A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 4 p.m. at the Great Bear Chalet.

A tour of the Blood Run Historic Site was held at 12 noon, prior to the meeting. The site, located east of Harrisburg near Spring Creek Golf Course, is a National Historic Landmark and was home to a trading post established by the Oneota indigenous people, who lived in the area until 1714. Doug Hofer, Director of Parks and Recreation Division of S.D. Game, Fish and Parks, guided the tour and also gave a Blood Run presentation at 3 p.m. at the Great Bear Chalet. The tour was attended by members of the media and the congressional delegation.

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

Members present for the Park Board meeting: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, and Patti Abdallah.

Members absent for the Park Board meeting: Mark Millage.

Parks and Recreation staff present for the Park Board meeting: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, and Tory Miedema.

Others present at the Park Board meeting: Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Don Kearney reported that all Marketing and Public Needs Committee items are on the current agenda. Michael Crane reported that the Park System Planning and Development Committee discussed future indoor facilities and the possibility of working on a needs assessment. Pat Lloyd reported that the Partnerships and Recreation Committee discussed the Horse Barn situation and the Family Fest event.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Don Kearney presented updates to the Parks and Recreation Policies and Guidelines. The updates were highlighted in the document provided in the Board packets and were discussed briefly. The Board questioned why religious events were exempt from the noise ordinance. The change in the ordinance was made by the Health Department. Staff will check with the Health Department as to the reasoning behind the exemption and will report back to the Board. A motion was made to approve the updates to the Policies and Guidelines. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, and Abdallah voting yes.
Under the Director’s report, Don Kearney handed out the end-of-year swimming report. Attendance was up by about 5,000. Swimming lesson attendance was also up, and 100 percent of the swimming lesson registration process was available online. The number of free swim passes given out was up, explaining why revenues were down despite the increase in attendance. Staff met with the Falls Area Single Track (FAST) organization to start working on an agreement. The meeting went well, and staff expects to have the agreement ready for approval at the November 2010 Park Board meeting. The City Council reviewed the operating and capital improvements budgets Monday, September 13. A number of amendments were passed returning money to the Parks operating budget. The amendments restored funding for the Great Plains Zoo, returned aquatic facility hours to the 2009 schedule, restored full funding for the street tree removal program, and provided funding to keep the seasonal Operations Division employees for the shoulder seasons. The City attorney is reviewing whether McCart Park can be used for events center parking. The property was transferred from City property to park property through a Park Board resolution and by City ordinance in 1979 to ensure its use as park land. There were a few properties adjacent to Prairie Green Golf Course that were flooded due to the rains received earlier in the year. The risk management division is working through the claims process. The Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum and East Sioux Falls Historic Site groundbreaking took place at 11:30 a.m. on September 14. A groundbreaking at Harmodon Park for the grandstand project being constructed by Sioux Empire Baseball Association is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, at 5 p.m. A groundbreaking at Lien Park for the Falls Park to Lien Park bike trail is scheduled for Friday, September 17, at 1 p.m. Kearney included a letter from a resident of San Antonio complimenting the Sioux Falls park system, and an article written by Rick Knobe about use of the stockyards for indoor recreation facilities.

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, and meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Approved by:

President