

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LONSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
JUNE 4, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeanette Utecht, Micki Ziskovsky, Kevin Kodada, Laura Carpentier, and Shelly Narum

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Planner Benjamin Baker

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kodada called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

**2. AGENDA**

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**3. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Carpentier and seconded by Utecht to approve the Minutes from the April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Consider Approval of the Lonsdale Little Free Library Project

The Park Board members reviewed information and plans provided by Mandy Wadekamper about a Little Free Library Project. Wadekamper explained how a Little Free Library works, why Lonsdale needs one, where it should be located, and how books will be supplied. Wadekamper stated that that she would like to construct the little book house and locate it in the Main Street Plaza. She noted that the books would be protected from the weather by clear glass/plastic doors. All the Park Board members stated that they loved the idea of a little free library. Utecht mentioned that there are some donated books available at the Library. Wadekamper said that her family is willing to monitor the little free library. Ziskovsky suggested having books for children. Wadekamper said that that the little free library will have children's books and a few other books for adult readers. The Board thanked Wadekamper for coming to the meeting.

A motion was made by Utecht and seconded by Ziskovsky to approve the Lonsdale Little Free Library Project. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

### b. Discuss a Proposal to Locate a Farmers Market at the Main Street Plaza

Baker provided the Park Board with information provided by Billie Sayer, a local resident, requesting comments for a planned Farmers Market at the Main Street Plaza. He said that the Farmers Market would run from June 11<sup>th</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup> on Thursday evenings from 4:30-7:00 pm. The Park Board provided the following comments regarding the location of Farmers Market at the Main Street Plaza:

- The Farmers Market is a great idea, in the right location.
- The Main Street Plaza may not be big enough for the Farmers Market. What happens if the Market grows?
- Due to the construction of the Veterans Memorial, scheduled dedication date for July 31<sup>st</sup>, and the newness of the Plaza, the Plaza should not be used as a Farmers Market site until next year.
- There should be no Farmers Market activities located on the Main Street Plaza lawn or fountain/central area.
- Signage should not be allowed within the Plaza area.
- The wide sidewalk portion of Main Street North, which is 20 ft. wide, could possibly be used in the future for Farmers Market activities.
- The Farmers Market should be located at Trenchard Memorial Park/DRS Field Parking Lot (along Main Street North with plenty of parking and shade), Lions Park/2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Downtown location with plenty of visibility from Hwy 19), the American Legion parking lot (along Main Street North with plenty of parking/space), or at the Fred's Foods parking lot (commercial area with plenty of parking).

Overall, the Park Board agreed that a Farmers Market is a great idea, but they thought the Main Street Plaza wasn't the best location for the market. They explained that due to the newness of the concrete, sod, plantings, and site furniture in the Plaza, that another location may be more suitable, especially since the site is under construction. They also stated that other locations may have more space, shade, and parking compared to the Main Street Plaza. Baker stated that he would relay the Board's comments to City Administrator and Billie Sayer

The Park Board left the Council Chambers at City Hall to go on a tour.

c. Off-Site Tour of Floating Dock System, Linking Lonsdale Project, and the Veterans Memorial Project

The Park Board took a tour of the following three locations:

- Floating Dock System (6650 Gibbon Avenue)
- Linking Lonsdale Project (Trenda Memorial Park & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Hwy 19)
- Veterans Memorial Project (133 Main Street North)

d. 2015 Fishing Pier/Boardwalk Project Discussion

At the Main Street Plaza, the Park Board members discussed the pros and cons of a new floating dock system proposed by Randy Stangler. The Park Board toured the Connectadock system earlier in the evening at Stangler's property, 6650 Gibbon Avenue. Baker stated that both the MinnCor design and Connectadock design were both great docks/piers, and he said that the Board really couldn't go wrong when choosing which dock system to go with. He said that that the MinnCor design was probably more natural looking and aesthetically appealing but that the Connectadock system would be less maintenance over the long-term. Carpentier stated that she did not like the Connectadock system. The rest of the Board members agreed that the Connectadock system seemed too commercial-looking, and it didn't seem as sturdy as the MinnCor dock. Narum said that she preferred the real wooden dock. Kodada expressed that he liked the idea of less maintenance, but he noted that the Connectadock did not have foam inside of its floats. Utecht stated that she did not like the look of the Connectadock system. Ziskovsky said that she preferred the wooden dock look as well. She suggested that the City paint the dock red, and call the 9-acre pond "Red Dock Pond". Overall, the Park Board agreed to stay with the original MinnCor dock design. Baker said that he would relay their comments to R & L Woodcraft.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

Ziskovsky relayed a few maintenance concerns about the Jaycee Park Concession Stand and grounds.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ziskovsky and seconded by Carpentier to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Utecht, Ziskovsky, Kodada, Carpentier, and Narum; Against: None. Vote 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:16 pm. The meeting/tour ended at the Main Street Plaza.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Benjamin Baker, City Planner