A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the Kenny Anderson Community Center.

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

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, Jeff Scherschligt, and Judy Jasper, Wegner Arboretum Society; Cindy Huether, Chris Moran, and Mary Thompson, Sioux Falls Tennis Association; Eric Berg, MidAmerican Energy; Karen Leonard, Assistant City Attorney; Jim Entenman, City Council member; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Pat Lloyd 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. Lloyd 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 update. 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 schoolhouse. 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. 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 Educational Center will serve as a visitor center as the park develops. This agreement will come to the Park Board for action next month.

Kearney presented the Sioux Falls Tennis Association Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU is a nonbinding document that represents the general framework of the intentions of the City and the SFTA for an indoor tennis facility. The building will be located within the Sanford Sports Complex on land owned by Sanford Health. The SFTA
will obtain a long-term lease on the property from Sanford Health. The City will provide $500,000 to purchase equipment or construct improvements for the facility in return for public access to court time in the facility. The equipment or improvements constructed with City funding will be owned by the City, while the maintenance and operation of the equipment and facility will be the responsibility of the SFTA. The Board amended the MOU wording to clarify that the City and SFTA were partnering to construct and equip the facility, but not in regard to the maintenance and operation of the facility. The maintenance and operation will remain the responsibility of SFTA. A motion was made to approve the MOU as amended. Motion was passed with Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Tory Miedema presented the Nelson Park easement request from MidAmerican Energy. The request is for a ten-foot wide gas line easement along the south side of the park parallel to the railroad tracks. The gas line will be underground, and MidAmerican Energy will be required to restore all disturbed areas to original condition. MidAmerican plans to trench in open areas and bore under trees in tight areas. MidAmerican will also be required to move the line at their expense if requested by the City. In compensation for the easement, MidAmerican agreed to perform work needed to move a gas line within the City greenway project at no expense to the City and plant ten trees within Nelson Park as selected by the Park Forestry Supervisor. A motion was made to approve the easement request. Motion was passed with Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Kearney presented the McCart Fields parking proposal. The initial proposal included removing five fields to provide 750 parking spaces for the proposed Events Center. This plan was reviewed by the City Council, who directed the Events Center design team to look into alternative plans to minimize the effect to the park. The revised plan involves taking one field, which would provide 300 additional spaces and would tie into the existing park parking lot. In addition to providing parking spots for the Events Center, this parking lot would also fill a definite need for parking within the park. People currently park on the street adjacent to the park, which creates a safety issue with children running through parked cars into live traffic. There have also been issues with people parking at the Moose Lodge and other private businesses. Staff has reviewed the revised plan with the Sioux Falls Youth Slow Pitch Association and the McCart sisters. The Slow Pitch Association felt they could live with this plan and still play all their scheduled games on the remaining fields. The McCart sisters wrote a letter of support for the revised plan. Because this is dedicated parkland, state laws require that any structures erected on parkland must be for park purposes. The Board would advocate building the parking lot even if the Events Center is not built because of the safety issues regarding parking at the park. A motion was made to approve the proposal. Motion was passed with Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director's report, Kearney said he has talked to South Dakota Achieve about their Horse Barn RFP submittal and will be setting up a meeting with them and any Board members interested in attending. Achieve has offered to give a tour of their operation and will sit down to answer questions about the proposal. Staff has submitted their proposal to Judge Piersol to use the Big Sioux River Environmental Trust Fund. The judge gave John Morrell & Co. until July 1, 2011, to submit any comments or objections to the proposal. Staff will set up a tour of the Greenway project for the Board in the coming weeks to see the progress. The proposed Parks and Recreation fee ordinance revision, as recommended by the Board, was approved at the City Council.
meeting on June 20, 2011. The Council amended the proposed revision and raised the fee for the reservation of a band shell from $50 to $75 and the fee for a wedding reservation from $50 to $75. Attendance at the swimming pools has been good when the weather has been good, but there have been a lot of bad weather days to date.

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:

[Sandra Ray]
President