

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 4 p.m. at Main Library meeting room A/B.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

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

Members absent: Ann Nachtigal & Mick Conlin

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

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Carlton Retzlaf, Citizen

**Approval of Minutes (February 21, 2024)**

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

**Public Input**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Option to Extend the Management Agreement between the City and the Stensland Enterprises, Inc. for the Café Located in Falls Park:** A motion to recommend approval for Option to Extend the Management Agreement between the City and the Stensland Enterprises, Inc. for the Café Located in Falls Park was made by Weber and seconded by Stavenger. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:**

Kearney started his report by stating that great work is going on at both Jacobson Plaza and the River Greenway. Buildings are going up and they are starting on the grading for the ice ribbon. Kearney noted that work is progressing on the low head dam and the river walls. The steel for the shelter at Lloyd's Landing has been installed. Kearney mentioned that the consultants for the Zoo Master Plan will be presenting at the Council Informational on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. The business planning consultant will also be in attendance. Kearney stated the Zoo splash pad is projected to open on Memorial Day. Kearney mentioned that lions have been secured for the new lion exhibit. It will be mid-summer before the lion exhibit opens. Kearney mentioned that April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> have been identified to have final public meetings regarding Kuehn Park and Frank Olsen. The feedback on those projects has been very positive and built a lot of excitement in those neighborhoods. Kearney stated that the local contractor working on the Barb Iverson Skate Plaza is back on site working. The skate park contractor is expected to come back in early May and has approximately 9 pours left. The Barb Iverson Skate Plaza is expected to open in late June or early July. Finally, Kearney responded to a question from Wegener regarding the recreation trail campaign. Kearney asked Kollars to speak to the recreational trail campaign. Kollars stated he is currently working with our communication team and planning

team to prepare what the signage could look like. The team is working on an outward messaging campaign. Starting in the middle of April there will be media interactions, social media posts, and website updates to reflect the amendments. They are also preparing visual aids to help spread the word. The ordinance effective date is June 1<sup>st</sup>, expect to see an increase in police activity on the trail to support the messaging.

**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**

None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**

None.

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

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President

