July 19, 2011

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the Morningside Community Center.

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

Members absent: Pat Lloyd.

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

Others present: Candy Hanson, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation; Lori Kiesow
and Judy Jasper, Wegner Arboretum Society; Mary Russell, Dennis Russell, Grant
Russell, Macy Russell, Ellen McCoy, and Cecil McCoy, Jasper gifting agreement; and
Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011, 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 current agenda. Michael Crane reported that all Park
System Planning and Development Committee items are on the current agenda. Patti
Abdallah reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the
current agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Don Kearney and Candy Hanson presented the Sioux Falls Area
Community Foundation gifting agreement. Judy Jasper has been working with the
Community Foundation to donate her estate to benefit children, especially those in
northeast Sioux Falls. Her vision is to re-create the original school building that was
located in East Sioux Falls within the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. She is setting up a life
estate with the Community Foundation where the proceeds of the sale of her lake home
will go to reimburse 50 percent of the cost of development of the educational center and
educational garden. Any leftover funding will go toward matching 50 percent of the cost
of development of the rest of the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. In return, Jasper would
get the naming rights for the schoolhouse, the educational garden adjacent to the
schoolhouse, and plaques on some park benches within the park should the educational
center no longer exist. The schoolhouse will be named the Mabel and Judy Jasper
Educational Center in honor of Jasper and her mother. The educational garden will be
named the Jasper Family Garden, and the park benches will honor her father. The
naming rights are subject to approval from the City Council. The Educational Center will
serve as a visitor center as the park develops. If the building is removed or replaced in
the future, a permanent marker will be installed to honor the Jasper family and their
contributions to the park. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was
passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane abstaining, Abdallah voting yes,
Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.
The Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum and East Sioux Falls Park status update was postponed to a later date as Chuck Gullickson was unavailable.

Kelby Mieras presented the Wildlife Management Plan. Wildlife issues in Sioux Falls have historically been dealt with by numerous different agencies operating on their own. The goal of the plan was to coordinate the efforts of all the different agencies and form an active representative group that meets to determine the best course of action to take care of future wildlife issues as they arise. The department met with the Regional Airport Authority, GF&P, Dakota Golf Management, Air National Guard, Public Works department, Risk Management department, and the City Council to develop the plan. The plan consists of appendices for all the different wildlife species and generally has three methods to deal with each. The methods are site diversion, hazing techniques, and controlled hunts. The group meets when a wildlife issue arises and they agree on a plan of action to deal with the issue. The plan of action includes the method and the agency that will deal with the issue. All groups represented are in the process of approving the plan. A motion was made to approve the plan. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Alicia Luther presented the applications for permits to charge entry fees for the Northern Plains College Showcase USSSA softball tournament to be held at Sherman and the Amateur Regional Baseball tournament to be held at Harmodon. A motion was made to approve the applications. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Kearney presented the Falls Park Horse Barn RFP. The department received one proposal from the RFP, from South Dakota Achieve. After reviewing the proposal with staff and the Board’s committees, it seemed like the proposed use was not a good fit for the Horse Barn. The service didn’t seem to complement the other uses of the park, and the Board felt their operation may be better suited in a storefront setting. A motion was made to deny the proposal. The Board and staff will work together in the coming months to develop a plan for the building and compatible uses or services to be offered within the building. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the Sioux Falls Men’s Slow-Pitch Softball gifting agreement. The SFMSA would like four additional picnic shelters built in the Harmodon slow-pitch complex, two at each fourplex. SFMSA would construct two of the shelters and gift them to the City. They have requested that the City construct the other two. The shelters will provide additional shade for players and spectators. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said there is a greenway tour scheduled on Tuesday at noon. Judge Piersol approved the use of the entire Big Sioux River Environmental Trust Fund balance for the Greenway Phase 1 and 2 projects. The Board would like an update on the status of the recent investigation of John Morrell in relation to environmental violations. Staff met with a resident in the Spellerberg Park area who was concerned about the possible replacement of the pool with an indoor aquatic center. The meeting went well and she has agreed to be an advocate for the project. Staff is
looking to schedule a ribbon cutting for the Arboretum on the week of September 12 or 26. Restoration of the park areas ripped up as part of the Central Main project has begun. The contractor will have 30 days to fully restore the area and open the bike trail once bypass pumping has been shut down in the segment. Public Works will be holding a press conference next week to update the public on the expected trail opening dates. The easy loop at Leaders Park is complete, and they are currently building the intermediate loop. The Board would like to tour the Arboretum during the project tour prior to the September meeting. They will line up Chuck Gullickson to give his update at that time. Staff will change the meeting location to the Arrowhead House and provide a list of other projects to tour at the next meeting. The Board would like to have all the committee meetings for next month at the Overlook Café and would like to walk through the Horse Barn at that time. The Board requested to receive an update on the status of the railroad relocation project at the next Board meeting. The department has been doing some features on the new Channel 16 programming and will look to do more in the future. The Marketing and Public Needs Committee would like to discuss the opportunities. The new Harmodon entrance to 57th Street is under construction and going well.

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.

Secretary

Approved by:

President