

October 27, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the MariCar Community Center.

Members present: Michelle Erpenbach, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, and Bob McDowell.

Members absent: Kevin Nyberg.

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

Others present: Dave Burwitz.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 15, 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. The Partnerships and Recreation Committee did not meet.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Tory Miedema presented the Leaders Park Single Track proposal. The Falls Area Single Track (FAST) group is proposing to build a single track course at Leaders Park. Their members are certified through the International Mountain Biking Association to build the trail and plan to recruit more volunteers to help with the construction. They would also maintain the trail in the future. The Board reviewed the exhibits provided and discussed the main issues related to this use in Leaders Park. The Board was concerned about the mixed use on the trails and the potential for accidents. Staff discussed this with Risk Management and thought it wouldn't be a big issue. The Board also brought up the possibility of having two separate tracks side-by-side for the different uses. This issue will be revisited when FAST presents the results of the upcoming public meeting to the Park Board.

Under the Director's report, Don Kearney reported that the accreditation team arrives on October 28, 2009. They will be meeting department staff that evening. There will be a social on Thursday, October 29, at Minerva's to introduce the team to the Park Board, City Council, other associations, and business people the department works with. There will be a small program to explain the accreditation process and what it means to the department, followed by introductions of the people in the room and what their connection to the department is. The City received good bids for the grading portion of the Sanford Complex. Work is expected to start soon. Don and other City staff talked to the Airport Authority and Mike Marnach prior to design of the complex. There were no concerns expressed, but a request was made for the City to talk to the Air National Guard. The Guard said the complex was in the best spot since it was the farthest away from their munitions storage. The bike trail numbers were very good and are in the Park Board packets. The department will be replacing playgrounds at Sertoma Park and

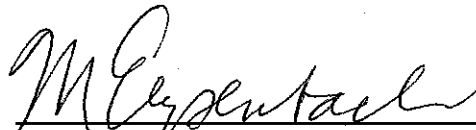
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Cherry Rock Park. Thanks to all Park Board members who served on the technical review team. The ends of the parking lot at the Falls Park open air shelter are scheduled to be paved next week. They should be ready for the Winter Wonderland kickoff. The Great Bear mining conditional use permit requires First Rate Excavate to hold annual update meetings with the City to discuss progress and any issues. The first one is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. The contractor did plant trees and install split rail as required by the conditional use permit. The *Going Home* sculpture dedication will take place in Veterans' Memorial Park on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 1 p.m. The Convention Center is reserved as a backup location in case of bad weather. The first Kids Night Out at Kuehn Community Center drew over 750 people.

No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open Board discussion, the 2009 swimming season was discussed. It was noted that the pools were closed 20 times this year due to overcrowding, with 13 of these closings occurring at Drake Springs. The total value of the free and reduced swim passes for the year was \$196,948.60. The department does not currently have a way to track how many times the free and reduced passes were used throughout the year. The overall revenue at the pools was up \$26,000. Department staff has drafted a response letter to Little League and will send it out to the Park Board to see if all the issues have been listed.

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


Secretary

Approved by:


President