A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 4 p.m. at the Morningside Community Center.

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

Members Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Jan Wood, Crystal Ice; Jon Brown and Mike Patton, Stockwell Engineers; Kevin Hesser, University of Sioux Falls; Patti Abdallah; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

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

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Dave Fischer and Jan Wood presented the Overlook Café Management Agreement. The current agreement expires March 31, 2010. This is a three-year agreement. No changes to the terms of the agreement, except that it will end in December instead of March. The Board requested that staff use track changes to highlight major revisions to existing agreements so they can easily see what terms have changed. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Tory Miedema and Jon Brown presented the Judee Estates Master Plan. Jon went over the proposed improvements on the exhibit. The comments received from the neighborhood at the public meeting were positive. The comments dealt mostly with drainage issues and concerns about the property adjacent to the park. The other major request from the meeting was to develop the park as soon as possible. The construction of the park is not currently proposed in the CIP. The current plan is to propose the construction in 2016. The Board asked if it was possible to build a temporary path through the wetland to provide a pedestrian connection to the school. Jon said it would require a footbridge because the land is under water. A motion was made to approve the master plan. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Barb Hermanson presented the SDHSAA agreements for the 2013 boys’ and girls’ tennis tournaments. The agreement is identical to the 2011 agreement except for the date changes. A motion was made to approve the agreements. Motion was passed with
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Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Barb Hermanson presented the applications to charge entry fees for 2010 sports events. A motion was made to approve the applications. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Kelby Mieras presented the application to charge an entry fee for the 2010 Jazzfest. The fee is the same as last year and is meant to encourage people to use the free shuttles at the high schools. The major change from last year is extending the event to three days from two. A motion was made to approve the application. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Dave Fischer and Kevin Hesser presented the Harmodon/University of Sioux Falls Field Usage Agreement. The agreement gives USF priority use of the championship field at Harmodon Park during their baseball season. In return, USF pays a yearly installment that goes toward reimbursing the City for 50 percent of the costs of improvements made on the field to bring it up to college baseball standards. This five-year agreement will complete the repayment for the improvements. USF and the City will also split the cost of replacing any of the improvements. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Kelby Mieras presented the gifting agreement for the Kuehn Park bullpen donation from the Sioux Empire Baseball Association. SEBA would build a similar bullpen for the north field at Kuehn Park as the south field has. The agreement is the same as the previously approved one for the south field. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Michelle Erpenbach voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, and Pat Lloyd voting yes.

Don Kearney and Tory Miedema presented the draft 2011-2015 CIP proposal. Staff and the Board had a general discussion about the revised sales tax projections, steps taken by staff to meet those projections, and changes made to the CIP draft that was reviewed during the committee meetings. The Board favored the idea of paying for the Prairie Green and Kuehn golf course clubhouses with a revenue bond. As discussed, the revenue bonds would be paid off strictly from revenues received from the golf courses. This would more clearly show that the users of the golf courses are paying for improvements to the facilities. The Board asked if the proposed scope changes in the Falls Park project are consistent with the master plan. The Falls Park North portion of the master plan was approved prior to building the Falls Park Open-Air Shelter, and the restroom and playground were in that plan. The parking lot in Falls Park West was approved by the Park Board subject to staff approval of the final plans submitted by the Uptown Group. The Board asked staff to bring the final plan to a future meeting for their review. The Board also asked when the rest of the Falls Park Master Plan improvements would be proposed in the CIP. Staff would anticipate making room in the CIP from 2012 to 2015 to do a phase or two of the master plan. The phasing plan is still being worked on and will be discussed when the plan comes to the Board for approval later this year. The Board thought that the development of new neighborhood parks is a high priority for the department because these parks deliver our basic services and their proposed
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locations are in neighborhoods that are not currently served according to department standards. The Board asked if renovating/replacing Spellerberg Pool is the right thing to do. Based on current service standards, the Spellerberg area is already serviced by other pools while the southwest part of Sioux Falls is not serviced. The Board asked to discuss all the options for Spellerberg Pool prior to the department spending any of the budgeted funding. Staff will bring this issue to a future meeting to discuss priorities prior to spending any money. The Board requested to add funding in the Parks Roads and Lots Project in 2012. The Board thinks the cyclic maintenance/replacement programs in the CIP are very important and should not be cut or reduced to balance the budget. The Board asked staff to why there were no proposed future projects in the CIP for the River Greenway enhancement. Staff will come back with some ideas at the next meeting. The draft CIP 2011-2015 proposal will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Under the Director's report, Don Kearney gave a brief update on the status of the River Greenway Project. The consultant will present some preliminary concepts at the next Board meeting for feedback. The Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation 20-year Comprehensive Plan was approved by the City Council. The Mayor adopted the citywide Risk Management Plan. Those two items were the last pieces to complete prior to the accreditation hearing in March. Patti Abdallah and Mark Millage were recently appointed to the Park Board by the Mayor. Their appointments become effective March 4, 2010. Don suggested putting them in the open committee spots for this year. Barb Hermanson is retiring at the end of February and is attending her final Park Board meeting. We appreciate her 24 years of service to the community and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

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.

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President