

RIFLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008
MONDAY May 12, 2008
RIFLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:37 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: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28TH MEETING: Rich Carter made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the April 28th meeting. Tom S. 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No public present.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE: Aleks informed the board that there were over 20 seniors that attended the Wii workshop put on by Jenn on May 5th. The seniors enjoyed it and are looking forward to future trainings. There will be another group of 10 this week. We are looking into getting the Wii Fit program. Wayne has been in contact with Marie regarding Jazz in the park.

POOL UPDATE: Aleks gave an update on the pool. PXI has completed the new water line. However, when we went to fill the Splash pool, there was no water. The new construction of the water line is underway and the sewer line is to start soon. With PXI's busy schedule, the O&M has been working on the pool. Mark had a concern with the location of the sewer line. Aleks stated that the new sewer line will go around the batting

cage shed by 18th street. Ed was wondering about swim lesson availability and Aleks gave update that almost all levels of swim lessons are at capacity.

ROUNDABOUT LANDSCAPING PLAN: Tom W. showed the board illustrations of the landscape plan and plant list. Mark was concerned with the maturity of the plants, with Tom informing the board that both young and mature plants would be used. Tom S. wanted to know if the maintenance would fall into the Parks & Recreation department. Tom W. stated that the Parks Department hired an additional crew supervisor to help with this and also Janet and her crew would be helping with the maintenance. Ed had a concern as to where the funding for the maintenance was coming from. Tom W. let the board know that it was coming from the General fund. There was discussion on the cattle drive profiles. The board wanted to let council know that they supported the landscape decision. Rich made a motion to send a message to council and Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Aleks will take message to Council .

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Aleks informed the board that the mayor would be facilitating the strategic planning meeting. Tom W. stated that one of the concerns was with work loads. Ed was concerned that the Theater was added to Parks list in the last strategic planning meeting. Aleks stated that the Theater was now being dealt with by the DDA and that there are now historical grants in place. Rich stated that an assessment was being made on the condition of the theater. A date of July 21st was set for the Strategic Planning meeting.

COAL RIDGE SUMMER BASEBALL: Aleks had received a request for Coal Ridge High School to use Cooper and Roan for a summer baseball tournament. The concern was, if this was a school sponsored program and charging for use of the fields. Tom S. made a motion to require proof of school affiliation for teams to determine charges or be treated as exempt. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion was passed with a roll call vote as stated: Rich Carter-YES, Steve Carter-YES, Mark Lapka-YES, Tom Stuver-Yes, Ed Weiss-YES. Unanimously.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Aleks informed the board that the plan had come back from Design Concepts. There was a concern that the sewer line went through the pond and location of the water main. Ed wanted to know about the entrances to the park. Tom W. stated that Howard Street and Hickman Gulch along with future entrances would be accessible. SGM will be looking at the flood analysis. Tom S. suggested that the pond be relocated to the beaver pond.

PARK FACILITY UPDATE: Tom W. gave update on facility. The city is looking at annexing County Road 296 and closing it. Phase II environmental assessment is being performed to test soil. Aleks informed the board that RFP's are funding 3.49% through Suntrust. There was a concern with payoff penalties.

GOCO TRAIL AND OPEN SPACE GRANTS: Aleks informed the board that GOCO has granted a one time trail grant for \$750,000. Amy will be working with the city on this grant. She will be coming to Rifle to visit possible sites. There were board concerns

with the deer trail on Morrow drive. Aleks will check into this with Amy on the tour of the sites.

TREE BOARD: Tom W. informed that board that he received a phone call from Ernie Gianinetti stating that he wanted trees trimmed or removed by the City. Tom W. stated that these particular trees are street trees in the right-of-way and are by ordinance, the responsibility of adjacent property owners so they are not the City's responsibility. There is concern with the obstacle one of the trees is creating for drivers. Tom S. suggested that this be taken care of by a professional tree trimmer. Rich made a motion to allow trimming by a professional tree trimmer with approval of the Parks Director. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th, with the May 26th meeting being cancelled.

OTHER: Tom S. had a question regarding pricing of doggie bags. There is concern with Highland, Davidson and Rayner trail needing these stations. Aleks stated that this would have people thinking that dogs are allowed in the parks. Tom W. informed the board that he is looking into getting these stations in place.

Meeting was adjourned by chairman Weiss at 7:17 p.m.