

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #4, 2008
MONDAY February 25, 2008
RIFLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	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

MINUTES OF THE February 25th MEETING: Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 11th meeting. Mildred 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote. Rich abstained.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: No public present

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: The pool table was delivered on 2/20/08. The seniors are really enjoying it. The recreation staff reviewed the question about summer concerts and has agreed to taking trips to the summer concerts in the park in Glenwood Springs. Wayne will let Marie know these dates. Aleks mentioned still pricing a TV and Tom Stuver mentioned contacting Dusty Dotson at the nursing home. They have just acquired a good price for a 52" big screen TV with a Wii and DVD system.

PARKING ON ACACIA: The reason for the no parking is because public works said that the street is located in the 100 year flood table. The board discussed having a 3 hour time limit of parking on the west side of Acacia with no parking allowed between the hours of midnight to 6 a.m. Christy made a motion to recommend a letter from the Park

and Recreation Advisory Board send a letter to the City Manager requesting to allow parking on the West side of Acacia for a 3 hour time limit between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to midnight. The motion was 2nd by Steve. Motion passed by a voice vote. Aleks will talk with John Hier.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Paperwork has gone to GOCO. The kickoff meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 26th. This will be a planning meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Aleks has a request with Sun Edison to donate 2 solar panels for an educational portion of the park.

REC COORD APPLICATION UPDATE: We have offered the position to Jennifer Reich and she accepted. She will be starting on March 24th. She will be moving out here from Michigan. Her first event that she will be working on is going to be the GOD Rally. This event will be on 6/20/08. This festival will be setting up at the Garfield County Fair Grounds. This will be a Christian music festival with booths and a possibility of between 10,000 to 15, 000 people. This is going to be happening the same weekend at Strawberry Days.

PARKS POSITIONS: Tom has been interviewing 2 positions in his department. He is interviewing for a Crew Supervisor and also an Administrative Assistant. He had 13 applicants for Administrative Assistant which he will be a fulltime position with benefits and wages starting at \$12 - \$15 per hour. The crew supervisor had 7 applicants this will also be a fulltime position with benefits and wages starting at \$15 -\$17 per hour. He is hoping to have the positions filled by mid March.

PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE: The design team has met and they are currently getting the RFQ's. Tom has had some discussions with the civil engineers On different structure types in order to be more stable with soil problems. Will have more at next meeting.

COAL RIDGE FIELD WAIVER: At our last meeting the fees were recommended that they not be waived. The school board president met with Aleks and was under the impression that Coal Ridge was under the current IGA that the district is working on with the city that the same fee charges applied to Coal Ridge High School. After some discussion Coal Ridge High School's fee's will be waived and they will be treated the same as Rifle High School in respect to field usage fee's. The IGA will be written to include all schools in the RE-2 School District for usage from Rifle Recreation activities. The school district is still planning on \$300,000 for bleachers, concessions, bathroom facilities at Cooper Field.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER: EDC's development plans at this point will not include a gymnasium. There has been further discussion about another location of the health and wellness center. Ed mentioned the fairgrounds would be a good site and Tom Stuver also mentioned land sitting south of Rifle High School. There will be further discussion with the committee later next month.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on March 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Rifle City Hall.

OTHER: Aleks passed out liability handouts from the meeting he also passed out the year end balance sheet for parks and recreation. The balance does not include the \$200,000 from the grant. Ed also asked about the Farm's PUD wondering if we we're going to be missing out on any park lands. Aleks indicated that we are not missing out on any land. Mark asked about Promontory Park. Funds will be allocated to it after 2009 and the completion of Deerfield Park. Steve wondered if there are any plans for a dog park. Aleks indicated that they are still trying to find a large enough site also working with GOCO for a grant at Deerfield Park. Tom Whitmore wanted the board to know repairs to the museum roof will begin on February 26th.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 7:00 p.m.