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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 4 p.m. at the Kuehn Community Center.

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

Members absent: None.

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

Others present: Jan Wood and Pat Lloyd. President Kevin Nyberg welcomed Pat Lloyd as our newest Board member. She will fill the unexpired term of Brad Jans.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

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

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Jan Wood presented the Falls Park Bicycle Rental report. Jan said the bicycle rental started in 2006 and has seen increased interest, but is still a work in progress. She would like to get better signage and move to a more busy part of the park in the future. The department is currently working on a new master plan for Falls Park and will look into the possibilities during the planning process.

Dave Fischer and Jan Wood presented the option to extend the Falls Park Bicycle Rental agreement through 2010. The current agreement expires at the end of 2008 and includes an option to extend for two years. A motion was made to approve the option to extend through 2010. Motion was passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, and Michael Crane voting yes.

Don Kearney presented the Park Board and committee meeting calendar for 2009. A motion was made to approve the Park Board and committee meeting

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calendar for 2009. Motion was passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, and Michael Crane voting yes.

Don Kearney presented the election of officers. A motion was made to reelect the existing officers to their same positions. Motion was passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, and Michael Crane voting yes.

Under the Director's Report, Don Kearney said the committee membership and committee chair designations will be on the Park Board agenda in January. This will provide the chance for Board members to make any changes to the present committee assignments. Any changes will take effect in February 2009.

Don said there is a group of parents in Sioux Falls trying to start a Little League program after seeing the Rapid City Little League making it to the Little League World Series this year. This program is not affiliated with the Sioux Empire Baseball Association, which currently administers all baseball leagues in Sioux Falls. Having separate leagues for the same age groups create scheduling and coordination challenges for the available fields. The department is facilitating meetings between the two groups to try to consolidate this program with the Sioux Empire Baseball Association.

The Internal Audit function of the City Council audited the golf course management agreement, the cash donations received by the department, and the disbursements made to the School District for the community centers. The audits went well and didn't turn up any major deficiencies.

The market to sell public bonds has come back, although the rates are currently higher than past bond issues done by the City. The City is moving forward on a bond issue to fund the 41st Street bridge replacement and the levy raising project. The first reading has been done and the second reading is scheduled for January. Finding the best time to move forward with the Quality of Life Bonds is currently under consideration. The Finance department is working with financial advisors to determine how to best package the bonds, considering the current higher rates we are seeing and the tough economic times we are experiencing.

The contractors have completed the recreational pool and lap pool at Drake Springs. They will continue to work on the lazy river and the bathhouse during the winter. The decks, irrigation, and landscaping will happen in the spring after the ground thaws. The contractor is currently four weeks behind schedule, but may be able to catch up depending on the weather. The completion date in the contract is May 29, 2009.

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The parking lot for the Farmers' Market shelter at Falls Park did not get paved this year due to weather. The lot was filled up and sealed, so it will be ready for paving in the spring. The contractor will construct the shelter during the winter months. They currently have six columns ready to pour and are waiting for their materials to arrive.

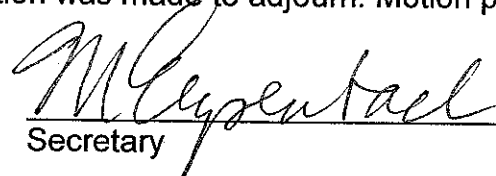
The ice skating rinks will be opening on December 19, and the Tuthill sledding hill will open on December 20.

Kevin Nyberg asked if the department had a wish list for potential donations in the event a private donor was looking to give to Parks and Recreation. Don said the projects in the Capital Improvement Program, as well as others that didn't make the program due to other priorities, could all be considered for donations. He also works with the Community Foundation and donors to see what projects they are interested in.

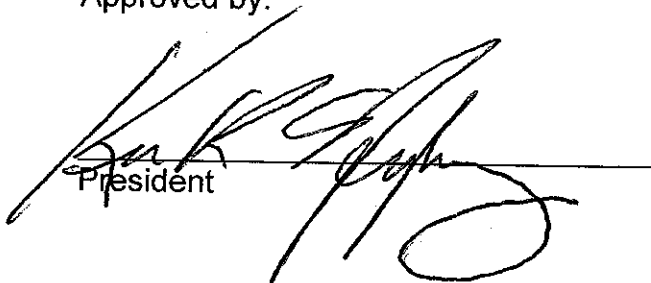
There was no reading of communications to the Board.

There was no open Board discussion.

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


Secretary

Approved by:


President