A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the Morningside Community Center.

A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) work session was held at 12 noon prior to the meeting. The Board members and staff had an extensive discussion on the CIP and the Board's priorities for Parks and Recreation.

Members present at the CIP work session: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist.

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

Others present at the CIP work session: Jonathon Ellis, Argus Leader and Cheryl Rath.

Members present at the Regular Board Meeting: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present at the Regular Board Meeting: Don Kearney, Dave Fischer, Kelby Mieras, Alicia Luther, Tory Miedema, and Duane Stall.

Others present at the Regular Board Meeting: Jan Wood, Crystal Ice; Tony and Josh Kellar, Utopia; Joe Zueger, Sue Salter, Ben Graham, Greg Stames, and Terry Neilson, Sioux Falls Ice Sports Association (ISA); and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 18, 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. Pat Lloyd reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current agenda.

No unfinished business.

New business: Alicia Luther presented the 2011 Applications to Charge for 2011 tournaments and Jazz Fest. There were no changes made from last year's applications to this year. A motion was made to approve the applications. 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 Overlook Café Management Transfer Agreement from Crystal Ice to Utopia. Jan Wood and Tony Kellar have been working together the past few months to bring the Overlook Café to the next level. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed and prepared the transfer agreement. Risk Management is currently reviewing Utopia’s insurance. The transfer will take effect at the time of the Mayor’s signature. A motion was made to approve the agreement transfer. 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.

Joe Zueger gave the Sioux Falls Ice Sports Association (ISA) presentation. The ISA is a nonprofit organization looking to raise funds to build a new indoor ice facility within Sioux Falls. They are working in cooperation with Sioux Falls Youth Hockey and Figure Skating. The proposed facility will house three sheets of ice with room for a future fourth sheet. A phasing plan has been developed to eventually develop the other amenities planned in the facility. The ISA has secured land at the Sanford Sports Complex. The group is looking to raise $2,500,000 of private money first. They are also pursuing a public/private partnership with the City to help pay for the basic initial improvements. ISA also secured the 2014 Community Appeals slot for $1,540,000. The facility will not need an operational subsidy if built mortgage free. An informational packet was provided detailing the proposal.

Don Kearney presented the Park Board’s priorities for the CIP 2012-2016. The priorities, in order of preference, are the Riverfront Greenway development, indoor aquatics, bike trail development/land acquisition (Arrowhead Parkway), and neighborhood park development and maintenance. 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.

Duane Stall presented the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan. The EAB has been found in 15 states, with the nearest infestation found in the Twin Cities. The experts believe it is inevitable that the EAB will spread to South Dakota. The Forestry Division of Parks and Recreation has estimated that there are 85,000 ash trees in Sioux Falls. The proposed plan is broken down into three areas: private trees, street trees, and park system trees. Parks and Recreation manages the street and park system trees. The proposed management plan goal is to take out five percent of the street and park system ash trees per year as a preemptive effort to lessen the effect when the EAB arrives. This five percent amounts to approximately 1,900 trees per year. Parks and Recreation would need an additional $330,000 per year to accomplish this proposed goal. The extra funding would be devoted to a tree removal contract for street trees. Staff mentioned that due to the significant investment required to implement this plan, it may be a limiting factor in our ability to move forward as proposed. The park system trees would be removed by staff. The trees would be replaced with other species to help diversify the urban forest and protect from future infestations. A motion was made to approve the EAB management plan as proposed. 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.
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Under the Director's report, Kearney said the Park Board committees seemed to be in favor of putting together a request for proposals for the operations and management of the Falls Park Horse Barn. Staff will develop some parameters for the RFP for the Park Board's consideration. Kearney had included a letter from the Sioux Falls Arts Council outlining their strategic plan in the Park Board packet. A letter from a Sioux Falls resident requesting the City's support for the construction of a new ice facility was also included. The Recreation Division of Parks and Recreation will be sending out three Activities Guides this year instead of two. The cost will be the same for three guides if we use less costly paper.

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.

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President