

May 20, 2011

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD was held on Friday, May 20, 2011, at 4 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.

Members Present: Ron Mielke, Lawrence Ritz, Bob Jamison, and Rick Tupper.

Members Absent: Dwight Hahn.

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Chamber Appeals Application: The Board discussed what was needed for the Chamber appeals application. The Chamber requires applicants to demonstrate how they will raise the funds if chosen. The Board thought they needed to start forming a fund-raising cabinet to provide the framework for this requirement. The Chamber does not require a feasibility study for the application process, but will require it from the selected party. The Board thought Paul Strawhecker would be a good person to provide this service. Paul J. Strawhecker, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska, provides resource development and counsel for nonprofit organizations.

The Board also wanted to work through the operations and maintenance piece of the Interpretive Center. They would like to get a commitment letter from the Siouland Heritage Museum Board, the Sioux Falls City Council and Mayor, and Minnehaha County. They will begin making presentations to these organizations as schedules allow. Staff will begin verifying the construction budget and operational costs for the Interpretive Center and exhibits. The Board would like to hire someone to help put the application together and keep it on schedule. A motion was made to get a proposal from Cindy Elifrits Peterson of Maximizing Excellence LLC to head the application process and vote for approval of the proposal via email voting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Flag Day, June 14, Celebration: Don Kearney provided the Board with the Flag Day celebration agenda and the postcard invitation that will be mailed. The Board requested to have the entrance flags put up for the event. The Board will also talk to Dave Nordlund about having the Rolling Thunder motorcycles make an entrance at the event.

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New Business: None.

Public Input: None.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on **June 10, 2011, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:


President