

September 16, 2008

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 4 p.m. at the Great Bear Chalet.

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

Members absent: None.

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

Others present: Cheryl Rath, Jamie Halversted, Dan Grider, and Ty Inglis.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 19, 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.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Dan Grider and Ty Inglis presented the Great Bear financial report. The report consists of agreed upon procedures laid out in the agreement with the City and is not an audit. The Board questioned whether there has been an audit of the Great Bear operations and if there needs to be one. Dan said the South Dakota Department of Revenue has audited the operation twice, one recently. The Great Bear Advisory Board also reviews the financial reports regularly. Dave Fischer said the report was set up to give the City an overview of the finances. If the City was not comfortable with something in the report, they could perform an audit at their expense. The City has not felt an audit was necessary to this point. Ty made a recommendation in his report to keep subsidiary ledgers for accounts receivable and accounts payable, but also said that the items were relatively small. A motion was made to accept the Great Bear financial report. 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.

The Dawley Park gifting agreement needed to be modified at the request of the donors. A motion was made to defer the agreement until next month. 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.

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Dave Fischer and Jamie Halversted presented the Harmodon Softball Tournament Headquarters gifting agreement. The softball association will build the building and gift it to the city. They will be responsible for the interior maintenance and the utilities used, and will be able to rent it out for a fee to other organizations subject to department approval. The City will be responsible for the maintenance of the exterior of the building. Jamie said the building will have a meeting room, storage room, and utility room with no restrooms. A motion was made to approve the gifting agreement. 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 said the City Council adopted the CIP and operating budgets and thanked the Board and staff for their support during the hearings. He said the approved operating budget will allow the department to take care of a number of deferred maintenance items that have been delayed for a number of years. Design of the first phase of the Zoo master plan will start at the end of September. The project will move the rhinos from their spot in the front of the Zoo to the Africa exhibit. This move will open up space so the rest of the master plan improvements can be done in the future. The Board asked for an update on the Great Bear mining proposal. Dave said the department received a copy of the reclamation plan on Friday. The department will send copies of the reclamation plan to the Great Bear Advisory Board and the Park Board. They will also compile the comments and give them to the Planning department. The Farmers' Market shelter is under construction and should be complete for next year's season.

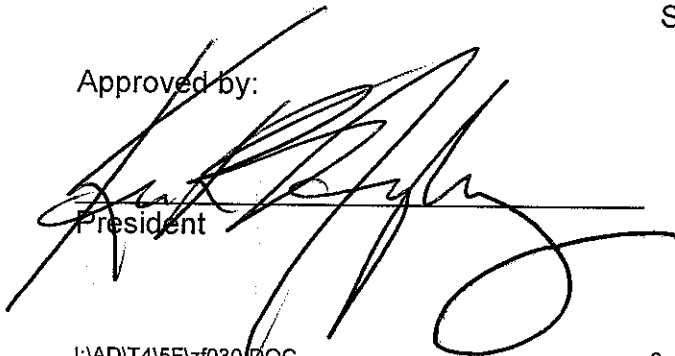
No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open board discussion, Steve Thomas wanted to discuss guidelines for structures within the park system. He referenced the Harmodon softball tournament headquarters approved earlier in the meeting. He and others on the Board felt that it is important that we maintain the quality of these additional buildings placed by others, so they are consistent with the quality of the existing buildings in that particular park. Dave Fischer said that the agreements require approval of the building and materials by department staff. He also mentioned that all of the buildings are different and would be difficult to standardize for the whole park system.

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


Secretary

Approved by:


President