outdoor shower and bathroom

Thanks for your consideration!!

ADJOURN: 9:08 PM