

Rifle Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Agenda
July 9, 2007
5:30 PM
Rifle City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of June 11th Meeting
3. Comments from Public
4. Senior Center Report
5. Fee Waiving Discussion
6. Fee Waiver Request – Muddy Paws
7. Strategic Plan Update
8. Roan Field Update
9. GOCO Grant Update
10. Action Park Update
11. Maintenance Facility Update
12. Beautification – Flower Planters
13. REDC Dinner Review
14. Next Meeting – July 23rd
15. Other
16. Adjourn



Date: June 29, 2007
To: PRAB
From: Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director
Tom Whitmore, Parks Director
RE: July 9th Meeting

Below is a brief overview for the July 9th meeting:

Senior Center Report

The Eagle Scout project was started, but not finished. Staff will give an update at the meeting.

Fee Waiving Discussion

Staff has formed a fee waiving schedule from our earlier discussions. The schedule is attached in the packet. Staff also sent letters to user groups that have reserved our facilities.

Fee Waiver Request – Muddy Paws

The Muddy Paws 4-H Club is requesting a fee waiver for the Grotto. Their letter and application is included in the packet.

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 23rd meeting.

Roan Field Update

Council approved American Civil Constructors proposal. Staff is currently working on the contract. Construction should begin at the beginning of August and should be completed at the end of September.

GOCO Grant (Legacy) Update

We were asked by GOCO to fill out a full application. Staff will be meeting with City Council to discuss the next steps. The memo given to Council is included in the packet.

Action Park Update

The sod has been laid and is doing well. The Action Park users seem to be staying off of the grass. We're still working on the lights. We'll have an update at the meeting.

Maintenance Facility Update

Staff is currently working with DPA to have the documents ready for the DoLA application cycle in August.





Beautification – Flower Planters

Staff would like PRAB's thoughts on flower planters around the City. Steve has brought this up at a few meetings. If the entire board likes the idea, we would like a motion to add it to our Action Steps, investigate the planters and then add it to our budget request.

REDC Dinner Review

Staff would like to thank all of the board members that attended the meeting. Staff would like to hear PRAB's comments.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

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

Thanks.



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: Jason motioned to accept minutes of April 23rd. Steve second. 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 park for parking.

Strategic Plan Update: Staff has not completed the action steps yet, but hope 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 build more 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 include 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 tweek/revise the proposal to make an official policy and address that in the July meeting. Mildred seconds the motion. 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 – Reschedules 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

Proposed Discount Schedule for use of Parks & Recreation Facilities

Fee waiving for one-time activities put on by charitable or civic organizations will be dealt with on a case by case basis with the final decision being made by the Parks or Recreation Director. All conditions listed below must be met.

Discounts are given to organized youth (under the age of 18) sports, which have a majority of participants living in Rifle, with the conditions specified below. Discounts are not given for light usage, field preparation or scorekeeper.

Discounts for organized youth (U18) teams

	Amount of discount given to team
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
Baseball Field per Day (tournament)	\$300	\$60	\$120	\$150
Softball Field per Hour	\$20	\$4	\$8	\$10
Softball Field per Game	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$25
Softball Field per Day (tournament)	\$200	\$40	\$80	\$100
Soccer Field per Hour	\$20	\$4	\$8	\$10
Soccer Field per Game	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$25
Soccer Field per Day (tournament)	\$150	\$30	\$60	\$75

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.

"Enhancing the quality of life for Rifle residents through positive recreational activities".



Colorado River Valley Little League
c/o Clint Bartels
PO Box 1475
Rifle, CO 81650

June 29, 2007

Dear Colorado River Valley Little League:

Thank you for using the City of Rifle's Parks & Recreation facilities. We are writing you this letter because the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board plans on taking action on a discount schedule that may affect your organization. A copy of the proposed discount schedule is included.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will be reviewing and plans to adopt the schedule at their next meeting, which will be on Monday, July 9th at 5:30 PM at Rifle City Hall. You are welcome to attend the meeting and voice your comments. If you can not make the meeting, please e-mail your comments to abriedis@rifleco.org or call Aleks at (970) 625-6262 and we will include them in the discussion.

Thank you,

Aleks Briedis
Recreation Director



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FACILITY USE FEE REDUCTION REQUEST

Name of organization Muddy Paws YH Club

Contact name Julie Price Contact phone 379-1910

Type of organization (i.e. baseball team) YH Dog Club

Facility requested Grotto @ Deerfield Park

How many hours of practice? 25 How many games? 2

Activity season dates May 1st to Sept 2nd

How many participants are involved in your activity? 10

How many of those participants live in Rifle City limits? 5

Registration fee of activity charged to your participants \$ 32 per participant

Please attach a separate sheet explaining why you feel your organization's fees should be reduced. Also include by how much you feel the fees should be reduced (i.e. 50% of fees or \$X for entire season).

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PRAB Meeting Date _____ Council Meeting Date _____

Total cost \$ _____ Requested reduction \$ _____

Staff comments _____

PRAB comments _____

PRAB vote to reduce: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

Council decision: Approve _____ Deny _____ Amount \$ _____

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MUDDY PAWS 4H CLUB



April 24, 2007

Rifle City Council
202 Railroad Avenue
Rifle, CO 81650

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of Muddy Paws 4H Club, we would like to thank you for allowing our training club to continue training at Deerfield Park.

Muddy Paws is a recognized club with the Garfield County 4H Office. Muddy Paws' members, aged 8 – 18, come together to learn dog training, pet responsibility, and ultimately will compete in various dog shows throughout the region.

For the last nine years, our Club has met at Deerfield Park one evening a week and some weekend mornings; from May through September. In addition, we host a dog show the last Saturday in June. Deerfield Park provides the ideal setting for dog training. It is well-shaded and offers a safe environment that is free from traffic. No other park in Rifle provides these features. Our Club consistently cleans up after each class and has volunteered time each year to clean up the area of the park that we use.

As a non-profit group with a small number of members, funding the \$10 usage fee would be difficult. 4H does not allow us to add additional fees to 4H enrollment. We respectfully request your approval for Muddy Paws 4H Club to use Deerfield Park at no cost to our members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Muddy Paws 4H Club

Julie Price, Club Leader
970-379-1910

Melody Baker, Club Leader
970-379-4742



Date: June 27, 2007
To: John Hier, City Manager
From: Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director
RE: Centennial Park Overview

Staff was informed that Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) reviewed our concept paper for Centennial Park and we have been asked to submit a full application. This will be due in August and we should receive notification of the award in December.

GOCO changed the format of the Large Scale (Legacy) Grant program. The monies were divided into two pots; one for open space acquisition and the other for regional parks. We were put in the latter pot. They also lowered the maximum grant amount to \$1 million. The reason GOCO gave for the lower grant amount was that previous recipients of Large Scale Grants were not completing their projects in the 3 year time frame as required. The GOCO board also decided to increase the frequency, from every 4-5 years to every 2-3 years for the grant cycle and is hoping that larger projects will be phased.

The original concept was to complete the Rifle Creek Trail from Metro Park to the rest area, including Centennial Park, and purchase of the island. The complete project was estimated to cost \$15 million. With the lower grant amount, staff has decided to just focus on the Centennial Park portion, which is estimated to cost \$6 million. The City will also lose it's original two partners in this project, LoVA Trails and Aspen Valley Land Trust, as the portions they were going to help fund would not be included in the grant application. This amounts to \$200,000 that we will not receive.

With all of the changes, staff believes that we should still pursue the grant and complete Centennial Park. The park may still have to be phased, depending on the amount of funds collected, but we hope to complete the majority of the park in the first phase.

Staff currently has a DoLA grant application pending for Centennial Park in the amount of \$500,000. Our presentation to DoLA is at the end of July. Staff is also working with the Gates Family Foundation and will be asking for a \$500,000 challenge grant.

When this concept was first introduced to Council in February 2007, staff proposed and Council supported a plan to appropriate, to the point the law allows, monies from the Parks and Recreation fund over the next 3 years, as such:

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





Date: June 27, 2007

RE: Centennial Park Overview, page 2

If we keep the current funding plan from the City and receive all of the grants, our revenues would be:

City of Rifle	\$2,000,000
GOCO	\$1,000,000
DoLA	\$ 500,000
Gates	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

TOTAL \$4,000,000

Staff will also continue to investigate other funding sources, such as support from other government agencies, businesses and other grants. We will try to raise enough funds to complete the entire project. If we do not raise all of the funds, we will complete as much as possible and what is not completed will be called phase 2.

Staff is seeking input from Council on two things:

- 1) Does Council still support the \$2 million funding from the P&R budget?
- 2) Does Council still support the concept in general and should staff continue moving forward on the project?

If Council still supports this project, staff will be requesting funds from the contingency fund for upfront costs. A separate memo is included in the packet.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks.



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