A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 4 p.m. at the Falls Overlook Café.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members absent: Mike Begeman.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jackie Nelson, Administrative Manager; Kelby Mieras, Operations Manager; Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist, and Rita Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney’s Office; Brooke Wegener, recently appointed Board member; Doug Ellis, President, Minnehaha Archers; Tim Audus, Secretary, Minnehaha Archers.

Approval of Minutes (November 18, 2020)
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Weber and seconded by Nachtigal. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input
No public input.

Report of Standing Committees
The Marketing and Public Needs Committee met and discussed all items on the agenda. The Park System Planning and Development Committee met and discussed all items on the agenda. The Partnerships and Recreation Committee met and discussed all items on the agenda.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business.

Under New Business
Hayward Park Master Plan: Patten shared a power point presentation showing details of the proposed master plan for Hayward Park. After some discussion, a motion to approve the master plan was made by Sundleaf and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Archery Range Usage Agreement: Nelson shared details of the agreement. The last agreement, which expires this year, was in place for 20 years. This agreement will run for five years with the option to renew for an additional five years. Doug Ellis and Tim Audus from the Minnehaha Archers Association shared details about their organization. After some discussion, a motion to approve the agreement was made by Weber and seconded by Nachtigal. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Election of Parks and Recreation Board Officers: Stavenger shared that the slate of Parks and Recreation Board Officers will remain the same for 2021 as proposed. A motion to approve Park Board Officers was made by Weber and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Approval of Standing Committees: Stavenger shared that the standing committees will remain the same for 2021 as proposed, with the only change being new Board member Brooke Wegener taking the place of Lorrae Lindquist on the Partnerships and Recreations Committee. A motion to approve the committees was made by Nachtigal and seconded by Sundleaf. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.
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Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:
Kearney welcomed Brooke Wegener, our newest Board member, who shared a few details about herself with the Board. Brooke will become a voting member of the Board on December 25, 2020.

Kearney shared details about a resolution regarding surplus property that was amended by the City Council on December 8, 2020. The City Council removed the Tuthill Park House from the surplus list included in that resolution. A resource group has been formed, including a person from the Board of Preservation, some representatives of the Tuthill Park neighborhood, as well as a City Council member, a Park Board member, and the City Neighborhood Preservation Coordinator. This group will determine the extent of what the improvements could be to the house, and present an update to the City Council in the next 90 days. It’s very early in the process, but the goal will be to create a vision for the house and surrounding area going forward.

There has been one Municipal Band Task Force meeting, and another meeting will take place on December 17, 2020. Discussion included possible alternatives for funding as well as possible nonprofit status. Nachtigal is the Parks and Recreation Board representative on this task force.

Kearney shared some details about restoring what was previously the Xcel Energy substation on the east side of Falls Park between the railroad tracks and Weber Avenue. This area will be filled in with dirt and seeded with grass for the time being. All exposed foundations currently there will be marked by GPS for possible future use. Once the area is filled, graded, and seeded, we will remove the perimeter fence. The upcoming Falls Park Master Plan competition will determine future uses for this area.

The contract with Skytrac has been signed for the chair lift at Great Bear Recreation Park. The existing lift will be removed in March 2021 at the end of this winter’s ski season. Construction of the lift is being done off-site, with the goal to have it installed and everything complete by October 2021.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline
None.

Reading of Communications to the Board
None.

There being no further business, Weber made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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President

Approved by: