A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 4 p.m. at the MariCar Community Center.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Members present: Michael Crane, Patti Abdallah, Lorrae Lindquist, Mark Steinborn, Ann Nachtigal, and Jim Stavenger.

Members absent: Pat Lloyd.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; and Scott Juhnke, Recreation Program Coordinator.

Others present: Michael Christiansen and Ronpaul Dezell, FAST; Liz Whealy, Great Plains Zoo; Teri Schmidt and Rachel Crane, CVB; and John Wesselius, Falls Park Farmers Market.

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

Approval of Minutes (January 19, 2016, meeting)
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016, regular meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input
Liz Whealy informed the Board that the Zoo was approved for a chamber appeals fund-raising slot in 2018 for their “Lion” project.

Report of Standing Committees
For committee reports, all three committees (the Marketing and Public Needs Committee, the Park System Planning and Development Committee, and the Partnerships and Recreation Committee) reported that all items are on the current agenda.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.

Under New Business
a. CIP Priority Discussion: Miedema and Patten presented a summary of the Board’s Top 5 priorities from a year ago, which included: (1) Falls Park West;
(2) Greenway Development; (3) Neighborhood Parks; (4) Bike Trails; and (5) Upper Terrace Park. The presentation included maps displaying the location of all 2015–2019 Parks and Recreation CIP projects. After an open discussion, the CIP priorities for the Board in 2016 were established as: (1) Neighborhood Parks; (2) Falls Park West; (3) Outdoor Ice Master Plan; (4) Bike Trails; and (5) Greenway Development. Miedema then reviewed the next steps towards completing the 2017–2021 CIP process.

b. Farmers Market Agreement: Dave Fischer presented the Board with a proposed agreement with Downtown Farmers Market, Inc. for usage of the open air shelter and vending stalls in Falls Park North for Farmers Market events. The agreement is for three years. Fischer explained that Farmers Market has been a good partner and that staff recommends approval. A motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

c. FAST Usage Agreement: Dave Fischer presented the Board with a proposed usage agreement with Falls Area SingleTrack Incorporated ("FAST"). The agreement will allow FAST to construct and maintain single tracks in designated areas of Tuthill Park, Tomar Park, and Yankton Trail Park. The agreement is for five years with an option to extend for five additional years. Fischer identified that FAST has successfully constructed and maintained trails inside Leaders Park and have members that are IMBA certified. Fischer also explained that FAST has been a good partner and staff recommends approval. A motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

d. Falls Park Visitor Center Annual Report: Teri Schmidt presented the Board with an annual report that included attendance records, a revenue and expenses report, marketing materials, and a sampling of 2016 events. Schmidt also discussed the vast range of visitors, merchandise sales, advertising, and future goals. Schmidt ended her presentation by addressing questions and thanking the Board for their support. A motion was made to accept the annual report. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

e. Falls Park Visitor Center Management Agreement: Fischer presented the Board with a proposed management agreement with Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau. Fischer explained that the CVB has been in Falls Park since 2000 and it fits to have them in our biggest tourist attraction. Fischer ended by informing the Board that the proposed agreement is for five years and will require City Council approval. A motion was made to recommend approval of the agreement. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

f. Tournament Gate Fee Applications: Scott Juhnke presented the Board with a list of baseball and softball tournaments that are requesting to charge a gate
fee. The reasoning for charging a gate fee is to offset tournament expense. A motion was made to approve the gate fee applications. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation
Kearney began his report by explaining that Dakota Golf intends to open driving ranges for the year. He then explained that the Zoo was selected for a Chamber appeals slot from April 1, 2018, to June 30, 2018, for $1.4 million. Next, he informed the Board that Great Bear is winding down and will be closing soon. He then thanked the Board for their support of the Top 10 projects and efforts in developing the CIP. He explained how Top 10 projects are often the final step in a multiple year process that all begins with the CIP workshop. Kearney ended his report with an update of the Midco® Aquatic Center project informing the Board that the project is going well and on schedule. He also informed the Board that staff members are currently touring similar aquatic centers to learn operational lessons and programming opportunities.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline
None.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned.

Approved by:

President

Secretary