

Rifle Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Agenda
April 10, 2006
5:30 PM
Rifle City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of March 27th Meeting
3. Comments from Public
4. Little League Request
5. Central Business District
6. Strategic Planning
7. Pool Evaluation
8. Playgrounds
9. Park Signage
10. Other
11. Adjourn



Date: April 4, 2006
To: PRAB
From: Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director
RE: April 10th Meeting

Below is a brief overview for the March 27th meeting.

Little League Request

Little League team representatives will be present at the meeting to discuss waiving of fees for use of Cooper field lights. A memo is included in the packet.

Central Business District

Matt Sturgeon, the City's Planning Director, will be at the meeting to discuss the Central Business District.

Strategic Planning

We discussed at the last meeting that we would pick a date for our Strategic Planning session.

Pool Evaluation

The pool evaluation is scheduled for Friday, April 7th. We should have more information at the meeting.

Playgrounds

The playground equipment for Deerfield Park has been delivered and they have started construction. Also, the ground preparation for the picnic shelters at Davidson Park has been completed.

Park Signage

We hope to have pictures for you at the meeting showing what the signs would look like at our parks.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks.





**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 6, 2006
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006
RIFLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Steve Carter called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Bina	5:37	Jim Boone	5:37	Rich Carter	5:37
Steve Carter	5:37	Mark Lapka	abs/exc	Betsy Rice	5:37
Ed Weiss	5:40	Mildred Whitt	5:37		

Staff Present: Aleks Briedis; Rec. Director, Tom Whitmore; Parks Director.
Item # 9 moved into #5

Rich Carter moved to excuse Mark Lapka, Kelly Bina seconded. The chairman called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Several members mentioned continuing trouble with downloading the packets.

MINUTES: Moved by Rich Carter seconded by Betsy Rice to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina	x		
Jim Boone	x		
Rich Carter	x		
Steve Carter	x		
absent Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice	x		
Ed Weiss			x
Mildred Whitt	x		

Passed 6-0-1

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

None.





STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Mayor Keith Lambert began the introduction to Strategic Planning by thanking the board for the job they are doing. He gave a brief overview of the City’s Strategic Planning process, his experience in the School District, the Fire District, and with the Metropolitan Park District. The Mayor stated that strategic planning provides vision into the future. It is a living document, flexible and changeable, allowing for adaptation and to exterior influences. A sufficient time commitment for strategic planning is needed. The minimum time is probably one full day. Three days is probably the max.

Jim Boone asked about the time variable and gave the example of how a mission statement could take several hours. Ed mentioned that we are new at this, and is concerned with moving ahead too fast. “From training wheels to a Harley”. Aleks stated that one difficult concept of strategic planning is to do visioning and planning without the considering dollars. Steve suggested possibly scheduling Strategic Planning on a Saturday in July or August and perhaps at the community house. Steve felt that the consensus was that this was a good idea and that we should study our calendars and be prepared to set a date at the next meeting.

SENIOR CENTER REQUEST:

Mildred Whitt stated that the seniors enjoyed live music to dance to, and that they are having trouble getting musicians.

After some discussion, it was moved by Mildred Whitt and seconded by Kelly bina to approve an amount up to \$1,000 to be used for musical entertainment at the Senior Center.

Roll Call:

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
2 Kelly Bina	X		
Jim Boone	X		
Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
absent Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice	X		
Ed Weiss	X		
1 Mildred Whitt	X		

Passed 7-0

POOL EVALUATION:

The company has asked to push back the inspection date. They are worried about the weather forecast. They have stated that there was nothing life threatening that would cause us not to open the pool. Evaluation would have to be done when there is no water





in the pool. Ed and Rich both emphasized their concerns that we have a successful opening in the pool. Having the pool open and operating this summer is critical.

PLAYGROUNDS:

J.R. of Children's Play Structures began earthwork for the Deerfield Playground today. We are confident that the structures will be complete and open by the end of June.

PARK SIGNAGE:

We looked at power point slides of signs in G.J. and reviewed the size and color of the proposed signs. The consensus was that the board supported brown. The board preferred not to have the parks and rec. logo inserted into the main logo and that the park and rec. logo would be better on the bottom panel.

Jim Boone moved to go with the brown sample as presented. Seconded by Rich Carter.

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina	X		
1 Jim Boone	X		
2 Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
absent Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice	X		
Ed Weiss	X		
Mildred Whitt	X		

Passed 7-0

The Board asked to have a mock-up done to judge sizes. We then discussed which parks would have signs placed in them.

501(c)(3):

The mayor stated that the Community Foundation, that Tom Stuver had been working on, has formed. The interim board is: Tom Stuver, Susan McKeon, and Keith Lambert.

Ed Weiss moved to drop the subject of forming our own 501c3. Seconded by Kelly Bina.

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
2 Kelly Bina	X		
Jim Boone	X		
Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
absent Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice	X		
1 Ed Weiss	X		
Mildred Whitt	X		



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Passed 7-0

Ed stated that we should drop the 501c3 for now but that he believed that we should consider the topic in the future. Steve stated that he would visit with Tom Stuver.

NEPOTISM POLICY FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES:

Aleks brought up the topic of nepotism and how it affected the availability of sound seasonal employees and that he would like to see this policy changed. Steve feels that we should ask to waive it for seasonal employees only. Ed agreed. Problems would be much less for part-time seasonal employees than for full-time.

Moved by Ed Weiss and seconded by Betsy Rice to request that the nepotism policy be waived as it applies to seasonal employees. (This item will go to council at future a future date).

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina	X		
Jim Boone	X		
Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
absent Mark Lapka			
2 Betsy Rice	X		
1 Ed Weiss	X		
Mildred Whitt	X		

Passed 7-0

BUDGET:

Aleks mentioned that our finance director has resigned and it may be a while before we get another financial report.

SCOREBOARD:

Three scoreboards have been purchased and ordered. Antero declined to sponsor one but, Encana and the School District will be sponsoring one each. We are still seeking a sponsor for the third scoreboard.

OTHER:

Jim Boone asked about the action park. The contractor would like to start next Monday. He has been asked to come up with another \$21,000 of credit before he can start.

Steve Carter suggested having a big event to open the Action Park; perhaps hosting a contest etc. Jim Boone would like to see the action park lighted. Tom and Aleks stated





that we would be keeping a couple of the light poles from the softball field. The lights would be on a timer and would automatically shut off at curfew time.

Chairman Steve Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Whitmore
Acting Secretary





Memo

To: Park and Rec. Advisory Board and Rifle City Council

From: Tom Whitmore, Aleks Briedis

Date: 3/30/06

Re: Sports Field Lighting

In spring of 2004, Garfield County, the City of Rifle, various interested community members, and the "Field of Dreams" committee came together to discuss the construction of a baseball field to replace the High School baseball field. The county needed the property for their new county services building. As discussions progressed it became clear that everyone wanted this to be more than just a place to play drop-in baseball games. The desire was to have a first class baseball facility that was to be maintained at a tournament level of quality. This field is to be the home of Rifle High School Bears Baseball. The high school would receive first priority for use during their official season. The field would be available for use by others for baseball only, by reservation only, and only teams using full-size adult dimensions would be able to use the field. Fees would be charged to help mitigate the costs of maintenance.

Currently, we have outside users wishing to use the field whom are objecting to the fees. For your information, I will explain the costs associated with Cooper Field lighting.

Cooper Field has a lighting system that consumes about 109 kw of electricity. By contrast, our softball fields consume around 25 to 50kw. A few years ago, we received a letter from Xcel stating that we would be billed at the "SG" rate. This means that we pay a demand charge of \$12.57 per kw, once per billing cycle for the highest 15 minutes of full demand. This translates to \$1,371.13 plus a rate per kwh after that. We estimate that our charges could be as high as \$2,000 per month to light the baseball field. Our first bill (February 2006) including taxes and other charges is \$1,621.11.

Everyone should pay to use this field. We are currently working on an agreement with the school district that will outline the fees they will pay for practice time, game time, lighting and game prep. The school district has also shown willingness to pay for improvements and maintenance supplies.

We currently have a fee schedule that calls for \$50/hr for use of the baseball field with lights. Also, we are currently not charging for use of softball fields. We have already modified, in the past few years, North and South softball fields to accommodate 80 ft.


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base distances, to accommodate youth baseball on our softball fields. The baseball field supports only 90 ft base distances. Our fee is relatively low compared to other communities. Grand Junction's fee schedule is:

Columbine, Kronkright and Canyon View Softball

Field Rental \$35/hr
Lights \$30/hr

Canyon View Championship Softball Field

Field Rental \$50/hr
Light \$30/hr

Canyon View Baseball Field (tournament quality field; does not have lights)

Field Rental \$75/hr

Suplizio Baseball Field (tournament quality field)

Field Rental \$95/hr
Lights \$90/hr

Staff believes that our fees are reasonable. We need to charge these fees to offset lighting costs and keep it a tournament quality field.

