

**City of Lake Forest Park  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting Summary  
17425 Ballinger Way NE – Lake/Forest Room  
September 29, 2021**

**Regular Meeting:** Call to Order – 7:05PM

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:**

Tyler Dittman, Julie Wheatley, Tony Auriemma, Max Beuter

**Staff and Others Present:**

Cory Roche - Community Volunteer Coordinator, Councilmember Lorri Bodi

**Members of the Public Present:**

Julian Anderson, Mike Dee, Jean Robbins

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Review/Approve September Agenda:**

Julie motioned to approve the agenda with an additional topic of Sidewalks, Tony seconded, the motion to approve the agenda was approved unanimously.

**Review/Approve August Meeting Minutes:**

Julie motioned to approve the August Meeting Minutes, Tony seconded, the motion to approve the meeting minutes approved unanimously.

**Sidewalks Lead by Councilmember Lorri Bodi**

Councilmember Bodi started if the LFP Proposition 1 – Levy Lid Lift passed, the City Council is strongly committed to the sidewalks plan and improvements. The highest interest in LFP for these improvements are typically around the schools. The Parks Board would be asked and involved in ranking priorities that would most likely rank after improvements around schools. Whichever the outcome is of Proposition 1, there will be a role with funding through sought after grants or levy funding. Council would look to task sidewalks to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Julie questioned if this would entail working with the community, collecting input and no project completion or management of sidewalks. Councilmember Bodi said this is correct, the Board is a liaison of the community to Council and City Staff.

Councilmember Bodi asked the Board if they thought there would be any concerns on the addition of sidewalks to their time and workload. Julie agrees the sidewalks do fit with the Board. Tony mentioned he would be worried about the cost impact. Councilmember Bodi mentioned that the start of projects and costs would happen under Proposition 1 if approved or a continuation of applying for grants, but the Board would be making sure the priority list is up to date. Tyler agrees this fits in with the Board and will look at adding this to the Work Plan.

**Work Plan – Review and Approve:**

The Board reviewed the DRAFT – Work Plan, Cory will bring back a revamped draft next meeting to discuss, review, and edit as needed again. There are some additions, subtractions, and rearrangement of how the Board's Work Plan will look after the discussion.

Max wondered if there is a park improvement list with parks or how the board can make suggestion of maintenance improvements. Tyler also wondered if there was a way to discuss with the City in regards to improvements and status of parks. Cory mentioned she would look to invite the Public Works Superintendent to an upcoming meeting to go over how Public Works runs parks, maintenance, and other duties with the Board. Councilmember Bodi also stated that Cory can provide updates on projects they are interested in but special specific park ongoing maintenance or special projects to parks depend upon funding and grants obtained.

**Aquatic Facilities Grant**

Cory stated that the Cities of Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline are submitting a joint grant application to partner on a feasibility study for an aquatic center between the three cities. Then asked if the Board would be interested in submitting a letter of support for this grant application. Julie gave a background of swim needs around the area and the growing need for all ages and capability. The Board agreed they are in support of this, Tyler volunteered to write the letter and would be in contact with the Board members of his draft and support to submit to Cory.

**Select Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board voted and approved unanimously: Tyler as Chair and Julie as Vice-Chair.

**Scavenger Hunt**

The Board agreed to move this item to another meeting down the road.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

Jean stated that she and some of the LFP Stewardship Foundation group are looking at grant opportunities for a board walk system in Grace Cole and Five Acre Woods for the wetland areas of the parks. She mentioned Everett has a great board walk viewing system. Grants that are being looked at currently are through RCO (Recreation and Conservation Office). Jean also highlighted that boardwalks for Grace Cole and Five Acre Woods wetland areas would increase access to the parks in a safe and environmentally appropriate way and thinking that teaming up with the Parks Board on this and help with the RCO Grant.

Cory mentioned that the RCO Grants are fairly rigorous and would need to get approval for time to spend on a project like this but going to City Council to suggest this opportunity would be the best route. Councilmember Bodi also mentioned that bringing visuals (maps) of the board walk ideas would be good when doing this.

**Adjourn:** 8:29PM