

December 20, 2023

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 4 p.m. at Falls Overlook Café

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Ann Nachtigal, Jim Stavenger, Rick Weber, Brooke Wegener and Mike Begeman and Teresa Cauwels

Members absent: Mick Conlin

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director; Brett Kollars, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Jackie Nelson, Recreation Manager; Mike Patten, Parks Planning and Projects Manager, Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; Carter Roberts, Park Development Specialist

Others Present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Megan Klumper, Citizen; Katie and Caleb Foutz, Cub Scout Pack 155; Kristen Phipps, Soo Foo Off- Leash Association; John Nohr, Citizen; Michael Smith, Citizen; Erika Iverson, Citizen; Kylie and Kyler Cleveland, Cub Scout Pack 155; Chris Mckeown, Citizen.

Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2023)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Begeman and seconded by Stavenger. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input

Kristen Phipps- provided feedback about the Family Park master plan.

Megan Klumper- provided feedback about the Family Park master plan.

Michael Smith- provided feedback about the Family Park master plan.

Erika Iverson- provided feedback about the Family Park master plan.

Chris Mckeown- provided feedback about the Family Park master plan.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Agreement between the City of Sioux Falls and the Sioux Falls School District, No. 49.5 for the Development of a New School /Park Site: A motion to recommend approval of the Agreement between the City of Sioux Falls and the Sioux Falls School District, No. 49.5 for the Development of a New School/Park Site was made by Wegener and seconded by Cauwels. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

First Premier Sponsorship Agreement at the Glice Mobile Ice Rink: A motion to approve First Premier Sponsorship Agreement at the Glice Mobile Ice Rink was made by Cauwels and seconded by Begeman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Election of Park and Recreation Board Officers:

A motion to approve the Election of Park and Recreation Board Officers made by Weber and seconded by Wegener. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:

Kearney started his report by thanking Ann Nachtigal for leading the Parks and Recreation Board for the last two years as president. Kearney noted that the Delbridge working group met this week and has hired A&M Art Conservators out of New Jersey to evaluate the Delbridge collection. In the next 60 days, the working group should have a formal report to review. Kearney noted that ice skating rinks are nonexistent at this time due to the above freezing temperatures. Great Bear is making snow in the evening, targeting a January 1st opening date. Kearney stated that he received many compliments on the Winter Weekends at the mural downtown, hats off to the team on all the hard work. Kearney noted that the skate park crew has pulled out for the winter and will return in the spring. Kearney asked Jackie Nelson to speak about concessions at Midco® Aquatics Center. Jackie Nelson stated that Parks and Recreation will now be taking over the concessions at the Midco® Aquatic Center. It will be open seven days a week, open to close, focused on swim meets and parties. Parks and Recreation takes over January 1, 2024, will have a soft opening on January 4, 2024, and a swim meet on January 5, 2024. Finally, Kearney responded to a question from Weber regarding Family Park Master Plan. Kearney stated there is no deadline to have the master plan approved. There was a working group meeting on December 19, 2023, with a small group of stake holders. Kearney noted they are also honoring donor intent with the Unzelman and Soukup families. Kearney is hopeful to take the largest park in the city and turn it into something that supports off leash dog use but also supports other uses. The council will get an update regarding Family Park master plan on January 2nd at the council informational meeting. Park Board will approve the master plan.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline

None.

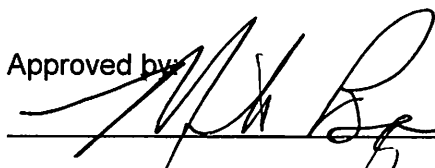
Reading of Communications to the Board

None.

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



Secretary

Approved by 

President