A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the Kenny Anderson Community Center.

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; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director; Kelby Mieras, Operations Manager; Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager; and Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist.

Others present: Cindy Huether, Sioux Falls Tennis Association; Sam Trebilcock, Sioux Falls Planning; Nancy Suprenant, South Eastern Council of Governments; Jennifer Schmidt Bauer, Downtown Sioux Falls; Dan Statema; and Maureen Flanders.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 14, 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 current agenda. Michael Crane reported that all Park System Planning and Development Committee items are on the current agenda. Pat Lloyd reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Tory Miedema, Nancy Suprenant, and Sam Trebilcock presented the Sioux Falls MPO Multil-Use Trail Study. The main goal of the study was to identify the most feasible trail connection from Brandon, Tea, and Harrisburg to the Sioux Falls bike trail system. Once the most feasible routes are determined, the information can be used by the different governing agencies to preserve the corridors through new developments, acquire needed R-O-W for future road projects, and obtain the trail easements prior to development occurring. A prior Trail Master Plan study of the Sioux Falls trail system identified extensions to connect outlying parts of the city with the main trail loop. This study focuses on connecting Brandon, Tea, and Harrisburg into the trail extensions identified in the prior plan. Preliminary maps showing the most feasible routes were included in the Board’s packets. This study does not commit any of the communities to construct the trail and no funding has been identified to date for construction.

Alicia Luther and Cindy Huether presented the Sioux Falls Tennis Association lesson agreement. It is a five-year agreement similar to the one that is currently in place.
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The main changes to this agreement involved adding Sections 12 and 13, which said both parties entered into the agreement voluntarily and gave the City the right to audit SFTA’s books and records. 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.

Dave Fischer presented the Sioux Falls Ice and Recreation Center management agreement. The original agreement was done in 1999 when the City bought the Sioux Falls Ice and Recreation Center (SFIRC) for $100,000. The original owners and operators could not generate enough revenue to make repairs to the infrastructure. In 2000, the City entered into a three-year agreement with Sioux Falls Sports Management to manage the facility. SFS Management also put $150,000 worth of improvements into the facility to make it more usable. In exchange for the improvements, they received free ice time for Sioux Falls Stampede Hockey. The three-year agreement included two 3-year extensions, and was amended to extend the agreement an additional three years with an expiration date of May 31, 2011. The new agreement is for three years with an option to extend another three years.

Section Four outlines the responsibilities of the Sioux Falls Sports Management group. Item 1 includes a requirement that adequate time is provided for public open skate. Item 2 requires SFS Management to prepare an operations plan by June 1, 2012. Item 3 defines the additional daily operational expenses that SFS Management is now responsible for. Item 4 defines SFS Management responsibilities for infrastructure repairs and puts a limit of $250 on those repairs. Section Five outlines the City’s responsibilities. Item 1 gives the City oversight on the rent structure for ice time and requires Park Board approval of the fees. It also requires the City to review SFS Management’s annual operating budget and approve the operating and scheduling policies. The management fee was dropped from $41,500 to $29,500 annually. Section Eight was revised to allow Sioux Falls Stampede Hockey to schedule ice time during peak hours only if unscheduled hours are available. They would have to pay $80 per hour for ice time during peak hours. This was done to preserve ice time for youth hockey and figure skating. Section Thirteen requires the management group to provide the City unlimited access to accounting records and gives the City the right to conduct a certified audit at the City’s expense.

Exhibits A and B outline ownership of the assets at the SFIRC. The owners of the assets are responsible for the repair and maintenance, except as outlined in Section Four, Item 4. This agreement represents an approximate 15 percent reduction in management fees. If a new indoor ice facility is constructed, this agreement will be voided. Under the new agreement, Parks and Recreation will spend about $36,000 per year to support this facility, including the management fee. 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.

Dave Fischer and Jennifer Schmidtbauder presented the Downtown Sioux Falls entry fee application. The application is for two concert events at Falls Park, just north of the Parks and Recreation office including the parking lot. The events are scheduled
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for June 25 and August 20, 2011, from 5 to 11 p.m., and will include food and beverage vendors. The entry fees are $10 in advance and $15 the day of the event. Last year's event fee was $10. A motion was made to approve the application. 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, Don Kearney said the railroad bridge along the greenway is scheduled to be removed tomorrow as part of the construction project. The design team is finalizing the design of the footing system needed to support the river walls due to the bedrock being lower than anticipated. City staff is working on the Partners in Parks and Recreation brochure that has been discussed in the Marketing and Public Needs Committee meetings. The Needs Assessment focus group meetings went well. The consultant received a lot of feedback and has made some changes to the questionnaire.

The department has had some issues maintaining the ice at the Memorial Park ice rink. This is due to the curing compound used on the concrete slab. The ice has not adhered to the concrete, causing the ice to heave and break. Operations staff has been repairing the ice and will scrub off the cure in the spring. The attendance at Memorial Park has about doubled despite the ice issues within the rink area.

The Central Main sanitary sewer replacement project has been accelerated to be fully complete by the end of 2011. The project will close the bike trail from Tenth Street to the south side of Pasley Park. Staff has been working with the Public Works department to minimize the impacts to the parks along this stretch.

Jan Wood is requesting to transfer the current management agreement for the Falls Overlook Café to the group that she has been contracting to run it. Larry Weires will be doing a presentation on the history of Sherman Park at the Old Courthouse Museum at 7 p.m. on January 20, 2011. The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation has requested $100,000 from the City to help acquire the Blood Run property. The funding will be included in the upcoming Operations budget proposal.

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.

Approved by:

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