

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #8, 2007
MONDAY JUNE 11, 2007
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Ed Weiss at 5:46 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT, ROLL CALL:

ACT VOTER:	YES	NO
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, Aleks Briedis, Stephanie Samson

Minutes of May 21st Meeting: Kelly motioned to accept minutes of May 21st. Steve second. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Comments from Public: No public present.

Senior Center Report: Aleks stopped by the Senior Center this morning and saw that they had the concrete down and are working on everything else. It seems to be moving forward. They hope to be finishing today. The flooring will be installed on July 2, 2007.

Batting Cage Update: The Batting Cages will not be moved. The Justice Center will take a little corner north of the Skate Parks for parking.

Strategic Plan Update: Staff has not completed the action steps yet, but hopes to do so before the next PRAB meeting. We are way ahead of ourselves with trying to fix the theater, but we just want to keep it on the radar for upcoming plans.

Roan Field Update: The design is right and we are going to get the field constructed for under \$260,000. Then we have to do lights and dugouts, etc. The outfield distance is 310

feet at the edges and center is 360 feet. Staff will be asking for City Council approval at their June 20th meeting. Construction should start in August and is expected to be completed in September.

GOCO Grant Update: The GOCO board will be meeting on June 21. They had 27 applications. Comparing the applications was like comparing apples to oranges. So they want to split it up into two categories. We may only be asked to apply for the Centennial Park portion.

Rural Mountain Philanthropy Days: Gates Family Foundation funds a big challenge grant and suggested that Aleks apply for that grant. Staff will be working on the application.

Action Park Update: Hope to put in turf this week. The \$10,000 that we spent will go toward the irrigation and installing the new equipment. There will be a digital timer and we hope that no one will damage that or the lights. Lively Electric will purchase and install the lights for the park. The lights that have been there even before the action park was built, still work, and we hope that most of them will keep working. There will need to be adjustments to the lights.

Maintenance Facility Update: Council approved DPA Architects out of Glenwood Springs. We hope to have things figured out for July 19, and then reapply for the DOLA grant at the beginning of August.

Tennis Courts Update: Modular surfaces that snap. Tom might bring in the perforated tiles to show everybody. Moisture can go through and there is comfort for when people step on it. Once we decide on it, then we can get rolling and repair the tennis courts. Tom's biggest fear, however, is vandalism, mainly because there is access to the tennis courts at all times. It's pretty impressive stuff and pretty popular. Many tennis players like it over at Battlement Mesa.

“The Farm” Subdivision: Sally Brands is the developer for it. The Farm will be located at the East end of 16th St. and everything to the left before the dirt road. She wants an elementary school and a park built there before the houses. Sally was planning on donating 8.1 acres for the project. The code requires 15 acres, so we are short about 7 acres, which is about \$833,000. Matt Sturgeon's take was that we didn't need to worry about this quite yet. Is the land for the school district or for the Parks and Recreation Department? The other option was that the developer gives us all the 18 acres, then we give it to the school, and the school gives us the \$833,000 and we work together to build. We plan on having open turf wherever. Staff will be meeting with the developer and school district on June 21st.

Ride the Rockies: Everything seems to be in place and we are excited for it! We have our last meeting for it tomorrow. Tom is going to set up fences and generators. Ride the Rockies is bringing the Porta-Potties for the public. We have to do all the signage and camping indoors and outdoors in the middle school. Shower trucks are set up on 6th St.

There are 12 local vendors that will be set up on 6th St. There are 18 vendors from Ride The Rockies and they will be set up north of the school. We expect the riders to leave Rifle by 10:00 a.m. We are closing the pool for the public, but the pool is open to Ride the Rockies from Noon to 9. The Community Evaluation Team received a \$5000 grant from Ride the Rockies.

Fee Waiving Discussion: Staff went through the proposal and thanked Steve for his suggestions. Anything is better than what we have now. Whatever we do, we need to put down and stick to it. Are some of the reasons legitimate? Hard cost includes when we have to supply staff to prepare and watch over, the lights and anything else that needs to be paid for. The first few years it will be tough for people to accept, but after that then people will accept it and move on with life. Any other reasons why people should be offered a discount? A tournament? Pay per day for organized tournaments. Work this into a final policy for the next meeting and send out to the public so the public is aware of what we are proposing. Send with a letter about what is being planned and what wants to be done for the fields. This way the public knows and can join the meeting to complain/question. Steve moves to have the board revise the proposal. Ed has a motion to tweak/revise the proposal to make an official policy and address that in the July meeting. Mildred seconds the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

REDC Dinner – June 25th : Rifle Economic Development Cooperation dinner. Health and Wellness center we hope to bring to Rifle. We are looking for community support and on 25th there will be a dinner at the RE-2 administration building for the stakeholders. Grand River will be catering. City Council, Chamber reps, hospital board, and Park and Recreation Board members were invited to the dinner. We hope people come and support us in this decision for the health and wellness center. At the meeting, people will be informed about the plans for the center. The consulting firm will be at the dinner to present the ideas. Questions are welcome.

Next Meeting – Reschedule June 25th Do we want to skip the meeting? We just want have a PRAB meeting on the 25th. The board unanimously passed to cancel the June 25th meeting by voice vote. Next meeting is July 9th.

Other: Water aerobics started with 15 and now every morning have about 17. All in all, everything is good. The hot tub is still down, but will be fixed soon.

Flowerpots make the parks look nicer! Maintain the play equipment, especially the chunks of tire on the ground at the playgrounds.

Adjourn at 7:02 p.m. by Ed Weiss.