A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 4 p.m. at the Oyate Community Center.

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

Members absent: Michael Crane.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director, Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; and Kelby Mieras, Operations Manager.

Others present: Jon Brown, David Locke, Stockwell Engineers; Dan Grider, Greg Blomberg, Great Bear Recreation, Inc.; Janelle Atyeo, Argus Leader; and Cheryl Rath.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013, regular meeting and the November 26, 2013, special 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. Sandra Pay 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, Don Kearney and David Locke presented the Great Bear Master Plan. During the master planning process, public input was taken to determine what type of improvements the community would like to see at Great Bear in the future. In addition, an industry expert was brought in to analyze the current operation and make recommendations on improving and expanding the recreational opportunities. The resulting master plan identified both short-term and long-range improvements to improve the experience at the park. The short-term improvements consisted of reconstructing and expanding the tubing hill, expanding the chalet, and filling in the half-pipe. These improvements would relieve the bottle necks that currently exist at the park and help balance the usage so waiting times will drop significantly. These improvements will also make the snow-making operation much more efficient and effective. Great Bear Recreation, Inc. would like to construct the tubing hill improvements and fill in the half-pipe in 2014 through their own funding sources. 2017 is the earliest the Chalet improvements could start. Great Bear Recreation Park, Inc. is currently applying for the Community Appeals fundraising slot for November 2015 to fund half of the cost. They would like the City to consider matching the donated funds raised to fund the other half of the project. The long-term improvements consisted primarily of adding intermediate terrain and cross-country terrain runs. The industry experts identified a lack of offerings in these types of terrain at the park currently. These improvements would be scheduled at a later date once the current short-term operational challenges are addressed. A motion was made to approve the master plan. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting
yes, Pay voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the 2014 Policies and Guidelines update. There were three major updates. The first one was a new policy outlining the policy for reserving the Falls Open-Air Shelter. The second one was a new policy for reserving the River Greenway Amphitheater. The third was adopting the policy for other power-driven mobility devices that was approved by the Board previously. A motion was made to approve the proposed updates. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Pay presented the election of 2014 officers. The nominations were Pat Lloyd for president, Mark Millage for vice president, and Patti Abdallah for secretary. A motion was made to approve the 2014 officers. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said the department was awarded the 2013 Merit Award by the International Downtown Association for the Downtown River Greenway project. The City Council approved the Indoor Ice and Tennis agreements on December 10, 2013. The contractor has started pouring footings on the Scheels IcePlex with the hope of being completed by fall of 2014. All the City ice rinks will be open this Friday, December 20, 2013. The tubing hill and all ski runs are now open at Great Bear.

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.

*Signature*

Secretary

Approved by:

*Signature*

President