A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 4 p.m. at the Oyate Community Center.

A tour of park facilities was held at 2 p.m. prior to the meeting. The tour stops were Sanford Sports Complex, Leaders Park, and Town One Park.

Members and staff present on the tour: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, and Tory Miedema.

Members present at regular meeting: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, and Mark Millage.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, and Tory Miedema.

Others present: Chris Pearson, Falls Area Single Track; Jon Jacobson, Confluence; Wes Engers, First Christian Reformed Church; and Dave Burwitz.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 20, 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 the Park System Planning and Development Committee discussed park land usage guidelines and the Leaders Park proposal, both of which will be on future agendas. All other items are on the current agenda. Pat Lloyd reported that the Partnerships and Recreation Committee discussed the Dakota Golf audit report that will be on a future agenda. All other items are on the agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Tory Miedema and Jon Jacobson presented the revised Arboretum Master Plan. The original master plan was completed around ten years ago. The plan needed to be updated recently due to a couple major changes. The department is working on a gifting agreement with Judy Jasper that will provide funding in the future to build a schoolhouse building and possibly a Visitors Center. The Arboretum Society envisions using these buildings for educational purposes to meet curriculum requirements for the school district. The original master plan did not have a Visitors Center and showed an open-air structure to serve as the old schoolhouse element of the park. It also did not anticipate the
level of programming and staffing the Arboretum Society now desires. The main entrance into the park was also moved to the existing Perry Nature Area entrance since the City has not been able to negotiate a deal to move the Fraternal Order of Police. In general, the revised master plan contains the same elements the original master plan did, but just rearranged them taking into account the most up-to-date project and design information. A motion was made to approve the revised master plan. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, Patti Abdallah voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the Town One gifting agreement. The First Christian Reformed Church adjacent to the park is undergoing a major renovation including an expansion of their existing parking lot. The agreement would allow the church to build 25 new parking stalls on park property at Town One Park. The church would be responsible for all future maintenance on the parking lot. The entire parking lot would be available for use by park users and could be used for recreational purposes provided that the events do not interfere with church activities. The Board asked if the maintenance included snow removal. Dave said that it did and will add language to clarify. The Board also thought some language should be added to prohibit permanent structures or parking on the park portion of the lot. Dave said any permanent structures would need to be brought back before the Board, but agreed that language should be added to prohibit long-term parking. The church was agreeable to the additions to the agreement. 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, Patti Abdallah voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

Don Kearney presented the fee ordinance revisions. These fee increases were part of the 2011 budget initiatives presented to the Board earlier in the year. The purpose of the increases is to generate additional revenue to help the department meet its budget targets. Don presented a number of charts comparing our current fees to other cities in South Dakota. The city is at the bottom of the charts on all but one of the fees. The fee increases are projected to raise about $191,000 for the year. A draft of the ordinance needed to authorize the increases is included in the packet. If the increases are not approved, the department will have to find additional cuts in the operating budget to meet the target. The department plans to go to the June 7 informational briefing to present the fee increases to the City Council. The first and second readings of the proposed ordinance will be scheduled for June 14 and 21, respectively. The City Council will take action on the ordinance on June 21, 2010. The fee increases will take effect on January 1, 2011. The only new fee being proposed is for picnic shelter reservations. A motion was made to recommend approval of the fee ordinance revisions. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, Patti Abdallah voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.
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The Park Board nominated members for the vacant committee chair positions. Kevin Nyberg was nominated for the Marketing and Public Needs Committee chair. Pat Lloyd was nominated for the Partnerships and Recreation Committee chair. A motion was made to approve the nominations. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, Patti Abdallah voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

The Park Board nominated members for the vacant officer positions. Michael Crane was nominated for the Vice President position. Pat Lloyd was nominated for the Secretary position. A motion was made to approve the nominations. Motion was passed with Kevin Nyberg voting yes, Sandra Pay voting yes, Michael Crane voting yes, Pat Lloyd voting yes, Patti Abdallah voting yes, and Mark Millage voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Don Kearney reported that he has had a few meetings with the new Mayor. He said the Mayor is very energetic and encouraging. He has challenged the Directors to look for better and more efficient ways to operate. The Park Board has an opening, and Don asked Board members to encourage good candidates to fill out an application for the Mayor to review. Dale Weir passed away over the weekend. The memorial service is Friday, May 21, 2010, at 7 p.m. Dale donated the land for Arrowhead Park and was very active in the community. Don included an article on bike tourism in the packets. He would like to continue to market Sioux Falls as a bike-friendly city, including promoting the bike trail loop. The hearing on the Leaders Park proposal was postponed so Don could have a chance to brief the new Mayor. The Mayor requested some time to review the proposal and concerns from both sides. Flag Day is on Monday, June 14, not Friday as seen on the Park Board agenda. The Family Park ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. The Soukup family will be present, and the SD Game, Fish and Parks will be doing a ceremonial fish stocking as part of the program.

No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open Board discussion, Kevin and Don will work together to schedule a kayak trip for the Park Board and staff yet this spring/summer.

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

Secretary

Approved by:

President