

**RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVSORY BOARD MINUTES #3, 2008**  
**MONDAY February 11, 2008**  
**RIFLE SENIOR CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Mark moved and Steve seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voice vote; all in favor.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:** Ed asked for everyone present to introduce them. Seniors present were: Peggy Wood, Mary Elder, Marie George, Bob Hager, Chuck & Pat Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Halte, Charlotte Crook, Louise Minnow, Wilma Morgan, May Ligget, Minnie Harold and Gary Clancy. Marie George wanted to thank the board for everything that has been done to improve activities at the Senior Center.

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:** Mildred reported that Marie had arranged with Wayne at the office a train trip to Leadville on July 16<sup>th</sup> and also confirmed dates with the cabaret for November 20<sup>th</sup> to see White Christmas. Aleks wanted to let everyone know that Aspen Billiards had contacted us about donating a regulation sized pool table. We will be having it refelted through Western Slope Billiards and delivery is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. Aleks has already purchased 6 new cues, chalk, bridge, triangle, 9 balls and a rack to hold the cues. Marie wondered if the board had any objections to the Senior Center keeping the old pool table. Everyone agreed that would be fine. Mark also

suggested that the board take a tour of the facility at the end of the meeting. When the seniors present were asked about any activities they would like to see happen a request was made to take a bus to the summer free concerts in Aspen and Steve also mentioned the Summer Jazz Festival in Glenwood Springs. Aleks noted that he will have Wayne and Marie get together to work on a schedule to make this happen. Marie also wanted to recognize the projects that the board has helped with so far at the Senior Center noting the new carpet and also the traveler being purchased to allow such trips as dinner in the valley, etc. Ed noted that the board is always open to ideas from the seniors as to what things they would like to see or do with regards to recreation, etc.

**CENTENNIAL PARK:** Council approved all of the items. The IGA has been signed by DDA in regards to the ½ acre; we expect the school district to sign off on their part at the meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a \$5 million dollar project that will be completed in phases. The first phase that will be taking place over the next 3 to 4 years will be working on the flood control plans and irrigation. The park is designed to timeline Rifle history starting at 1895 and going to 2005. The park will have themes depicting every decade along with preserving the natural treasures of Rifle Creek. There will be a kick off meeting for Centennial Park on February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup> anyone is welcome to come.

**REC COORD APPLICATION UPDATE:** We have narrowed the applications down to six and have begun the interviewing process. Five interviews have been completed and the last interview will be on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The applicant will be coming in from Michigan. We have 3 really good applicants and hope to have the new person hired by mid March.

**ACTION PARK LIGHTING UPDATE:** The meter box and push button switch with a timer has been installed and the hope is to make it nicer for neighbors and not have the lights on as long. Ideally people can turn them on as needed and they shut off after the timer goes off and won't be on after 10:30 p.m. The lights are old and will probably have to be replaced sometime down the road. Mark wondered about vandalism on the switch itself. Tom noted that they have similar devices in use at the ball fields for about 8 years with no real issues. Tom also noted that eventually they will be paving the parking lot and also planting some trees. The park has been a big success with the kids and Ed encouraged everyone to stop by and check it out if you get a chance. Steve also noted that the kids love to have an audience and will do more tricks if people are watching.

**PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE:**

Currently park maintenance is being run out of the shed that is located at the cemetery lot. During the summer month's as many as 20 people work out of this location making it over crowded. The proposed project with conference rooms, shop space, offices and break room will be approximately 11,000 to 13,000 square feet with an estimated cost of \$3 million dollars. The final design will be done and construction should be started in June with completion in about 8 months. There will be a kick off meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> with the design team to get on board with the budget. The council is also concerned that the building be attractive with the residential area that is growing out there. \$500,000

grant was received towards building this project. If possible we might be using some solar energy to save money.

**COAL RIDGE FIELD WAIVER REQUEST:** The dates that Coal Ridge has requested are ok with Coach Phillips. Christy was concerned that they had gone directly to council already without approaching the board and had also formed a team without securing or even having a field to practice on. Ed also noted that city council has set the ordinance for fee waiving. One of the seniors present wondered what difference it made if we don't charge Rifle High School to use the field and Coal Ridge is part of the same school district. Aleks explained that the IGA that is with the school district basically states that we use school facilities here in Rifle and the school uses the ball fields and so it is basically a paper chase issue. She understood then why we would charge Coal Ridge for field usage. The other thing that was mentioned is that most of the students who go to Coal Ridge do not reside in the city limits and therefore are not paying any of the sales taxes that are used to help with maintenance costs of the fields. Steve made a motion to reject the application for a fee waiver request from Coal Ridge High School for fees for using Cooper baseball field for the 9 games requested. Mark seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve-yes, Mark-yes, Mildred-yes, Ed-yes, Christy-yes motion passed.

**PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S LIABILITY TRAINING:** The training this year will only take about 45 minutes and there will also be a new video. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rifle City Hall Conference Room.

**OTHER:** GOCO hosted a training seminar in Rifle and Aleks found out about a planning grant that was available for the landscaping project. He will be putting together the information to write for this grant. Christy was wondering about the bathroom facilities at Deerfield if they were ever going to be in working condition. Tom mentioned that the school district is supposed to be funding about \$300,000 to build new concession stands behind Cooper Baseball field. She also wondered about the no parking signs along Acacia. Are these enforced all the time or just certain times during the day and why there is not parking allowed in this area? The reason for this is because the street is in the 100 year floodway. It was agreed that this should be a topic of discussion at the next meeting and Aleks or Tom will get more information about this. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by chairman Ed Weiss.