December 20, 2016

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 4 p.m. at the Sertoma Butterfly House.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Members present: Patti Abdallah, Mark Steinborn, Pat Lloyd, Lorrae Lindquist, Jim Stavenger, and Todd Sundleaf

Members absent: Ann Nachtigal

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist; Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager; and Kelby Mieras, Operation Manager

Others present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney’s Office; Bruce Danielson, citizen

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

Approval of Minutes (November 15, 2016)
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016, regular meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously, with all present board members voting yes.

Public Input
Bruce Danielson addressed the board to encourage them to videotape future board meetings

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

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business

Under New Business
a. Parks/Harrisburg School District Joint Usage Agreement: Miedema began with discussing the rationale behind partnering with the Harrisburg School District for park development projects, and an explanation of the different agreements involved in the partnership. He also noted the location of the various park sites involved in this partnership. He then reviewed the general terms of the proposed joint usage agreement, ownership of the fixed assets, and the various maintenance responsibilities of both parties, which are detailed in the appendixes of the agreement. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously, with all present board members voting yes.

b. Election of Park Board Officers: Pat Lloyd presented the proposed election of Patti Abdallah for President, Lorrae Lindquist for Vice President, and Mark Steinborn for Secretary. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers for
2107. The motion passed unanimously, with all present board members voting yes.
c. Approval of Standing Committees: Abdallah presented the proposed changes to
the board committees and asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made to
approve the standing committees. The motion passed unanimously, with all
present board members voting yes.

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation

a. Kearney began his report by informing the board that Great Bear is fully open to
the public, including tubing. He also noted that the Falls Park Horse Barn project
is complete and that a tour will be scheduled in the future. Kearney then gave an
update on the Elmwood Hotel/Restaurant development and noted that the old
maintenance building has been removed and relocated to the new location.
Kearney also noted that preseason membership sales for Dakota Golf are going
well and tracking above previous years’ sales. Kearney gave an update on
activities at the Midco Aquatic Center and noted the first official meet is
scheduled for January 20, 2017. Luther added that rentals continue to be strong,
fall/winter/spring passes are still selling, staffing is good, and swim lessons will
kick off in January. Kearney ended his report with a recap of department
accomplishments for 2016. Accomplishments included opening of the Midco
Aquatic Center, acquisition of an access easement through the Country Club of
Sioux Falls for trail development, the hotel development at Elmwood GC,
progress on Falls Park West and the Levitt Shell preliminary design, adoption of
the Tobacco-Free City Property ordinance, completion of all phases of the
Elmwood Golf Course renovation, creation of the department’s succession plan
and core values, continued development of trail alignments for the Cherry Creek
trail spur, opening of the west-side dog park at Family Park, and the approval of
management agreements for the Zoo Society and Arboretum Society.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline

None

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

Mark Stern
Secretary

Approved by:

President