A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the Arrowhead House.

A tour of park facilities was held at 2 p.m. prior to the meeting. The tour stops were the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, Sanford Sports Complex, and Harmodon Park.

Members present at the tour: Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist.

Members present at the meeting: Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist.

Members absent: Kevin Nyberg and Pat Lloyd.

Parks and Recreation staff present at the tour and the meeting: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; and Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist.

Others present: David Bernstein, Toby Shine, and Kevin Kopsas, TJN Recycling; Gene Peska and David Pich, Peska Construction; Jim Clark, Xcel Energy; Mike Cooper, Sioux Falls Planning department; Dan Grider and Steve Sanford, Great Bear Recreation Park; Jerry Gross, Thurman Comes Foley & Co.; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011, special meeting. The minutes were amended to show that Mark Millage and Michelle Erpenbach attended the tour. The motion to approve the amended minutes was passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

No public input.

For committee reports, Mark Millage 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. Lorrae Lindquist reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Mike Cooper, David Bernstein, and Jim Clark presented the Xcel Energy redevelopment proposal. Xcel proposes to trade some of their land along Rice Street adjacent to Great Bear to the east in exchange for some land from Peska Construction at the old Stockyards. Xcel would relocate their existing substation on Weber Avenue across the street on the Stockyards land. Peska would develop the Xcel land on Rice Street for TJN recycling. This proposal keeps TJN's operation away from Falls Park, allows Xcel Energy to move and upsize their substation in Falls Park, and opens up land in Falls Park for possible expansion. TJN has taken steps to
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minimize the effects on the aesthetics and traffic near Great Bear. Steve Sanford said he appreciated the steps TJN has taken, but wanted to emphasize that continued development around Great Bear will affect traffic at the entrance and eventually will require a grade separated entrance. A motion was made to recommend approval of the proposal to the Planning Commission. Motion was passed with Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Jerry Gross of Thurman Comes Foley & Co. (TCF) presented the Great Bear 2011–2012 audit report. The Board questioned Gross about the August 15, 2011, letter from TCF to the management and the Board of Directors of Great Bear Recreation Park, Inc. TCF considered the following items significant deficiencies: segregation of duties, lack of subsidiary ledgers, lack of written Board minutes, and the lack of preparing GAAP financial statements. Sanford said most of these deficiencies result from the desire to keep the staffing level small. He thinks the computerization of all transactions has kept the likelihood of fraud or error low. Staff asked Sanford to prepare written minutes of the Board meetings to eliminate one of the significant deficiencies. Sanford said he has kept his own notes and agreed to make them official in the future. The Board asked about the statement in the letter that reads, “We believe that the significant deficiencies described above constitute material weaknesses.” Gross said that was an error and will edit it to read, “We believe that the significant deficiencies described above do not constitute material weaknesses.” A motion was made to accept the amended audit report. Motion was passed with Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Dan Grider and Steve Sanford presented the Great Bear annual report. Grider said it was a great year due to the length of the season and presented a number of statistics. Sanford outlined the future plans for Great Bear. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion was passed with Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Don Kearney noted that the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 28, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

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