

February 15, 2013

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD was held on Friday, February 15, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.

Members present: Bob Jamison, Rick Tupper, Gene Tornow, Dick Birath, and Nathan Christopherson.

Members absent: None.

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

Others present: Susie Garry, Recreation Program Coordinator; Carter Kosiak; Donald J. Kosiak, Jr; and Shelly R. Kosiak.

New Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board members, Dick Birath and Nathan Christopherson, were welcomed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business:

Paver Kiosk Project Update—Tory Miedema went through the construction documents and estimate for the kiosk project. The project is scheduled to bid on February 21 with a completion date two weeks prior to Flag Day.

New Business:

Eagle Scout Project Proposal—Carter Kosiak has proposed performing a proper flag disposal ceremony for his Eagle Scout project. The ceremony would be held during the Flag Day celebration. He will be putting flag collection bins at all the Lewis Drug sites in Sioux Falls and his troop will be collecting them. In addition, the troop will provide free flag etiquette brochures at these locations. During the program, he will perform a ceremonial retirement of a flag. The Board asked if this could be a yearly event and if the flag collection bins could stay out and be manned all year. Carter said he would check with his troop on the possibilities. A motion was made to approve Kosiak's proposal. The motion was seconded and carried.

2013 Flag Day Celebration—Susie Garry provided a preliminary agenda for the Flag Day program. She has booked the Sioux Falls Municipal Band. The Kosiak Eagle Scout presentation and the Paver Kiosk dedication will be included in the program. Bob Jamison agreed to be the master of ceremonies. The Board requested that the program should start at 7 p.m. They will also invite Monsignor James Andraschko to speak since he was instrumental to the park development.

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Fund-Raising Report—The total raised to date is \$750,501 with an unspent balance of \$78,221.

Revised 2013 Meeting Schedule Approval—The Board wanted to change the scheduled meeting dates to the third Friday of every other month due to conflicts with the formerly approved schedule. A motion was made to approve the revised 2013 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded and carried.

Election of Officers—Bob Jamison and Rick Tupper were nominated to continue as president and vice president. A motion was made to approve the nomination. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Input:

Singing Legionnaires Proposal—Todd Schmidt of the Singing Legionnaires approached the City with a proposal to line the entrance to Falls Park with flags during all patriotic holidays. The organization would do all the installation, maintenance, and removal of the flags and associated equipment for \$800 per year as part of a fund-raiser for their group. Kearney asked the Board for their opinion on the proposal and will provide more details prior to the next meeting.

Spellerberg Aquatic Center—Kearney briefed Board members about the Spellerberg pool project. He informed them that the proposed project would not negatively impact the parking at the VA Hospital. Kearney said that there are people reporting that we intend to use the VA parking, which would negatively impact the ability for veterans to access the VA. He shared that he has met with Patrick Kelly, director, and Shirley Redmond, public affairs officer, on two occasions to discuss the parking topic. He also told them that the City would be open to partnering with the VA to meet aquatic therapy needs that they may have.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 19, 2013, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office, 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:


President