

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 16, 2007
MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2007
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by acting chair Rich Carter at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT, ROLL CALL:

ACT VOTER:	YES	NO
Jim Boone	X	
Rich Carter	X	
Steve Carter	X	
Christy Gray	X	
Mark Lapka		X
Tom Stuver	X	
Ed Weiss		X
Mildred Whitt	X	

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Whitmore, Aleks Briedis, Linda Stilson, John Hier

Rich welcomed Christy and Tom to the board.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: Aleks noted that Ed and Mark would be willing to hold office again if they are nominated. Steve nominated Rich as Chairman. Jim nominated Ed for a 2nd term as chairman. Rich 2nd the nomination for Ed serving a 2nd term as chairman. Jim nominated Rich as vice chairman. Rich nominated Jim as secretary. Steve made a motion to close the nominations and the 3 be appointed by acclamation. Mildred 2nd the motion. Ed Weiss is elected as Chairman, Rich Carter is elected as vice chairman and Jim Boone is elected as secretary for the 2008 year.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26TH MEETING: Steve made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 26, 2007 meeting. Jim 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote. Christy and Tom abstained.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: No public present.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Mildred had nothing to report. Aleks wanted the board to know that he has discussed with Marie the possibility purchasing a Nintendo Wii with the money budgeted for senior activitiw. They will be able to borrow one after the first of the year using a projector and screen to try it out and see if this is indeed something the seniors would enjoy.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Aleks received a letter from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund approving \$750,000. With receiving this grant we will also be receiving \$500,000 from the Department of Local Affairs and also \$200,000 from Garfield County. Dirt is expected to be moved in May. Also the next step is contracts and IGA's. The first phase is working on the flood control and infrastructure. The 2nd phase will consist of picnic shelters; playgrounds a water play feature, historical waysides and outdoor learning center.

ROAN FIELD UPDATE: The field is all but ready to play on come spring. The electrical still needs to be run to the lights. The 4 sets of bleachers were delivered today. One of the dugouts has been damaged by the boring company and they will be replacing it. Aleks is working on closing out the GOCO grant for this project.

OCTOBER FINANCIALS: Tom wondered on the \$1,000 for the traveler. It was noted that this is just a donation to the Traveler program and that the Senior Center is budgeted under the General Fund. The Traveler and the meals program is funded through Garfield County, local municipalities and Colorado Mountain College. John Hier reported that CMC will no longer be administrating the Traveler and meals starting July 2008. Currently a task force is meeting to find a new administrating agency. There were no other questions about the financial reports.

2008 BUDGET UPDATE: The city council adopted our 2008 budget at the December 5th meeting. Currently the Parks Maintenance Facility shortfall balance is being taken from the fund balance, but council will be having a workshop on January 9th to discuss the financial options on this. Tom will get back to the board with further information on this project.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2008.

OTHER: Tom wanted to know if we have done any kind of a survey with respect to the percentage of seniors in the City of Rifle that are currently involved in programs at the Senior Center. What recreational services would they like to see provided that is not being provided at this time? Tom also thinks that there should be more information out there to inform our seniors about the programs being offered. He also suggested that the Senior Center purchase a big screen HDTV making it easier to have movie nights and even rebroadcast sporting events using TIVO and even exercise classes. Aleks also wanted to point out that we had received a letter from the Rifle Community Foundation accepting the donation of \$2,000 for offsetting facility usage fees.

Rich adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.