

Rifle Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Agenda
June 11, 2007
5:30 PM
Rifle City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of May 21st Meeting
3. Comments from Public
4. Senior Center Report
5. Batting Cage Update
6. Strategic Plan Update
7. Roan Field Update
8. GOCO Grant Update
9. Action Park Update
10. Maintenance Facility Update
11. Tennis Courts Update
12. "The Farm" Subdivision
13. Ride the Rockies
14. Fee Waiving Discussion
15. REDC Dinner – Jun 25th
16. Next Meeting – Reschedule Jun 25th?
17. Other
18. Adjourn



Date: June 7, 2007
To: PRAB
From: Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director
Tom Whitmore, Parks Director
RE: June 11th Meeting

Below is a brief overview for the June 11th meeting:

Senior Center Report

The bricks for the Eagle Scout flower bed have been delivered. We have not been given a date of when those will be installed.

The flooring is scheduled to be installed on July 2nd.

Batting Cage Update

The batting cages will not be moved. The County had originally planned to add another building at the site next to Metro; however they have decided to build it out by the airport. They will not need the batting cage site for parking.

Strategic Plan Update

Unfortunately staff has been too busy with other projects and was not able to complete the action steps for the meeting. We will try to have the steps completed for the July 9th meeting.

Roan Field Update

We should have the final design and costs by the meeting. Staff will be presenting to Council at their June 20th meeting.

GOCO Grant (Legacy) Update

The GOCO board will be meeting on June 21st to decide which agencies will be asked to fill out a full application. Staff has been talking to GOCO, and there is a possibility that the Legacy Grants will be divided into two groups. With the discussions, Aleks feels that we will be asked to apply.

Aleks also attended the Rural Mountain Philanthropy Days in Leadville June 4-6 and met with representatives of the Gates Family Foundation, who indicated they would be interested in partnering with the City for the Centennial Park project.

Action Park Update

The irrigation system is installed. Currently the electricians are working on the lights. Staff plans on laying sod around the action park on June 13th & 14th.





Maintenance Facility Update

We received three proposals. Staff reviewed the proposals and Council approved DPA Architectural Group's proposal for phase 1 of the project.

Tennis Court Update

Staff is currently working on getting bids to place a snap together overlay system on the tennis courts.

"The Farm" Subdivision

Staff met with the developer and school district representatives regarding the proposed "The Farm" subdivision. Staff will be meeting with the school district representatives once again on Friday, June 8th. Staff will brief PRAB at the meeting.

Fee Waiving Discussion

PRAB members were supposed to review Steve Carter's proposal and come to the June 11th meeting with any suggestions. Staff has made their own suggestions and has included them in the packet.

REDC Dinner

PRAB has been invited to the Rifle Economic Development Corporation stakeholder's dinner at 6 PM on June 25th. We will inform you at the meeting of the location as it has not yet been set. The date of the dinner falls on the same date as a regular scheduled PRAB meeting. We will discuss either cancelling or rescheduling the PRAB meeting.

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

Thanks.



PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #7, 2007
MONDAY May 21st, 2007
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Ed Weiss at 5:28 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 April 23rd Meeting: Jason motioned to accept minutes of April 23rd. Steve second. Passed by voice vote.

Comments from Public: No public present

Senior Center Report: Becky Stone called about Eagle Scout project, which has started. Staff received a purchase order for flooring. We hope to start the project soon.

Strategic Plan Update: Staff has comments in, and will be working on action steps.

Roan Field Update: Working on getting a solid cost from ACC before going to Council. Hope to go to Council at their June 6th meeting. Hope to start construction in August.

GOCO Grant Update: We will find out after June 21st if we are asked to fill out a full application for the Legacy Grand.

Action Park Update: Staff is installing irrigation system. We're waiting for equipment to come in for lights. Rich mentioned he saw an event happening this past weekend. Staff

informed PRAB that we had a special event in conjunction with the Rifle Rendezvous. We held a skate and bike competition and had 34 participants.

Maintenance Facility Update: Looked at the site and had a bunch of questions about the site. We're responding about bids from firms and will have by 29th. Do not expect to be finished until 2008. Mid July is the deadline for DOLA to re-request funds again. We will look at the proposals and make a choice according to the projected budget. We are hoping to get as much space and storage into this building as possible, so we don't have to store things outside. Some of the Recreation equipment will also be stored there as well. It will be built just north of the irrigation pond in Deerfield Park in Rifle. There are all kinds of possibilities for different sites for the facility, but nothing looks like it will work for the time frame that we are looking at.

"Over the Rainbow" Update: It is in the future Centennial Park area near Rifle Creek and 5th Street. We are going to assume the statue will be there for a while, but it does have the possibility of being moved if the Centennial Park build out plans for it.

Ride the Rockies: Everything is moving forward. Council approved minors to be able to be in the beer garden, but not drink beer. The Lion's Club and Boy Scouts will be serving breakfast. The Elks will be serving lunch. The Rifle Rotary will be serving dinner. We have already made up volunteer shirts and buttons. Staff asked PRAB members to volunteer for a couple hours helping out by answering questions.

Participant Numbers: Staff presented the report of participant numbers over the past few years. The registration software will only give us the number once the activity has completely closed for the season and therefore we did not have some 2007 numbers. The numbers are staying pretty stable; they are not jumping around too much. Some activities go up and some go down, but nothing dramatic, except for the Senior activities, since they have almost doubled. Aleks says that this is probably because of the purchase of the used Traveler.

Bond in 2008 Election?: The possibility of approaching the voters for a bond in the 2008 general election was discussed by City Council. Aleks informed the board and asked them to start thinking about the possibility. This is a "finish everything we have started" act. Rich Carter thinks it is a great idea to finish those projects we have started and make it nicer. Rich said it would be great to actually finish all these jobs completely and make this place wonderful, instead of just occasionally piecing things together. Let's do it! Ed says it is a tough one because it would be the third year in a row we have gone to the voters.

Fee Waiving Discussion: Steve has brainstormed and come up with a proposal. Steve: The dollars we have come up with are not irrational. This is not a small town anymore, and there are a lot of things that will have to change. When a facility is reserved by a specific group, you are restricting the public from using that facility. There is a benefit to be had for the kids that play sports. Newly organized sports teams should get an additional discount as start up teams need to fund equipment. If a team can't afford the

discounted rate, it is proposed that they would be able to do community service like planting trees in the curb sides at Deerfield Park in the parking lot.

Aleks: Do we go for all the costs, soft and hard costs for the discount?

Steve: Everything. People will only be charged the full 100% only if they are older than 25 years of age. This would be for outside leagues only.

What are the teams out of Grand Junction using our facilities?

Tom: I don't think we would discount for teams outside of our town.

Ed: City Council has charged us with coming up with this, and it will be an issue. I want it to be as black and white as possible. The gray areas just make things difficult and put us in a tough spot.

Tom: We have to have a minimum charge for these activities. We would have to quantify in some way to equal out. Canyon View doesn't get a lot of use because it is so expensive to use. They just want to keep it nice and not have things vandalized, but then again you don't see people using it.

The community is growing and we need to be more professional. We need to charge usage fees. Rich thinks the discounts are too high, but thinks it is a good start. Jason and Mildred also think it is a great idea and a good start to get things rolling. The only downside Ed sees with this is finding a new team each year. Give discount only first and maybe second year, but then after that go to original price. They would still need to come in and apply for the discount and explain why they qualify for one.

Staff and PRAB members will review this particular subject and bring up additional questions and concerns at the next meeting.

Tom mentioned that we have new goals on order that will be very difficult to remove, but can be removed if necessary by the maintenance staff. These will be permanently anchored goals.

Next Meeting – June 11th

Other: We were not selected for the NRPA Gold Medal award. They told us we should apply again next year. The pool will be opening this Saturday, May 26. We are looking into expanding the fence, and are currently receiving cost estimates.

Adjourned by Ed Weiss at 6:58 PM.

Staff’s recommendations on the “Proposed Discount Schedule for us of Parks & Recreation Facilities” presented at PRAB’s May 21, 2007 meeting.

Staff believes we should not give discounts on “hard costs” which include field prep, lights and scoreboard with operator. The reason is that these costs directly affect the Parks & Recreation budget.

Lights are considered a luxury. Teams can use the fields during daylight and not incur the costs. Also the fee for the lights does not cover the cost of using the lights. The fee helps offset the cost. Users are already receiving a discount when using the lights. There is also a staff cost associated with the lights as staff needs to go to the field to both turn on and off the lights. Some of this staff time is after hours, which also affects the overtime budget.

The field prep fee also does not cover the cost of staff time. We estimate the real cost of prep is between \$25 and \$50, depending on the condition of the field. Also, the real cost does not include the cost of overtime.

Staff also believes that discounts should only be given to organized youth (U18) teams which have a majority (50%) of participants living in Rifle.

Staff proposes the following change to the charge matrix:

Discounts for organized youth (U18) teams

	Amount of discount
1 st Year Team*	80%
2 nd Year Team*	60%
Established Team	50%

*1st Year & 2nd Year Team means a new sports organization. Existing teams with major changes in leagues will be evaluated by the Parks & Recreation Advisory board to determine if they are eligible for the 1st Year or 2nd Year Team discount.

These discounts would affect the fees as follows:

RENTAL CHARGE	Regular	80%	60%	50%
Baseball Field per Game	\$75	\$15	\$30	\$37.50
Softball Field per Hour	\$20	\$4	\$8	\$10
Softball Field per Game	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$25
Soccer Field per Hour	\$20	\$4	\$8	\$10
Soccer Field per Game	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$25

At this time, staff recommends that teams can not “work off” their fees. It takes staff time to coordinate volunteers and find projects. Staff would also need constant projects for teams to be able to complete to be fair from team to team. Teams would not be able to perform safety sensitive tasks, such as preparing an infield or mowing, due to the liability to the City. This item could be revisited with addition of staff.

Staff is also proposing that fee waiving for one-time activities put on by charitable or civic organizations be dealt with on a case by case basis with the final decision being made by the Parks or Recreation director.

Staff would like to include the following conditions for reserving any facility:

- Any organization requesting a fee waiver must submit a complete application.
- Fees must be paid in advance of usage.
- Facilities must be reserved at least one week in advance.
- Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance to receive a credit. (Cancellations due to weather are exempt).
- Facilities must only be used during dates and time reserved through the Recreation Department.
- Facilities must be left in the same, if not better, condition than arrival. (i.e. pick up trash)
- Organized teams must furnish Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 adding the City of Rifle as additionally insured and must give a copy to the Recreation Department before use of the facility.

Any violations of the above rules will result in loss of privileges of using the facilities.