A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 4 p.m. at the Main Library.

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

Members absent: Lorrae Lindquist.

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

Others present: Kevin Post, Counsilman-Hunsaker; Tim Hoheisel, Sioux Falls Arts Council; Lela Himmerich, Whittier Middle School; Gigi Rieder, Whittier Resident Association; Russ Sorensen, City of Sioux Falls Planning; Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf Management; Tom Ralph, Eide Bailly; Lori Kiesow, Wegner Arboretum Society Board; Rhonda Milstead, Overlook Café; Jamie Palmer and Gail Eisland, City Attorney’s Office. Approximately fifty others were present for the citywide Aquatic Facility Master Plan presentation.

The March 26, 2013, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes were not complete prior to this meeting and will be submitted for approval at the May meeting.

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. Pat Lloyd reported that all Partnerships and Recreation Committee items are on the current agenda.

Under unfinished business, Don Kearney and Kevin Post, aquatics consultant with Counsilman-Hunsaker, presented the citywide Aquatic Facility Master Plan. The master plan is a ten-year road map for the department for the future of aquatics in Sioux Falls. The full master plan presentation was given to the public on March 28, 2013, outlining the findings of the needs assessment, public input received through numerous focus group and public meetings, public and private aquatic facility inventories, demographic information, and the recommended master plan based on the research and input received. Public comments were taken after the March 28 presentation and evaluated for consideration by Counsilman-Hunsaker prior to the Board presentation. The recommended citywide Aquatic Facility Master Plan consists of the following:

- Maintain the existing outdoor family aquatic centers (Laurel Oak, Terrace, and Drake Springs).
- Maintain the wading pool at McKennan Park.
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- Maintain the spray ground at Pioneer Park.
- Replace the existing Spellerberg pool with the large indoor facility in the toolbox options in two to three years.
- Replace the existing Frank Olson pool with an outdoor spray ground within three to five years.
- Replace the existing Kuehn pool with the medium outdoor family aquatic center in the toolbox options in seven to ten years.

Post then addressed the comments received from the March 28 public meeting. The recommended master plan includes an indoor 50-meter pool at Spellerberg Park and an outdoor 50-meter pool at Kuehn Park. There was some confusion about this at the last meeting. Sherman Park was reevaluated after the public meeting in response to comments received about locating the indoor aquatic facility there instead of Spellerberg Park. Post said Sherman Park was fully developed and placing the indoor facility there would require eliminating an existing facility at the park and relocating that facility at another site. Sherman Park has been renovated in the past few years and the existing amenities are new and in good shape. In contrast, the amenities at Spellerberg Park that would be relocated within the park to build an indoor facility at the site have been previously scheduled for replacement in the recent years and can be relocated within the park.

The majority of the comments were in favor of adding an indoor aquatic facility and in support of the recommended Option 1 plan. There were six comments against putting the indoor facility at Spellerberg Park. The reasons given were a lack of room on the site for the facility and impacts to the neighborhood and VA Hospital due to increased traffic and need for parking. Post said the research doesn’t support these claims. He said there is ample room for the facility and for future growth if desired. He also said the indoor facility would reduce the traffic and parking needs in the neighborhood by spreading out the usage over a 16-hour operating day for 360 days per year versus an 8-hour operating day for 101 days for an outdoor facility. He thought the potential therapy programming that could be offered at an indoor facility could also benefit and enhance care at the VA Hospital, as was mentioned in one of the comment cards received.

There were some concerns expressed about losing the pool at Frank Olson and the services offered to eastern Sioux Falls residents. Post said the recommended master plan will provide ample service to the east side of Sioux Falls for the next ten years, but that it should be reevaluated in future studies because there are potential growth areas in that area. There were also a couple comments from area aquatic providers worried about the City competing with private enterprises. Post thought that the type of facilities and programs the City was pursuing would not compete with the private enterprises, but would instead complement and not duplicate services. The Board then took public comments from the visitors. Following public comments, a motion was made to approve the Aquatic Facility Master Plan and the recommendations it contains. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, and Millage voting yes.
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Under new business, Kelby Mieras and Tim Hoheisel presented the Meldrum Park mural project proposal. The proposed mural would be painted on the west face of the water reservoir at Meldrum Park. The National Endowments for the Arts awarded the Sioux Falls Arts Council a $50,000 matching grant to commission the mural. The preliminary design was developed by Dave Loewenstein and Ashley Laird in collaboration with the Whittier neighborhood elementary and middle school students and the neighborhood association. The mural will be painted and completed in July 2013. The paint is expected to last 15 years. Any maintenance needed for the mural will be done by the artists and the Sioux Falls Arts Council. The proposal was approved by the Visual Arts Commission on April 9, 2013. A motion was made to approve the proposal. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay abstaining, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, and Millage voting yes.

Tom Ralph of Eide Bailly presented the Dakota Golf annual audit report. The management agreement between Dakota Golf Management and the City of Sioux Falls requires an annual audit to be completed and presented to the Park Board. The Board asked Ralph about the changes in the accounts receivables and funds held for others’ lines from last year’s report to this year’s report. This was primarily due to end-of-year punch pass sales that won’t be used and recognized as revenue until this year. 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, and Millage voting yes.

Mieras and Lori Kiesow presented the Wegner Arboretum Society proposed fee schedule. The fee schedule was approved by the Arboretum Society Board. A motion was made to approve the fee schedule. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, and Millage voting yes.

Dave Fischer presented the proposed revision to Ordinance 95.029 Alcoholic beverages. The revision would allow a beer and wine license to be issued to the vendor at the Overlook Café. It wouldn’t allow alcohol to be sold throughout the park. An Alcohol Management Plan would be required as part of the process and would set the guidelines for where beer and wine sales and consumption could take place on the real property described in the revision. A motion was made to approve the revision. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, and Millage voting yes.

Fischer presented the Parks 2014 operating budget review. The baseline budget includes all the items approved in the 2013 budget plus nondiscretionary increases such as salary increases mandated by union contracts and utility rate increases. The new requests are listed in order of priority and will compete with the requests from other departments in the City. A motion was made to approve the operating budget. Motion was passed with Nyberg voting yes, Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Lloyd voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, and Millage voting yes.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said the department’s main focus during the last week has been cleaning up from the ice storm. Park operations and forestry crews have been working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The first priority is clearing the
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streets and sidewalks. Cleanup of the parks will follow after the streets. The department will be assessing the parks in the coming week and will develop a schedule for the associations to begin their activities. The Spellerberg outdoor pool initiative signatures have been certified and will be presented to the City Council tonight.

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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Approved by:
President