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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 4 p.m. at the Oyate Community Center.

A tour of park facilities was held at 2 p.m. prior to the meeting. The tour stops were Falls Park, Sanford Sports Complex, Sherman Park, and the Great Plains Zoo.

Members present at the tour: Kevin Nyberg, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist.

Others present at the tour: Joe Sneve, Argus Leader.

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Members absent: Sandra Pay.

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

Others present at the meeting: Shannon VerHey, City Engineering; Russ Sorenson, City Planning; Kelly Bartnik, KELO-Land Television; Jan Timmerman; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012, regular meeting and the May 9, 2012, special meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Under public input, Jan Timmerman requested a list of improvements be made at Prairie Meadows Park in 2012 as well as some additional requests for 2013. Don Kearney said Prairie Meadows Park is scheduled for development in 2013 in the Capital Improvements Program. He said staff will meet with Timmerman in the coming weeks to discuss the requests and share the master plan with her.

For committee reports, Mark Millage reported that the Marketing and Public Needs Committee reviewed the “Partners with Parks” brochure. All other 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 the Partnerships and Recreation Committee discussed the First Tee agreement and reviewed current partnerships the department has made with private businesses and nonprofit groups.
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No unfinished business.

Under new business, Kelby Mieres presented the forestry ordinance revisions. Planning and Building Services took over the enforcement of nuisance vegetation from Parks and Recreation in 2010. As a result, Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Sioux Falls needed to be revised to reflect the omission of nuisance vegetation. It was also restricted to clarify ordinances related to private and public trees. An executive summary was provided to detail the changes made. A motion was made to recommend approval of the revisions to the City Council. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Mieres and Russ Sorenson presented the request for relocation of the Raven Augury sculpture. The original placement request for this sculpture was approved for the east side of the river near the landing of the railroad bridge at Cherapa Place. The new request is to place the sculpture near the west landing of the pedestrian bridge that replaced the original railroad bridge. The west landing is adjacent to Raven Industries, who purchased the sculpture. A motion was made to recommend approval of the sculpture placement to the City Council. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Kearney presented the McCart Fields master plan revision. An exhibit showing the proposed parking lot and related improvements was provided. Park staff had previously met with the McCart sisters at the fields, and the department has received a letter from them supporting the plan. Staff will continue to work with the McCart sisters on the final wording for the new memorial signage proposed for the park. A motion was made to approve the master plan revision. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said the pools open next Friday, May 25. The pools are currently filled with water, and lifeguard training is under way. Kearney reported that Dakota Golf said they are on pace for the best spring usage they ever had due to the nice weather. The Prairie Green and Kuehn clubhouse design project is going well and is advancing into detailed design. The bid opening for the Downtown River Greenway Phase 2 project will take place on Thursday, May 17. The bid opening for the Arboretum Educational Center is scheduled for Thursday, May 24. A Paddling Fair is scheduled at Family Park on June 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Downtown River Greenway Phase 1 ribbon cutting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on June 8. The West Side Trail Connection ribbon cutting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on May 17. Swim pass sales at the Park Office and community centers have been steady. Passes will also be on sale at the pools and aquatic centers starting May 25 when the swimming season starts.
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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