A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 4 p.m., at the Falls Park Overlook Cafe.

Members present: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist

Members absent: None

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelby Mieras, Operations Manager; Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager; and Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist

Others present: Cindy Huether, Bill Townsend, Matt Johnson, Lou Bosch, Mary Thompson, Heath Thompson, and Erin Elshami, Sioux Falls Tennis Association; Teri Ellis Schmidt and Rachel Crane, Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau; Jim Entenman, Sioux Falls City Council; John Wesselius, Downtown Farmer's Market; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from November 16, 2010. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Kevin Nyberg reported that the Marketing and Public Needs Committee discussed marketing the Park system and what the department is doing currently. Michael Crane reported that the Park System Planning and Development Committee discussed the golf courses and Great Bear Recreation Park. Pat Lloyd reported that the Partnerships and Recreation Committee discussed future uses of the Horse Barn at Falls Park, the desire to see the lights stay on later at Falls Park, the Sioux Falls Ice and Recreation Center agreement, and the Arboretum gifting agreement. All other items discussed are on the current agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Dave Fischer and Jan Wood presented the Falls Overlook Cafe update. Crystal Ice, owned by Jan Wood, currently is under contract to run the Overlook Cafe. She has brought on trained chefs to take the food offerings at the cafe to a higher level. They are offering home style comfort foods with a personal touch from the chefs.

Dave Fischer and John Wesselius presented the Downtown Farmer's Market agreement extension. The agreement gives priority use of the Open Air Shelter at Falls Park on Saturdays from May through October from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Farmer's Market is responsible for trash pickup and the city provides a portable toilet. The usage fee is $100 per vendor per year. The extension is for one year. A motion was made to approve the agreement extension. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Alicia Luther and Cindy Huether presented the Sioux Falls Tennis Association report. The yearly participation numbers were roughly the same as last year. The 2009-2010
year numbers went significantly down because they now push those younger kids into Junior Team Tennis, which is a USTA program. Sioux Empire Fitness also started a Junior Team Tennis program last year which took about 75 kids from the SFTA program. A presentation of the proposed indoor tennis facility followed the report. SFTA is looking to raise funds and partner with the city to build the facility. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Dave Fischer and Teri Ellis Schmidt presented the Falls Park Visitor Center agreement. This three-year agreement is to run the Visitor Center in Falls Park and to sell concessions within the Center. The main change from the past agreement is that the funds for the services provided by the CVB are paid for by the Sioux Falls CVB Business Improvement District instead of the Parks and Recreation operational budget. The Board asked if we should require audits with this agreement. Teri said that they are audited every year by the Chamber of Commerce. Everyone thought this could be handled by the city’s internal auditors and through audits by the Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Kelby Mieras presented the Policies and Guidelines revision regarding for-profit events in parks. The revisions include adding event types that are appropriate for a park setting. Any event that does not meet these guidelines must find a different venue for their event. A motion was made to approve the revision. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Don Kearney presented the election of 2011 Parks and Recreation Board officers. A motion was made to approve the current slate of officers for 2011. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said the Board will be getting an email with the draft Needs Assessment questionnaire. He would like board members to review and offer any comments or suggestions they may have. The results will be compared to the previous results received in 2000, so any changes made will not correlate very well with the past results. There will be a press conference and ribbon cutting Friday, December 17, 2010, for the Memorial Park hockey rink. Parks and Recreation and Dakota Golf have been talking with the FAA about the new requirements for runway safety and the impacts it would have on the Elmwood Golf Course. This topic has come up a few times over the past several years, but no significant progress has been made. An Environmental Assessment is currently being conducted. There will be no sledding hill supervision this year at Tuthill. Kearney reminded the board that the supervision that we did provide in the past was only on weekends and none of the other sledding areas are supervised. Parental and personal responsibility will required by users. The supervision was also pulled from the skate parks and spray park this summer. The TJN conditional use permit hearing has been delayed until March, 2011. Mayor Huether has asked all city departments to list their top ten accomplishments for 2010. The Board will get a copy of our list when it is finalized. Falls Area Single Track (FAST) has installed two bridges and completed most of the easy trail loop at Leaders Park this year before the weather turned. The greenway project started two weeks ago. The cofferdams and
bridge pad have been constructed. The excavation for the river walls have begun. The old bridge is scheduled to be removed the week between Christmas and New Years.

No reading of communications to the Board.

Under open board discussion, the Board asked staff to talk to the Farmer's Market group about providing a wider variety of vendors and to allow more space for more vendors as the shelter was constructed to accommodate many more vendors than 17. They would like to start next year's negotiations early so there is time to work out these issues.

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

Secretary

Approved by:

President