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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the MariCar Community Center.

Members present: Anne Hajek, Kevin Nyberg, Michelle Erpenbach, Sandra Pay, and Michael Crane.

Members absent: Steve Thomas.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Barb Hermanson, and Kelby Mieras.

Others present: Mike Cooper, City Planning; Shannon Ausen and Kevin Smith; Public Works; Candy Hanson, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation; Jonathan Ellis; and Cheryl Rath.

It was moved by Michelle Erpenbach, seconded by Michael Crane, that the minutes of the September 16, 2008, meeting be amended by removing the statement regarding the type of structure to be constructed at Harmodon through a gifting agreement and be approved. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was passed.

Under public input, there were no comments.

For committee reports, the Marketing and Public Needs Committee did not meet. Michael Crane reported that all Park System Planning and Development Committee items are on the current Park Board agenda. Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current Park Board agenda.

Under unfinished business, Don Kearney gave a brief summary of the process the Railroad Relocation project has been through to this point and the impact to Falls Park. Mike Cooper informed the Board that an open house had been held with the majority of the comments relating to the potential closure of Timberline Road. There was also a meeting with BNSF operations representatives to review the proposed alignment from an operational standpoint. Kevin Smith presented the different alternatives for the switching area along Rice Street that included options for the future of Timberline Road. He also went through the three alternatives for rail alignment in the downtown area that will impact Falls Park. Kevin Smith relayed to the Board that during the open house the most favorable downtown option was Alternative B that adds a second railroad trestle adjacent to the current trestle in Falls Park. He also informed the Board that there will be another public meeting once the environmental assessment has been completed. Mike Cooper then presented the estimated costs associated with each of the

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alternatives presented. Don Kearney presented the letter from the Parks and Recreation Board to the Federal Highway Administration. Parks and Recreation Board President Kevin Nyberg stated, "What may not be in the best interest of the park may be in the best interest of the city." A motion was made by Michael Crane, seconded by Michelle Erpenbach, to approve the letter as amended. Motion passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, and Sandra Pay voting yes.

Under new business, Kelby Mieras presented the Philander Prescott Historical Marker for Falls Park. He gave a brief summary of the marker and the location of the marker. The location is to be listed as temporary and there is not to be any additional street signage directing people to this marker. Anne Hajek would like someone from the Parks and Recreation staff to review the marker text prior to installation. A motion was made by Michael Crane, seconded by Michelle Erpenbach, to approve the historical marker. Motion passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, and Sandra Pay voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented an agreement to convey real estate; the agreement would gift land adjacent to Rosa Parks Elementary School by the Dawley family. The agreement states that the naming of the park will be by the Dawley family with approval by the Park Board and the City Council. A motion was made by Anne Hajek, seconded by Michael Crane, to approve the agreement. Motion passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, and Sandra Pay voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented a gifting agreement for the *Going Home Sculpture* to be placed at Veterans' Memorial Park. The agreement will gift the sculpture from the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation to the City; the placement of the sculpture has already been approved by the Park Board and the City Council. Candy Hanson informed the Board that she has been working with the Roling family to raise funds to purchase the sculpture and that the first payment has been made to the sculptor. She also informed the Board that the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Board approved the agreement in September. A motion was made by Anne Hajek, seconded by Sandra Pay, to approve the agreement. Motion passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, and Michael Crane abstaining.

Dave Fischer presented lease agreements for cameras to continue to be located on the Falls Park Visitor Center by KELO and South Dakota Public Broadcasting. The lease agreements are for five years. Anne Hajek asked if there was a policy in place that would limit the number of cameras on the tower. Michelle Erpenbach stated that she felt that the three current cameras were the limit. A motion was made by Michelle Erpenbach, seconded by Michael Crane, to approve the agreement. Motion passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Michael

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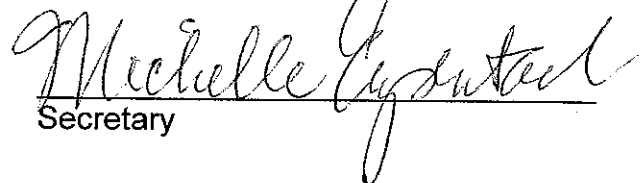
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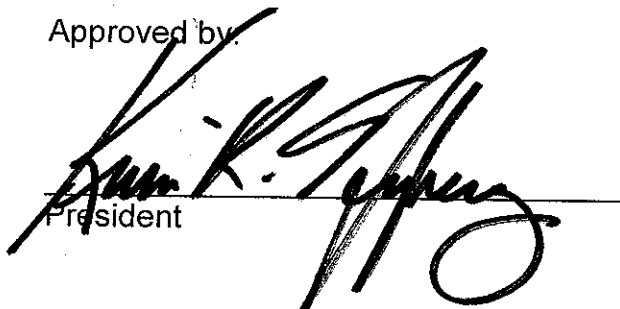
Under the Director's Report, Don Kearney reported that he had received a letter from Janice Dickey with the Sioux Falls Area Garden Club requesting the City to adopt an official city flower. Don asked Janice to visit with the other city garden clubs and make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board. He has not heard back yet. He also updated the Board on the progress of the construction of Drake Springs Family Aquatic Center. With the rain last week, the construction is behind schedule, but we are hoping for good fall weather that will allow the contractor to catch up. Don reminded the Board of the Elmen Park Trailhead ribbon cutting on Friday, October 31, and of the Winter Wonderland lighting on Saturday, November 22. Dave Fischer reported on the progress of the Tuthill Park road project which is also behind schedule due to the recent rains but completion is expected soon. Dave also updated the Board on the comments forwarded to the City Planning Office regarding the conditional use permit that would allow mining adjacent to Great Bear Recreation Park. Barb Hermanson reported to the Board that men's and women's volleyball league registrations are up for the 2008-2009 season. She also updated the Board on the success of online registration for recreation programs.

No reading of communications to the Board.

Michelle Erpenbach asked what impacts the recent winds had on trees in the park system and if we will be replacing trees that were lost. Kelby Mieras responded that the damage was minimal in the park system and that we will replace the lost trees in coming years through our tree replacement program. She also asked about the Terrace Park pool lights being on during evening hours.

There being no further business, it was moved by Michael Crane and seconded by Anne Hajek to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Approved by:

President