

Rifle Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Agenda
February 26, 2007
5:30 PM
Rifle City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of February 12th Meeting
3. Comments from Public
4. Senior Center Report
5. Ride the Rockies
6. Legacy Grant Update
7. Public Official's Liability Training
8. Joint Workshop with City Council
9. Roan Field RFP
10. Next Meeting – March 12th
11. Other
12. Adjourn



Date: February 22, 2007
To: PRAB
From: Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director
Tom Whitmore, Parks Director
RE: February 26th Meeting

Below is a brief overview for the February 26th meeting:

Ride the Rockies

Staff will be having a meeting with the committees at 7 PM after the PRAB meeting. Any PRAB member is invited to attend. Also, we need to know which PRAB members will be able to serve as "roaming community volunteers" on Tuesday, June 19th.

Legacy Grant Update

Staff met with City Council at their February 21st workshop regarding the legacy grant. Council gave their blessing to move ahead with the grant. The project overview document given to Council is included in this packet.

Public Official's Liability Training

The City will be hosting our annual Public Official's Liability Training on Wednesday, March 7th. Even if you attended last year, you are requested to attend this year. Pizza available 5:15-5:45 PM, presentation 5:45-7:00 PM.

Joint Workshop with Council

The City Clerk is preparing the schedule for workshops with Council and would like to know when PRAB would like to meet with Council. Currently, the two open dates are May 9th or August 8th. Ed made a good point that August would be closer to budget time.

Roan Field RFP

Bids are due to us on February 23rd. We will bring the submitted bids to the meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Rifle City Hall on March 12th.

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

Thanks.



PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #3, 2007
MONDAY February 12, 2007
RIFLE SENIOR CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT, ROLL CALL:

ACT VOTER:	YES	NO
ABSTAIN		
Kelly Bina		X
Jim Boone		X
Rich Carter	X	
Steve Carter		X
Mark Lapka		X
Jason Naess	X	
Ed Weiss	X	
Mildred Whitt	X	

Staff Present: Tom Whitmore, Linda Stilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 29TH MEETING:

Motion to accept minutes by Jason Naess and 2nd by Mildred Whitt. Passed by unanimous vote.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Marie George from Senior Center wanted to thank the board supplying funds for the accordion player as well as the guitar players. Seniors are really enjoying the entertainment.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Marie asked about funding a new shuffle board table and puzzle table for downstairs. The room would also have to have some minor remodeling done before these purchases could be made. She also wondered about the possibility of the board funding some of the Cabaret Trips funded. They are also looking at getting a new sound system for the

cafeteria. The board asked her to submit requests for items that the Senior Center would like to have help with funds.

PROJECT UPDATES:

The prebid meeting had 3 companies interested. The public works is working on landscaping. The plans are moving ahead for the maintenance facility. We have started working on the web-based scheduling for maintenance and field usage. The company is school dude.

Aleks and Patty Lambert are working on the Ride the Rockies project. The new field signs are ready to be installed. The big signs are all installed except for Centennial Park or Promontory Park. Most of the signs are not being set in concrete yet.

Mini Cooper We will be paying for the construction and get reimbursed. We had soil tests done. The project will be completed by the end of November.

FEE WAIVING:

We still have to come up with some criteria.

ANVIL POINTS: School voted to not support funding or upgrades on this field. This project will not be completed this year.

LEGACY GRANT: Centennial Park would be a prefect project for this grant. This particular grant can be used for trails. The portion that we would have to pay would be about \$2 million. Rich made a motion to submit a letter to city council in support of the project. Mildred 2nd the motion. It passed by voice vote.

ONLINE FEES:

The recreation department would like to waive online fees to people who register online. Jason made a motion to approve waiving online registrations Rich 2nd the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

STATE FORESTER:

Tom would like to have him come to a future meeting with the objective of becoming a tree board. The board expressed that they were willing to listen as long as this isn't making a commitment to become a tree board.

TENNIS COURTS:

Back in 2003 the courts were resurfaced, crack sealed and repainted for a cost of \$12,000. The following summer more cracks appeared. We will try to crack seal and repaint with someone in the maintenance department.

MEETING ON 3/12/2007: Consensus is that we need to have the regular meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 2/26/2007

OTHER: We received a letter from Steve Carter in reference to building a dog park up by the Senior Housing Authority. Also Tom mentioned that they are going to be starting seeding process at the Veterans Park.

There is going to be a volunteer day at the information center on April 21st. The center is asking for funds in order to cut down the tamarisks out around the area. They need \$1500 for the project. Tom has funds already set aside for an Arbor Day project. He will present this idea to city council and see if we can proclaim this date for Arbor Day and coincide with the Tree City Project.

March 7th will be the Public Official's Liability Training. Everyone who attended last year also will have to attend this training.

Letter was submitted by the library asking the pool to partner with their Summer Reading Program they offer to teenagers in the summer. They are asking for a pool and slide pass for participants who meet their reading goals of 20 hours and 40 hours. Jason made a motion to support the library reading program. The motion was 2nd by Rich. It passed by a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Project overview:

The proposed project will connect Rifle Creek Trail from Metro Park to the island, just west of the Rifle Rest Area.

The project is broken up into the following segments:

Complete Trail from Metro to 9th

In 2003, the City applied for a grant for this section of trail. The cost then was estimated at \$428,713. We assume costs have increased 30%, which would increase the construction cost to \$557,327. We are also estimating that \$30,000 will be needed for land acquisition, making the estimate of this portion at \$600,000.

Build Centennial Park (9th to 3rd)

This segment will complete Centennial Park. This includes everything from flood mitigation to playgrounds. This section encompasses the trail segment from 9th Street to 3rd Street and the surrounding land. The estimate from Design Concepts for this portion in 2003 was \$5,000,000. We are estimating, with construction cost increases and land acquisitions, the cost to be \$6,000,000.

Complete Trail from 3rd to Railroad Tracks

The first section would be through the Valley Lumber property, from 3rd to US-6. The trail would cross US-6 at the stoplight where Park Ave. plans to connect. The next section would be through the Rifle Depot development. Staff has contacted the Rifle Depot and they are excited about partnering with the City on this grant application. Currently we do not have cost estimate for this section.

Railroad Track and River Crossing

The track crossing is the biggest unknown. Staff would like to see an at-grade crossing, as this would be the least expensive; however Union Pacific may not agree to this. If an overpass is required, the trail configuration will change and the cost will increase. To cross the river, we hope to use the old bridge. Garfield County has stated that they would be willing to donate the bridge to this project. The County had an engineer inspect the bridge a few years ago, and it was in great shape. Currently we do not have a cost estimate for this section.

Trail from Bridge to West End of Rest Area

This section may include two trails. The first trail would be a hard trail located next to the existing road. The second trail would be a soft trail located next to the river. LoVa Trails Group has contacted C-DOT, and they are supportive of this concept. Currently we do not have a cost estimate for this section.

River Crossing to Island

This section would add a bridge from the end of this trail segment to the island. This bridge is still up for debate, depending on GOCO's and DOW's thoughts. GOCO may want the connection to make the island part of this project and DOW may not want the bridge to keep the island open space. Another option staff is considering is to have an information kiosk overlooking the island.

Purchase of the Island

The final section of this project is to purchase the island. Aspen Valley Land Trust is willing to help us with this section. They have contacted the owner of the island and are waiting to hear back for the asking price. We estimate the cost to be \$400,000. AVLT will be asking their board for \$50,000.

Partners:

Lower Valley Trails Group is a committed partner. We currently do not have a funding amount from them.

Aspen Valley Land Trust is a committed partner. They will be requesting \$50,000 from the board.

Garfield County has expressed that they will donate the bridge towards this project. The value of the bridge is to be determined. We will also be asking the County for additional funding as Centennial Park will connect the Fairgrounds to the trail system.

Colorado Department of Transportation supports the idea of the trail segment through the rest area. We hope to use the land as a match.

Rifle Depot's plan has a trail planned through their development. We hope to use this as a match.

We also will be trying to find additional partners, including: RE-2 School District, Grand River Hospital District, Department of Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, local service groups (i.e. Rotary, DDA, etc.), private companies and foundations.

Funding:

Great Outdoors Colorado Large Scale Project Grant (Legacy Grant)

GOCO is accepting concept papers, which are due March 23rd. Staff is currently working on our concept paper. At the end of June, the GOCO board will decide which projects will be invited to complete full applications. The match for this grant is 20% of the

project. There is not a cap for the amount of the grant. Funding begins in 2008 and the project must be completed in 3 years.

CDOT TEA-21 Grant

Grant applications are due May 31st. A decision on the grants to be awarded should be by September 1, 2007. The match for this grant is 20% of the project. Funding would be in 2009, 2010 and 2011. These funds can be used as a match for the GOCO grant. Staff is investigating if GOCO funds can be used as a match for this grant.

Partners

We hope to receive funding help from our partners outlined previously.

City of Rifle's Match

We are currently estimating that this project will not exceed \$15 million. There are still a lot of factors to decide the exact amount of the project. Staff is requesting that the City's portion be \$2 million. 20% of the complete project would be \$3 million. The other \$1 million would come from the grants matching each other and from partnerships.

Staff presented this concept to The Parks & Recreation Board and they unanimously supported the concept at their February 12th meeting.

Staff is proposing we appropriate, to the point the law allows, monies from the Parks and Recreation fund over the next 3 years:

2008 budget	\$600,000
2009 budget	\$700,000
2010 budget	\$700,000

These amounts could go down depending on the cost of the project and additional funding.

In 2006, \$2.1 million was collected in sales tax with an additional \$182,000 collected in registration fees totaling revenue of \$2.3 million. Of this, \$1.2 million was used for operations and maintenance, leaving \$1.1 million for capital improvements. Therefore the P&R budget should be able to handle the amounts listed above.

Staff is requesting Council's support of this funding concept, so we can add this in our grant applications.