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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Kenny Anderson Community Center.

Members Present: Kevin Nyberg, Michelle Erpenbach, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, and Bob McDowell.

Members Absent: Pat Lloyd was present for the Director's Report.

Park Department Staff Present: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, Barb Hermanson, and Tory Miedema.

Others Present: Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

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 agenda. Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Dave Fischer presented the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) Family Park Joint Powers Agreement. This agreement is between the City of Sioux Falls and the GF&P to construct the initial site developments for Family Park. The GF&P will pay for the design and construction of the initial development phase, and conduct fishing management activities, including stocking and survey. The City will own, operate, and maintain the park and facilities constructed. The GF&P is looking to bid and construct the improvements this fall. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Bob McDowell voting yes.

Tory Miedema presented the proposed water well site at the old nursery site. The Water Purification Department would like to replace three vertical wells currently on the nursery site with one horizontal well. The existing wells have been losing capacity and plug up easier than horizontal wells. The new well would increase capacity and be less prone to plugging. In addition, they would like to replace the existing water main with a ten-inch main, and construct an entrance road. They also agreed to remove an abandoned well on the west side of the site. The Park Board would like staff to work with the Water Purification Department on the color and screening of the proposed building. A motion was made to approve the proposal. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Bob McDowell voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the Brandon Valley School District/City Joint Use Agreement. The agreement allows the school district and the City to jointly use the Fred Assam site and future sites as they are constructed. The appendix spells out the details for the

Fred Assam site, and future appendixes will be added for each additional site. The agreement was approved by the Brandon Valley School Board on July 13, 2009, and will need to go to the City Council pending Park Board approval. The Fred Assam site is the first joint use facility the City has with Brandon. The school is scheduled to open in August, 2009. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Bob McDowell voting yes.

Under the Director's report, Don Kearney reported that there was a request for sidewalk to be installed along the parking lot at McKennan Park to give park users a place to walk instead of walking through the parking lot. Some residents in the neighborhood objected to the sidewalk and called to complain. Don visited with them and explained the reasons for adding the sidewalk, including the ADA Review Board's request to have better access to and through the park. Don stated that he has told the two parties that had concerns that we were moving forward with the sidewalk after hearing their concerns.

Little League representatives could not make the meeting this month, so both the Sioux Empire Baseball Association and Little League will be rescheduled for next month. A list of upcoming events in the park system has been included at the bottom of the agenda.

The Thelin Park ribbon cutting was scheduled to accommodate the land donors' schedule, as some of the family members live out of the country. The park may not be completely finished, however, the major elements will be done.

The Helen McKennan bust dedication is scheduled for August 26, 2009, at 4 pm in McKennan Park.

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) 16 and Under Girls Fast-Pitch Tournament will be in town starting July 26, 2009. There are 164 teams, making it the largest ASA tournament in the nation this year. The Sherman and Harmodon complexes will be used to accommodate the tournament.

The new restroom at McKennan Park is scheduled to be completed in three weeks, barring weather or construction delays. Bob McDowell asked when the tennis court lights at McKennan Park are scheduled to be replaced. Tory stated that they are scheduled in 2011. Don mentioned that there have been numerous requests by different organizations to salvage and reuse the old tennis shack at McKennan Park, including keeping it in its current location. Don has denied those requests, based on the sensitivity of some of the neighbors about the new restroom/tennis building being installed. Furthermore, the shack is in poor condition and cannot be salvaged. Sandra Pay complimented staff on the programs and events that have been taking place at McKennan Park. They have been well organized and have had great attendance. Dave complimented the operational staff for their work during JazzFest and the three state tournaments that took place last week. Don said the City had a 12-week weight loss challenge, and all five parks teams placed within the top six, including the winner.

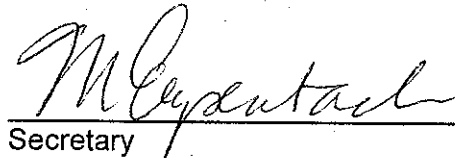
Under reading of communications to the Board, a Comtrak email was received from Chris Kuehn, a former Sioux Falls resident. He and his family had recently visited Sioux Falls and used the Drake Springs Family Aquatic Center, and attended several

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park programs. Mr. Kuehn stated that he wanted to congratulate Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation on providing a "world-class park system."

Under open Board discussion, Sandra thanked Kevin for setting up the canoe/kayak trip on the Big Sioux River. The next meeting will be held at the Morningside Community Center, located at 2400 South Bahnson Avenue.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Approved by:


President