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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 4 p.m., at the Prairie Green Clubhouse.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members absent: Pat Lloyd.

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; Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist; Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager; and Kelby Mieras, Park Operations Manager.

Others present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney’s Office; Elizabeth Whealy, Great Plains Zoo; Sue Aguilar, MJW Arboretum; Pam Jansa, MJW Arboretum; Lori Kiesow, MJW Arboretum, Jill Franken, Health Department; and Tom Jansa, Dakota Golf.

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

Approval of Minutes (September 20, 2016, meeting)
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016, regular meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input
No public input.

Report of Standing Committees
For committee reports, Lindquist reported that the Marketing and Public Needs Committee met and discussed the agenda items. Stavanger reported that the Park System Planning and Development Committee and Partnerships and Recreation Committee met and discussed the agenda items.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.

Under New Business
a. Great Plains Zoo Management Agreement: Dave Fischer introduced the proposed five-year management agreement and discussed changes from the previous agreement to the proposed agreement. Elizabeth Whealy addressed questions from the Board and gave a recap of the Zoo’s 2016 attendance and operations. Board member Lindquist noted the importance of reviewing the
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financials and audit information of all our various partners. She discussed the value of the information and how it can aid the Board in decision making. Lindquist also suggested having the Zoo provide an annual update to the Board to review financials, attendance and membership figures, operations, and future planning strategies. A motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

b. MJW Arboretum Management Agreement: Dave Fischer introduced this item by discussing the proposed three-year management agreement and explained changes from the previous agreement to the proposed agreement. The proposed agreement includes a new requirement for development of a business plan to be developed and provided for staff review by May 1, 2017. Lori Kiesow addressed questions from the Board and discussed future plans for the Arboretum, including a time frame and process for development of the business plan. A motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

c. Tobacco-free Ordinance: Don Kearney introduced this item by communicating the basics of the ordinance and noting the various partners and groups consulted with during development of the proposed ordinance. Kearney then introduced Jill Franken, Public Health Director with the City of Sioux Falls, who communicated the rationale and details of the ordinance. Kearney also noted support for tobacco-free park systems from the National Recreation and Park Association. After Board discussions, a motion was made to support the tobacco-free policy for all City property ordinance. The motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation

a. Luther gave the Board a summary on activities at the Midco® Aquatic Center since opening, including pass sales, revenue, daily admissions, and initial usage trends. Luther also noted the success of the ribbon cutting ceremony and upcoming reservation opportunities.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline
None.

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

Mark Steen
Secretary

Approved by:

President