

August 10, 2012

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD was held on Friday, August 10, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.

Members present: Lawrence Ritz, Ron Mielke, Rick Tupper, Bob Jamison, and Gene Tornow.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist.

Others present: Duane TeWinkel.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Paver Replacement Project Update—Tory Miedema reported that the second paver garden has been replaced with the limestone pavers. The process went well, except for a small difference in the size of the larger pavers. Small modifications were made to get the pavers to fit. Staff is working on the next paver order for replacement. The first paver garden will be done one side at a time. It is taking much longer than the second one because it is completely full and the pavers were done before the format changes were made by staff to keep the engraving consistent.

Paver Kiosk Project Update—Confluence and Park staff have had some conversations with City Information Technology staff to determine what will be needed to update the directory remotely. Additional meetings will be needed to figure out the software and hardware needs. Staff will continue to work through the issue and will update the Board when better information is available.

War Correspondents Memorial—The Board reviewed the proposal sent by Aaron Pollard and James Webb. They are in favor of recognizing the war correspondents' service, but do not want the memorial to recognize specific individuals. The Board has limited individual recognition in the park to the paver garden and the Medal of Honor garden. The Board would also like to limit the recognition of the war correspondents to only those that were involved in a war or conflict. The VFW has guidelines related to this requirement that could help us clearly define it. The Board would also like to review the policies and guidelines for the park and possibly add some regarding individual recognition in the park. Miedema will bring the policies and guidelines to the next Board meeting. Miedema said he would draft a letter to Aaron Pollard explaining the Board's position.

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New Business:

Fund-Raising Report—The total to date is \$747,201 with an unspent balance of \$111,795. Miedema will bring a summary of the funds spent on the paver replacement project and committed for the paver kiosk.

Shade Request from Mrs. Blanchard—Mrs. Blanchard asked the Board to consider creating some shaded seating areas in the park. She wasn't specific in her request, but thought some shade would help in the interior of the park where there aren't mature trees and a lot of paving. The Board was not in favor of shade structures over the benches because they are costly and only provide shade for a limited number of people. They were also worried about obstructing views to other areas of the park. Miedema said the department occasionally has mature trees that need to be moved or are gifted to the City that could possibly be placed in the park to provide shade in the seating areas. The Board liked the idea of natural shade and wants staff to keep the park in mind when the opportunity arises.

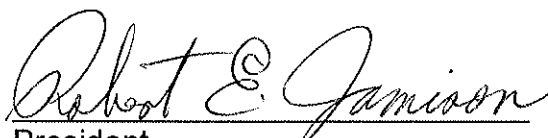
POW/MIA Memorial Ceremony—Duane TeWinkel asked the Board for permission to hold a ceremony to honor all of America's POW and MIA. He provided a rough outline for the ceremony. The Board was in favor of having the event in the park. Miedema suggested that TeWinkel should get with staff and go through the special event process to make sure everything goes as planned and all the proper steps are followed. The Board also asked staff to try to line up CityLink to tape the ceremony. They also thought staff could help with the promotion of the event. Miedema will get TeWinkel together with Susie Garry, Recreation Program Coordinator, to work on that. The event is scheduled for September 21, 2012, at 7 p.m.

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 **Friday, October 12, 2012, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:


President