

March 23, 2010

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 4 p.m. at the Horse Barn Arts Center.

**Members Present:** Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, and Mark Millage.

**Members Absent:** Michelle Erpenbach and Patti Abdallah.

**Parks and Recreation Staff Present:** Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, and Tory Miedema.

**Others Present:** Steven Larson, Horse Barn Arts Center; Dan Grider and Steve Sanford, Great Bear Recreation Park; Chad Visser, Downtown Farmer's Market; Cheryl Rath, and Dave Burwitz.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Kevin Nyberg reported that all Marketing and Public Needs Committee items are on the agenda. Michael Crane reported that all Park System Planning and Development Committee items are on the agenda. Don Kearney reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Steven Larson presented the Horse Barn Arts Center year-end report. The number of gallery exhibits was down last year due to costs associated with putting exhibits together and the number of volunteers needed to staff them. The receptions that they did hold at the Horse Barn were well attended. There were also more visitors to the Barn than the year before. E-news letters are being used to distribute information and to promote events at the Barn. They had 1,600 volunteer hours throughout the year, which was very strong.

Dave Fischer and Chad Visser presented the Downtown Farmer's Market Agreement. The old agreement expired in December 2009. This agreement is for one year, with the option to extend for an additional one year. There were no major changes to the terms of the agreement. The Farmer's Market organization was satisfied with the attendance last year and thinks that the new facility will really boost the attendance and sales this year. All nineteen 2009 vendors will return this year and the organization has a waiting list. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

Dave Fischer, Dan Grider, and Steve Sanford presented the Great Bear Management Agreement. It is a three-year agreement similar to the existing agreement. The notable changes are in Section 13, Section 18, and Appendix A, Item 11G. Section 13 is a new section outlining ownership of all items at Great Bear worth \$2,500 or more. Section 18 is a new section requested by the City Attorney saying the parties are entering into the agreement voluntarily. The last change requires a full blown audit every year instead of

the financial review previously required. The audit requirement is similar to the one in the Dakota Golf Management Agreement. Great Bear had a record of nearly 41,900 visits during the 100-day season. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

Kelby Mieras presented the placement of the *Eagle* sculpture in Veterans' Memorial Park. Parks and Recreation is the applicant. The placement has been approved by the Veterans' Park Advisory Board and the Visual Arts Commission. There were no concerns raised during plan review by City staff. If approved, the placement will go to the City Council for final approval. A motion was made to recommend approval of the placement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

Kelby Mieras presented the Flood Response Plan. This is an informational item to let the Board know how the department deals with potential floods. The plan outlines the decision process staff goes through based on the level of flooding expected and how much advanced warning there is for the event. The plan is coordinated with the overall City plan, and details what steps the department will take to protect citizens using the park system and the structures within each individual park. Park staff meets with the other City departments and the National Weather Service to determine the threat level and timing, and then uses the departmental plan to respond. The plan was recently updated during the accreditation process and is updated regularly to include any new structures or parks that are at risk of flooding. The flood event that took place this year was below normal flooding levels and was handled by shutting down certain parks from the public.

Under the Director's report, Don Kearney reported that the department was officially accredited on March 19, 2010. Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation is one of 90 Parks and Recreation agencies accredited out of 9,000 total agencies nationwide. The department will be recognized in October during the National Recreation and Parks Association meeting in Minneapolis.

The Recreation Manager recruitment process is ongoing. Don and Dave met with each recreational staff member to review all aspects of the recreation division. The opening will be advertised in the near future with hopes of filling the position by June.

The Arboretum Society has agreed to match \$300,000 in City funding to construct Phase 1 of the Arboretum. They fell short of their fundraising goal, but thought they would be able to reach that amount. The first phase will be focused around improvements to the Perry Nature Area since an agreement has not been reached to move the Fraternal Order of Police.

Youth Enrichment Services is looking to start a boy's and girl's club in Sioux Falls. The clubs would not involve the City or require any City funding. They would like to meet with the department to go over their plans. The department is still working on a draft of the 2011 operating budget. The draft was deferred until the April meeting to see the status of the latest sales tax receipts. The Board will be presented with budget recommendations in the April committee meetings.

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Don provided the Board with another article on the half-mile service area for parks. The study says that children and adults that live within a half mile of parks are generally more active and healthy. There was also an article in the packets about smoking bans in Seattle parks.

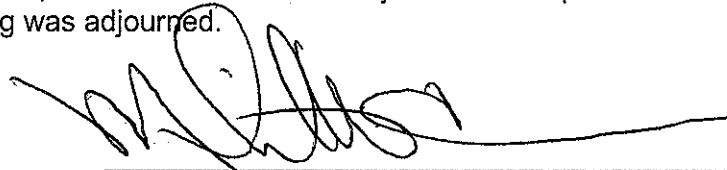
The department will be putting out an RFP for the playground structure replacement program soon. The structures to be replaced are at Spencer, Dunham, Laurel Oaks, and Terry Redlin. We are looking for two or three volunteers to serve on the technical review team. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A copy of the Parks and Recreation Annual Report is in the Park Board packets. The Board asked to see the distribution list for the annual report. They recommended sending copies to the Development Foundation, Convention Visitors Bureau, and Chamber of Commerce.

No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open Board discussion, the Board requested staff to talk to the Downtown Farmer's Market about getting more diversity in the products the vendors are selling. They also want to see the vendors tighten the spacing to allow for more vendors.

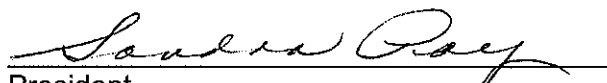
There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.



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Secretary

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President