

February 17, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Morningside Community Center.

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

Members absent: None.

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

Others present: Larry Leveranz, Kirk Bloemendaal, Cheryl Rath, and Jeff Hazard.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009, meeting. Motion passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, all Marketing and Public Needs Committee, Park System Planning and Development Committee, and Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current Park Board agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Don Kearney presented the Falls Overlook, LLC Gifting Agreement. The Gifting Agreement is for parking lot and landscaping improvements on park property. The Falls Overlook, LLC purchased the former L & A Baking Company building and is planning to renovate it into office space. The building is adjacent to the south boundary of Tower Park. The existing parking lot for the building is gravel and encroaches onto parkland. As part of the renovation of the building, Falls Overlook, LLC must provide enough paved parking spots to meet building code requirements. They do not have enough room on their property to build the required number of parking spaces, so they requested to encroach approximately 30 feet onto park property. Falls Overlook will construct the parking lot, clean up the south boundary of the park, replace a backstop, and landscape per the exhibit provided. The parking spaces on City property would be available for public use. Falls Overlook would also grant a perpetual easement through the parking lot for ingress/egress. They would also maintain all the improvements to the satisfaction of the City. A motion was made to approve the Falls Overlook, LLC Gifting Agreement. The Board was concerned about how the future maintenance of the improvements could be done if the Falls Overlook, LLC or future property owner did not maintain them to the satisfaction of the City. A motion was made to amend the main motion to approve the Falls Overlook, LLC Gifting Agreement with the added stipulation that the City may perform maintenance on the proposed improvements and bill the Falls Overlook, LLC or future property owner if the maintenance is not done to the satisfaction of the City. Motion was passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes. The amended main motion was passed with Anne Hajek voting yes, Steve Thomas voting yes, Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

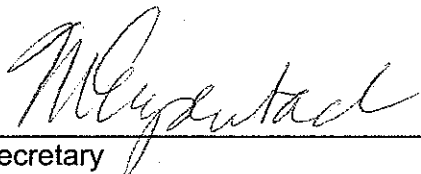
Tory Miedema presented the 2010—2014 Capital Improvement Program. He presented all new projects and major changes from last year's plan. Staff then answered questions from the Board and discussed various projects. Michael Crane requested to include a map and street addresses for projects in next year's CIP. Kevin Nyberg asked for a breakdown showing new construction versus maintenance/construction at existing facilities. Anne Hajek requested to see what percentage of sales tax the park projects represent as compared to total sales tax revenue per year. Steve Thomas would like the Yankton Trail Bridge rehab project, or at least the design, to be moved forward to 2010 if possible. Kevin would like staff to look into the possibility of starting the parking lot projects at Falls Park before the Falls West development. Michelle Erpenbach would like the pedestrian bridge to be added into the description of the "East Bank Sixth to Eighth Street" project, or at least make sure it is still in the plan despite the TIF funding not being available. Steve Thomas would like to see the Meldrum Park project moved up at least two years. Michael Crane would like to see the Granite Valley Park project moved up as much as possible. Staff will be reviewing these requests and presenting revisions. The CIP will be reviewed for approval at the March 3, 2009, Special Meeting.

Under the Director's Report, Don Kearney said the contractor has started on the construction of the shelter portion of the project at Falls Park. Staff is starting to plan for the grand opening of the softball side of the Harmodon Park complex. It will happen sometime this spring. The ice rinks are all closed for the season following the warm weather we have had in the past weeks. The contractors have completed the lazy river and are continuing work on the bathhouse at Drake Springs. An editorial in the *Argus Leader* written by Scott Ehrsman contained a lot of incorrect information in comparing the operational costs per acre for parks in Billings, Montana, versus Sioux Falls. Don will get the correct information to the Park Board in the near future. Don was the director in Billings prior to coming to Sioux Falls. The attendance for the Family Nite Out program has been up, with over a 1,000 people attending the last one at MariCar Community Center. The Summer Activities Fair is scheduled for February 22, 2009.

No reading of communications to the Board.

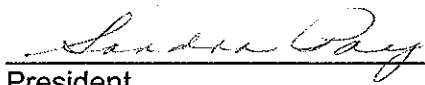
No open Board discussion.

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



Secretary

Approved by:



President