

March 17, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the Horse Barn Arts Center.

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

Members absent: Pat Lloyd.

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

Others present: Cheryl Rath, Jan Wood, and Lary Etten.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Don Kearney reported that all Marketing and Public Needs Committee items are on the current agenda. The Park System Planning and Development Committee did not meet. Kevin Nyberg reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current Park Board agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Lary Etten presented the Falls Park Sound & Light Show annual report. He said the numbers were down last year, mainly due to higher gas prices and no advertising at the rest stops along I-29. He thought the show did have higher attendance from people within Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas. They have been working to repair the search light, but it has taken a long time since the repairs are done out of country. They hope to have it running by the start of the summer. The fund-raising is about halfway complete to produce a new show. The new show will run every other day opposite of the current show. A high definition video production will be added to the show this year. Lary did not know if there will be advertising for the show this year at the rest stops along I-29. He does not know if Wells Fargo will pay for it, but he has no funding for it in his budget.

Don Kearney and Jan Wood presented the option to extend the Overlook Café agreement to March 31, 2010. The breakfast buffet on Saturdays and Sundays is going well, and there have already been 30 private event bookings for 2009. Jan also is planning to try ice cream tacos this summer. Staff recommends approval. A motion was made to approve the option to extend. 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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Barb Hermanson and Jan Wood presented the concession agreement with Crystal Ice for the softball complexes. It is a three-year agreement with an optional two-year extension for concessions at Sherman Park and Harmodon Park complexes. The City would receive 20 percent of the gross sales. The agreement also requires Crystal Ice to provide liquor liability insurance with the City listed as an additional insured. A motion was made to approve the concession 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.

Barb Hermanson presented the concession agreement with Papa John's for the family aquatic centers. It is a three-year agreement with an optional two-year extension for concessions at Drake Springs, Terrace Park, and Laurel Oak aquatic centers. The City would receive 15 percent of the gross sales. Papa John's will also expand their menu to provide other options. The Board discussed charging the concessionaire a flat dollar amount instead of a percentage of the gross sales to eliminate any City concerns over cash receipts. Barb said there is a provision in the agreement allowing the City to audit the books and cash register at any time. Jan said a comparison of sales in past years or a comparison of product purchased to sales could easily show if an audit should be performed. Don said staff will look into the issue and monitor during the year. A motion was made to approve the concession 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.

Don Kearney presented the 2010 Operating Budget initiatives. He went through a handout that highlighted the major changes from last year's budget. The requested 2010 budget request is an increase of 2.85 percent over last year. The typical increase in the last five years has been about 3 percent. A motion was made to approve the 2010 Operating Budget initiatives. 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.

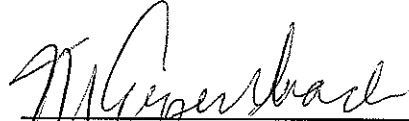
Under the Director's report, Don Kearney said Harmodon Park will need to be rezoned to a Planned Development district to allow Crystal Ice to sell alcohol on the softball side of the complex. The rezoning request will go to the Planning Commission on April 1. Alcohol is allowed at Harmodon currently, but no sales can be made. Don has almost completed the analysis of cost per acre figures compared to Billings. He said they are roughly the same. He will be meeting with interested parties to share the corrected numbers in the near future. Staff met with the concerned neighbors at McKennan Park to discuss the proposed building in this year's project. A compromise was struck with the neighbors and changes to the design were made. The project is advertising Friday and will bid on March 26, 2009. Tom Berkland will present how the levy system works in Sioux Falls at 3 p.m. on April 21 at the Sertoma Butterfly House, one hour prior to the regular Park Board meeting.

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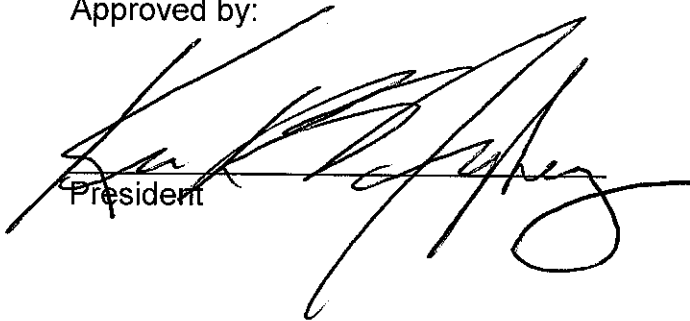
No reading of communications to the Board.

No open Board discussion.

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


Secretary

Approved by:


President