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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD was held on Friday, February 15, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Members present: Brian Vognild, Dick Birath, Rick Tupper, Michael Havlovic, and Mark Heisey.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist.

Others present: None.

Approval of Minutes (August 17, 2018)

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2018, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input: None.

Unfinished Business:

Veterans Plaza Project—Tupper informed the Board that no progress has been made on the project since the last meeting. He also noted that due to busy schedules and other commitments, the project is on hold for the foreseeable future.

New Business: None.

Items added after the agenda deadline:

Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Future Consideration—The Board conducted a conversation to talk about their current role and long-term future. They addressed the Board's history and how it was established to advise the City regarding the design, construction, and operation of Veterans' Park. Vognild pointed out that all operations and maintenance practices are currently in place and performed by City staff. They discussed how the park is fully built-out with the exception of the plane project. They also noted that other organizations, like the Chamber Military Veterans Council, can advise the department in the future if needed.

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The Board talked about special events that take place in the park, such as the annual Flag Day Celebration. It was determined that these events will still happen and will continue to be coordinated by City staff.

Patten reviewed the various steps involved with dissolving the Board. Since the Board was created by ordinance, it has to be dissolved by City ordinance through the City Council.

Board members also acknowledged the lack of agenda items over the past couple years and came to the conclusion that the Board has “fulfilled its mission.” A motion was made by Birath to recommend decommissioning of the Veterans’ Memorial Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Tupper. The motion passed unanimously by present Board members voting yes.

Staff Updates: Patten provided the Board an update of recent park activities, including a review of paver sales since the last meeting, account balances, and available space in the existing paver gardens.

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 **April 19, 2019, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office, 231 North Dakota Avenue.

Approved:

President