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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 4 p.m. at the Sertoma Butterfly House.

Members Present: Kevin Nyberg, Michelle Erpenbach, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, and Patti Abdallah.

Members Absent: Mark Millage.

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

Others Present: Jonathan Ellis, *Argus Leader*, Dan Statema and Jennifer Schmidtbauer, Downtown Sioux Falls; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Marketing and Public Needs Committee items are on the agenda. Michael Crane reported that the Park System Planning and Development Committee discussed park land usage at Town One Park and guidelines for usage of park land. These items will be on future Board agendas. Michelle Erpenbach reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Kelby Mieras presented the St. Lambert Field Usage Agreement. The agreement will allow the department to use the two fields owned by the church and will require the department to maintain the field grounds. This agreement is similar to the agreement that had been in place for years. It will not expire unless one of the parties requests to terminate it. The fields are used by the Sioux Falls Fast Pitch Association for their co-ed division. With the fields being close to Frank Olson Park, the Association can run their entire program at one location. It also frees up other fields in the park system for other softball programs the department is involved in. The St. Lambert Church Parish Council has approved the agreement. A motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Patti Abdallah voting yes.

Kelby Mieras and Dan Statema of Downtown Sioux Falls presented an Application for Permit to Charge Entry Fees for a Downtown Sioux Falls event. The event will be held in the portion of Falls Park used by Hot Harley Nights, just north of the Park Office from 3 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2010. Downtown Sioux Falls will fence off that portion of the park, and requests to charge \$10 maximum for entry to the event. The event went through the Special Event Process for review. This event will cost around \$40,000 to put on, with concessions and ticket sales being the only revenue sources to offset the costs. Sponsorships have been difficult to find due to the economy and due to this being the first fenced-in, ticketed event of this size. The event will not close down the main parts of Falls Park. There may be street closures depending on how many tickets are sold if the Police department deems it a safety risk. Off-duty Police will be hired for security at the event. The Board discussed their concerns over charging a fee, fencing off portions of the park, and clean-up after the event. Dan said they would not be able to put on the event

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without the entry fee ticket sales. He said Downtown Sioux Falls is committed to making this event a success on all fronts since this is the first event of its kind, and because they would like to continue holding these types of events in the future. A motion was made to approve the permit. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Patti Abdallah voting yes.

Don Kearney and Dave Fischer presented the 2011 Operating Budget Request. The presentation outlined the initiatives that staff has proposed to develop the budget instead of line-by-line itemizations. The handout outlined the major changes to the approved 2010 Operating Budget. Due to the economy and slumping sales tax receipts, the department was directed to identify roughly \$1.3 million worth of holdbacks in the approved 2010 Operating Budget to balance the overall City budget. That amount represented about 15 percent of the budget, excluding full-time staff salaries and benefits. The budget target for 2011 is the same as the 2010 budget, minus the holdbacks. The philosophy the department took in identifying cuts was to reduce a number of items moderately instead of completely cutting services in order to minimize the impact to the public. Staff identified \$1.3 million in cuts and \$200,000 in new revenue to meet the target. The Board and staff discussed the proposed cuts and fee increases in detail. A motion was made to recommend the operating budget request to the Mayor. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, and Patti Abdallah voting yes.

Under the Director's Report, Don reported that Michelle Erpenbach was elected to the City Council. Congratulations!

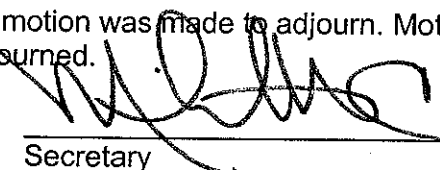
The ribbon cutting for Family Park is scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. The Soukup family will be present and Game Fish and Parks will do a ceremonial fish stocking. The Board will need to elect a new officer to fill the vice president position that Michelle held.

The Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for April 30, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the Perry Nature Area entrance of the Arboretum. Students from Terry Redlin School will be there to plant a tree, and those in attendance will be able to review the Arboretum Phase 1 construction project to be done this year.

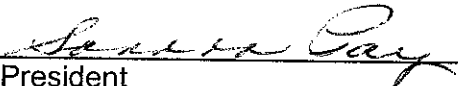
No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open Board discussion, the Board thanked Michelle Erpenbach for her years of service and wished her well in her new position as a City Council member. Sandra Pay asked the Board committees to nominate new committee chairs to fill Michelle's role on the Marketing and Public Needs and the Partnerships and Recreation committees.

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


Secretary

Approved by:


President