A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 4 p.m. at the Great Bear Chalet.

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

Members absent: Kevin Nyberg and Pat Lloyd.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director; Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager; and Kelby Mieres, Operations Manager.

Others present: Jon Jacobson, Confluence; Jason Kjenstad, HDR; Shannon Ausen and Christine Barnes, City Engineers; Lyle Smith, Sioux Empire Baseball Association; Jan Peterson and Dan Simon, Great Plains Zoo; Mark Arndt and Wendy McDonald, Sioux Falls Ice & Rec Center Board; representatives of various skating and ice sports groups including Joe Zueger, Dana Dykhouse, Eric Larsen, Debbie Geddes, Sherry Hunter, Greg Steins, Sue Salter, Corey Mitchell, Ben Graham, and Matt Alta; and Cheryl Rath.

Attendees were informed that a public information packet was provided at the back table.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014, regular meeting and tour. 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. Mike 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, Dave Fischer and Lyle Smith, Sioux Empire Baseball Association, presented the scoreboard advertising agreement for Terrace Park and Pasley Park. A motion was made to approve the agreement. Motion was passed with Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Don Kearney and Jon Jacobson, Confluence, presented the Dunham Park master plan. Jacobson provided an exhibit and highlighted the proposed future improvements. The master plan was developed to identify improvements needed in the future, develop cost estimates, and a phasing plan for those improvements. A motion was made to approve the master plan. Motion was passed with Pay voting yes, Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, and Lindquist voting yes.

Kearney and Jason Kjenstad, HDR, presented the Rotary Park mitigation plan. The 26th Street reconstruction project will involve a grade separation between the road and the existing railroad tracks, shutting off access to Rotary Park. As part of the
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environmental assessment process for the project, the negative effects to Rotary Park must be mitigated before the project will be approved by the federal government. Kjenstad indicated that the mitigation plan would be fully funded by the federal government and Public Works when asked if any Parks and Recreation or Rotary Club funding would be needed to complete the plan. The proposed mitigation plan was provided in the Board packets and was presented in detail. A motion was made to approve the mitigation plan. Motion was passed with Crane voting yes, Abdallah voting yes, Millage voting yes, Lindquist voting yes, and Pay abstaining.

Kearney presented the Sioux Falls Ice & Rec Center transition plan. The current management contract with SFS Management Services expires June 30, 2014. SFS staff will continue to operate the facility as part-time staff with Parks and Recreation oversight. The projected opening date of the Scheels IcePlex is expected to be no later than October 1, 2014, but the user groups will need ice time starting September 1. The goal of the transition plan is to ensure that public ice time is available on September 1 to ensure that the apparent increased demand for ice time is met and to determine the future need for the Sioux Falls Ice & Rec Center. The Sioux Falls Ice & Rec Center would open September 1 as part of the transition plan. Staff would then reevaluate the use in December 2014 and determine the future need for the facility. Public input was taken after Board discussion.

Under the Director’s report, Kearney said the Emergency Operation Center was activated due to the flooding. Areas of Falls Park have been taped off and the Cherry Rock restroom and Spencer Park have been closed. Yankton Trail Park has been reopened. Crews are removing debris from the city streets. In the month of May, we have had 30,000 people use our aquatic facilities and have sold 7,000 swim passes. The Terrace Park master plan meeting was well attended, and we received a lot of good feedback.

No items added after agenda deadline to be considered.

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.

Patti Adcock
Secretary

Approved by:

President