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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD was held on Friday, December 19, 2014, at 7:30 a.m., at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Members present: Bob Jamison, Rick Tupper, Gene Tornow, Dick Birath, and Brian Vognild.

Members absent: None.

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

Others present: Jim Carlson, Minnehaha County Historical Society.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2014, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Attendees were informed that a public information packet was available at the table.

Public input: None.

Unfinished business:

Kiosk/bench sponsorship update: Dick Birath presented the proposal to First PREMIER Bank and expects to get a formal response in mid-January.

Future projects: Rick Tupper with the assistance of the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum is continuing the search for a P-51 Mustang fighter. The Board has made this project their top priority heading into 2015. They also want to make the 2015 Flag Day Event a top priority due to it being the 70th anniversary of WWII. They discussed partnering with the Honor Flight group to get the WWII veterans in attendance. The Board also discussed the Interpretive Center briefly.

New business:

Xcel transmission line relocation: Tory Miedema provided an exhibit showing the new proposed alignment for the Xcel transmission line. They had to modify the current alignment to avoid disrupting the existing sanitary sewer line that runs parallel to the existing lines. The new route stays within the existing easement area through the developed part of the park and then jogs north to avoid the sanitary sewer line. Xcel has agreed to work around special events in the park, keep the disturbance to a minimum, and restore any disturbed areas as quickly as possible. A motion was made to approve the proposed alignment. Motion was seconded and carried.

Historical marker requests: Jim Carlson made a formal request to place two historical markers in Veterans' Memorial Park. They are to memorialize the former site of the Sioux Falls Army Technical School and the site of a midair collision on December 8, 1944. Jon Jacobson, Confluence, recommended four sites within the park to place the markers. The Board would like to have the markers dedicated during the 2015 Flag Day

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Event. A motion was made to approve the application and locate the "Midair Collision" marker at site A1 and "Sioux Falls Army Technical School" marker at site B1. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Financial report and donation recap: The total raised to date is \$776,931 with an unspent balance of \$50,411.04. A motion was made to approve the report. Motion was seconded and carried.


Items added after the agenda deadline: None.

Open Board discussion: None.

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, February 20, 2015, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office, 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



President