

September 20, 2023

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 4 p.m. at City Center, room 110

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

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

Members absent: Mick Conlin and Teresa Cauwels

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director; Brett Kollars, Assistant Director; Mackenzie Songstad, City Services Technician

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Dan Letellier, Sioux Falls Regional Airport; Nathan Van Zweden, Falls Park Farmer's Market; Dan Grider, Great Bear Recreation Park

**Approval of Minutes (August 16, 2023)**

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

**Public Input**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Airport-City Property Exchange:** A motion to recommend approval of the Airport-City Property Exchange was made by Begeman and seconded by Wegener. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Great Bear Lift/Rental Fees:** A motion to approve the Great Bear Lift/Rental Fees was made by Weber and seconded by Stavenger. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Farmer's Market- Amendment No.2 to Agreement For Use Of City Facilities:**

A motion to approve the Farmer's Market- Amendment No.2 to Agreement For Use Of City Facilities was made by Begeman and seconded by Weber. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Entry Fees 2023- 2024:**

A motion to approve the Entry Fees 2023- 2024 was made by Begeman 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 stating that for the last three to four weeks they have been having meetings regarding the Quality-of-Life bonds. Williams Architects will be in town this week to have pre-planning meetings before going out to the community. Williams Architects is doing a

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design charrette for Frank Olson Park. A design charrette is a very interactive opportunity to provide feedback. Stockwell/JLG are doing the planning for Kuehn Park, McKennan Park and the south side aquatics facility. There will be periodic check-ins with the public as designs are refined and cost estimates are developed for those projects. Kearney followed up on the e- bike discussion stating it is a work in progress. Kearney is anticipating there will be more discussion in the future. Kearney noted that construction started on the splash pad at the Great Plains Zoo. The goal is to have the splash pad open by May 2024. Kearney shared that Jacobsen Plaza was bid; it came in higher than anticipated. The River Green Way Phase 3 project bid came in significantly under. Between the two projects there is some flexibility in the capital program to fully award both projects. Lloyd was the lower bidder for both projects. They will have the entire site to work with and will be motivated to get the work done. Kearney shared that there will be a celebration of the Barb Iverson Skate Plaza on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 4:30 pm. The groundbreaking for the River Green Way Phase 3 on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 4:30pm. Jacobsen Plaza will have a groundbreaking on October 16, 2023. Finally, Kearney shared that Garry Jacobsen is very excited to see Jacobsen Plaza fully come together. Kearney responded to a question from Weber regarding the splash pad at the zoo. The splash pad will be included in the admission. There will also be a replacement restroom. This project is fully funded by an anonymous donor.

**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.

  
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Secretary

Approved by:



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President