A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 4 p.m. at the Morningside Community Center.

A presentation was given at 3:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting regarding a proposal to build a Levitt Pavilion at Falls Park. Tom Dempster and other Levitt Pavilion Group representatives outlined the requirements, benefits, and operations associated with building a Levitt Pavilion. The group also provided a conceptual layout showing how the amphitheater structure would fit in the proposed location.

Members present for the Levitt presentation and regular meeting: Kevin Nyberg, Sandra Pay, Michael Crane, Pat Lloyd, Patti Abdallah, Mark Millage, and Lorrae Lindquist.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present for Levitt presentation and regular meeting: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; Kelby Mieras, Operations Manager; and Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager.

Others present: Tom Dempster, Larry Toll, Tim Boe, Tom Boe, Fred Gage, Mark Aspaas, and Jim Heroux for the Levitt Pavilion Group; Candy Hanson, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation; Lary Etten and Deana Larson, Falls Park Sound & Light Show; Kenny Anderson Jr., City Councilor; Dave Burwitz, Clark Engineering; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012, regular and special meetings. 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. Sandra Pay reported that the Planning and Development Committee discussed future Horse Barn uses and the latest update on issues between the Elmwood Golf Course and the airport. Pat Lloyd reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current agenda.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, Candy Hanson presented the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation (SFACF) report. She gave an overview of the foundation, explaining how the gifts and endowments are received, invested, and expended. The SFACF holds a number of Parks and Recreation funds received through the years and provide updates yearly on the balances. The benefactor of the funds can use up to five percent of the three-year average value of each fund per year. The balance of the fund remains invested, creating an “endless harvest.” Hanson also provided the Board with the yearly investment performance of the funds. She has reviewed the “Partners with Parks” brochure that the Board and staff have been working on and considers that it will be another good tool to spur more private sponsorships for Parks and Recreation.

Deana Larson and Lary Etten presented the Wells Fargo Falls Park Sound and Light Show annual report. There were nine rain days in 2011, and the attendance remained at about the same level as the year before. The show did pass the 500,000 mark for attendance during the year since the show’s inception. They have received substantial gifts toward producing a new show but have not moved forward with production because of the uncertainty surrounding the future plans of Falls Park and the show. Etten said they could tweak the existing show to enhance the quality. Staff will work with Larson and Etten to look into the costs of the enhancements and possible timelines to implement them. The Board asked staff to bring an update to the appropriate committee.
when ready. A motion was made to accept the report. 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.

Jon Jacobson presented the Downtown Greenway Phase II update. Exhibits were provided showing the proposed improvements for Phase II. The project limits are from Eighth Street south to the existing railroad bridge near the CNA Surety site. Phase II construction is expected to start in June of this year after the river ramp is removed. Phase I is expected to be complete in May of this year in time for a June ribbon cutting.

Alicia Luther presented the 2012 tournament entry fee applications. A tentative schedule with proposed gate fees was provided. 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.

Don Kearney presented the 2013–2017 Capital Improvement Plan. A summary of the proposed plan and a detailed listing was provided. Staff detailed how the Board’s priorities were addressed in the current draft. The Board suggested looking for another corporate sponsor to provide additional support to build the Levitt amphitheater. The Capital Improvement Plan will be reviewed again for approval at the March 6, 2012, special meeting.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney reported on a meeting with the Pettigrew Heights neighborhood. Neighborhood representatives wanted the City to build a park at the former Lincoln Elementary site. Kearney showed them that the neighborhood was covered by current park service areas and stressed the need to distribute our resources evenly to provide service as efficiently as possible. He did offer to help the neighborhood identify possible improvements that could be made at the Bowden Center. The Prairie Green and Kuehn Clubhouse design is underway and is going well. Parks and Recreation received an award from the Ready Mix Pavement Association for the pervious pavement constructed at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. Lorrae Lindquist and Millage volunteered to participate in this year’s playground replacement RFP process organized by Kelby Mieras. The skating rinks have been closed for the season due to the extended warm weather. The Activities Fair is scheduled for this Sunday from 1 to 3 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.

Secretary

Approved by:

President