A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 4 p.m. at the Great Bear Chalet.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members absent: Brooke Wegener.

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; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; and Rita Meyer, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Keith Allenstein, City Attorney’s Office; Dan Grider, Great Bear Recreation Park; and Mary Kolsrud, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.

**Approval of Minutes (March 17, 2021)**
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nachtigal and seconded by Begeman. 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**
None.

**Under New Business**

**Great Bear Gifting Resolution:** Mieras shared details of the resolution for gifting the chairs from the old chair lift and the tow cable to Great Bear Management. Dan Grider shared details of how Great Bear Management proposes to use the chairs and cable as a fund-raising opportunity for Great Bear Recreation Park. After some discussion, a motion to recommend approval of the gifting resolution was made by Weber and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Hayward Park Gifting Agreement:** Patten shared details of the gifting agreement with SFACF for improvements to be made at Hayward Park. Mary Kolsrud with the SFACF shared additional information regarding the funding for the project with up to $100,000 from Promising Futures and up to $100,000 from Leadership Sioux Falls. After some discussion, a motion to recommend approval of the gifting agreement was made by Begeman and seconded by Nachtigal. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**2022–2026 CIP:** Patten and Miedema shared details of the proposed 2022–2026 Capital Improvement Project budget. This is the first step of the process, and the proposed budget will then be presented to the City Council for approval. A motion to recommend
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approval of the proposed CIP was made by Begeman and seconded by Nachtigal. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:** Kearney started his report by acknowledging Mark Steinborn’s service on the Parks and Recreation Board and the tragic news of his death. A flower arrangement was sent to the family on behalf of the department and the Board.

Kearney shared details of some of the upcoming park system projects over the next 18 months that are being partially funded by the Sioux Falls for All Initiative. Plans are also moving forward with a separate nonprofit Parks and Recreation Foundation, which was a recommendation that came out of our recent Comprehensive Plan.

Patten shared updates on the Great Bear Recreation Park Chair Lift Replacement project. The old chairlift and tower have been removed, and site work is beginning for the process of installing the new lift.

Six separate proposals have been received for the Falls Park Design Competition. This represents 15–20 national and local firms collaborating on this project. The selection committee will meet this week to begin reviewing proposals with the design to be finalized by June.

Miedema shared updates of projects at Falls Park, including the reconstruction of the bike trail through the east side of the park. The former Xcel substation site has also been cleared and the site is being restored to be usable parkland.

Miedema shared that the pergolas and the Lion’s Den at Terrace Park Japanese Gardens are being renovated and should be completed within the next month.

Kearney shared that the City Council approved a wage increase for several part-time positions that were lagging behind other City positions in an effort to be able to fill enough positions to have pools be fully operational this summer.

**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**
None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**
None.

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

[Signatures]

**Secretary**

**Approved by:**

[Signatures]

**President**