

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008
MONDAY JUNE 9TH, 2008
RIFLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:31 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 PREENT: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12TH MEETING: Steve Carter made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the May 12th meeting. Mark Lapka 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No public present.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE: Aleks informed the board that Jenn is still teaching the seniors WII. Christy wanted to know if grandchildren could come and participate with their grandparents. Aleks said that possibly next year this could be an option.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY BOARD: The board was given a letter requesting funding for the Farmer's Market. There is no specific line item in the budget for this, but there is a placeholder for \$10,000 for Special Events coordinator supplies and events. Helen Rogers and Gil Frontella informed the board that the Farmer's Market is a good endeavor. Gil also informed the board that the Recreation Department will be in charge of program next year. There are bands scheduled for entertainment each week. The cost is \$400 a week and they will be playing for three hours. Mark Lapka had

concerns with the location of the bands. Helen informed the board that they would be located on the East side of the City Hall building as this is where adequate electricity is installed. Mark also had a concern with seating and street cleanup. Helen said that if there were hay bales used, they would be cleaned up every week. Ed questioned where the remainder of the funding would be coming from. Gil informed the board that the rest would be from DDA. Aleks informed the board that he could take the funds from Special Events, but there is additional cost for staff to supervise. Steve motioned for the \$2090 be given to offset the costs. Jim 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote. Mark had concerns that the amount would still not be enough, and requested that the seats for the bands be placed in the shade. He also had concerns with the Seniors being transported down. Aleks has not heard back from Marie on participants. Christy mentioned that the Seniors were on fixed incomes and probably wouldn't participate.

APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Financial statements ending April 30th were given to the board. Mark had a concern with the amounts and Aleks explained where the amounts were coming from. There were no other concerns with the statements.

POOL UPDATE: The pool is up and running. The water and sewer are fixed. Lessons have filled up and we are planning on adding a Saturday session for 2009. Linda passed her Certified Aquatic Facility Operators Certification. Mark had concerns with the heater going down in the splash pool. Aleks informed the board that the igniter went out and it was replaced within a day. Tom W. mentioned that the igniters in City Hall need replaced almost annually and it is probably due to poor construction of the parts. Mark also had concerns with the Community Center and how far out until it would be completed. He also requested that the Art Dague pool be a year round facility. Ed commented that the costs would be very high. Tom W. mentioned that a feasibility study would need to be done and there are concerns with operation and staffing costs. Steve commented that a bubble over the pool would not work and the City would not approve this structure. Christy commented on how bad the condition of the pool is. There was discussion on the progress of the Health and Wellness Center with members of the board voicing concerns. Ed informed the board that he could not give out information regarding this process but that he would bring brochures back for the next meeting. Christy had a concern with having to pay to get into the pool if she wasn't swimming. Mark informed her that this policy was put in effect for an incentive to get a bigger pool. Aleks let the board know that the pool fees are set and there would need to be a resolution to change them.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Meeting is set for August 18th with Mayor Lambert facilitating. All parks and recreation staff will be involved.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Aleks informed the board that the progress is going very slowly. It is still in the engineer's hands and Design Concepts will move forward when engineers are done.

PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE: Tom W. informed the board that Phase II Environmental Assessment is doing soil tests to see if the soil is contaminated.

The assessment should have been done within two weeks and then financing could go forward. There will be a June 23rd meeting with the Design team.

GOCO TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE GRANT: Aleks informed the board that there was a \$750,000 grant available and was hoping to use it for the trail for 9th Street to 16th Street. SGM has already designed the trail to City Market and would need to get an easement to cross the parking lot. The problem is that the easement was never signed by the other party. Aleks has sent an E-mail to City Market's lawyers and should know by Wednesday. He also requested a letter of support from the board regarding the trail. Mark motioned to draft a letter of support and Christy 2nd the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

LIBRARY REQUEST: A letter of request for Pool coupons for the Summer Reading Program was given to the board. The money given last year was a donation from a private entity for pool coupons. Mark had commented that in the past there were no discounts given regarding the pool. Ed suggested that the library get funds from other organizations. The board will not be contributing funds to the Library.

SECURITY CAMERAS: Information and quotes from Q-Star were given to the board. Mark had a concern with distance coverage. Jim had commented that they would go up to 100 feet. Aleks informed the board that if they were placed at Davidson there would need to be poles installed. He also stated that he would request a 30 day trial from the company. Ed questioned how much vandalism was being done and Mark wanted to know the costs of vandalism. Tom W. informed them that the Parks department is keeping track of the work orders regarding vandalism. Aleks will get more information regarding these types of cameras and possible user's opinions.

AUGUST 11TH MEETING: The conference room will be used for the Primary election on this date. This meeting will be held at the Senior Center.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd, 2008.

OTHER: Officer Dustin Maratino spoke to the board regarding behavior at the skate park and graffiti. He proposed a pass for users of the park. If there were violations of rules of the park the pass could be revoked. He suggested that the pass be \$1 or free but good for 12 months. There would need to be a supervisor at the park at all times to enforce the rules and check on the passes. He informed the board that it takes up to four offenses for there to be any real consequences. Rich suggested a sticker that would be worn on the helmet of users for identification. The board will come up with alternative suggestions to deal with this matter. Tom W. informed the board that Scott Reed did an Eagle Scout project at Rifle Mountain Park. There were 12 tables and grills installed. He also informed the board that Council approved the new tennis court and that installation should occur on the 18th or 19th of June. Jim suggested that a fence be installed around the skate park and locked for users to lose their privileges.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 7:57 p.m.