

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

**MAY 11, 2015**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Sara Brainard		X
Chris Bornholdt	X	
Michael Churchill	X	
Vanessa Ivy	X	
Trudy Lowery	X	
Wilma Paddock	X	
Milton Rodas		X

**Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Michael Churchill**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Wilma made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vanessa 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:** Tom gave an update on the purchase of the senior buses. He let them know that with the City funds and grants there was enough money to purchase two buses instead of one. Dave James researched and found two diesel commuter buses around \$35,000 a piece. Tom stated that this is a much better deal than the purchase of just one bus.

**UPDATE ON DRP PHASE 1 PROJECT:** Tom stated that the final walk through still needs to happen. He attempted to do the walk through but there were too many issues that still needed fixed. There are problems with the concrete some needs to be replaced. He stated that the remaining final payment will be in the neighborhood of \$180,000.00. He also stated that the grass seed did not take and the contractor stated it was because there was no irrigation. Tom stated that the irrigation had not been operated by our staff because the project was not complete and handed over to the us. He said that they may re-seed and bill the contractor.

**DEDICATION EVENT FOR COOPER FIELD:** Tom let the board know that the date for the dedication ceremony is set for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. There will be a Rifle High School baseball alumni game and Tom is

working with businesses to donate prizes. He is also looking into honorary umpires and has a list of people he is suggesting. He asked the board to give him any other names they may think of.

**UPDATE ON SWIMMING POOL WORK:** Tom let the board know that the new boiler was delivered and installed. The pool is now full and heating. James has been working on training staff. IT has all of the pool equipment up and operational. Tom also let the board know that Citizen Telegram had a press release on the baby pool closing. He stated that the press release for the batting cages had been out months ago.

**UPDATE ON BATTING CAGES:** Tom reminded the board that Council had voted to shut the batting cages down but Matt thought there needed to be more public notice. Tom stated that the staff hoped to have them down by Memorial weekend.

**RENTAL FEE CHANGES FOR COOPER FIELD:** Tom stated that he is looking at changing the fee for Cooper field for outside user groups. The fee now is \$75 and he is looking at raising it to \$100 but does not want to raise the fee for Roan until improvements are made to that field. We'll bring more information to future meetings.

**RENTAL FEE CHANGES FOR CENTENNIAL PARK:** Tom stated that there currently is not a reservation fee in place for the rental of the Amphitheater or the Great Bowl. There is only a deposit for use of these two facilities and a rental fee of \$10 for the picnic pavilions. He asked the board members to consider fee changes on these two facilities. The board was receptive to the idea of having a fee.

**DISCUSS UTE THEATER OPERATIONS:** Tom reminded the board that he is now over the Ute Theater. He stated that the City is trying to separate operations from the NUTS group. He let the board know that the Recreation department will be doing reservations and calendars for the Ute to help Don keep up. He stated that Don's phone does not work properly and he gets a lot of voice mails so his mailbox is full a lot.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>. The board decided to cancel that meeting due to being a holiday. Next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER:** Tom let the board know that Michael has revamped the City website. He let Michael tell the board what changes were made. Tom also let the board know Rotary has received a grant and want to put a climbing boulder up at Metro. He said it should be installed by the end of the summer and wood bark would be placed as a fall zone at the base. He also let the board know about issues at the Library and Civic plaza. The City is looking at a smoking ban because of all of the issues with trash. Wilma stated that a trash can had been set on fire from a cigarette. She said instead of using the cigarette trash can people are throwing them on the ground. Tom stated that the City is also looking at a smoking ban at all public spaces and events as well as dogs. Wilma stated that she would be happy to be on a board to help with these issues. Trudy reminded Tom that she had asked for the bylaws for PRAB regarding attendance. She feels that members should be held accountable for attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

