

RIFLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008

MONDAY JULY 7, 2008

RIFLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:35 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 June 23rd MEETING: Tom S. made a motion to amend the June 23rd meetings as follows: Security Camera Update; Tom W. stated the PD will be putting cameras up once Centennial is complete. The sentence should read: *Once Justice Center is complete*. Also in the last paragraph it is stated that Ed W. went to a Dog Park presentation. The sentence should read *Steve C. went to a Dog Park presentation*. Steve C. 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No public present.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE: Mildred has nothing new to report. Aleks stated that the Cabaret trip has been cancelled due to the Cabaret no longer being in operation. There has been a bus running to the Farmers Market and Wayne checked into the Jazz in the Park with there being no interest.

MAY FINANCIALS: Copies were included in the packet for board members to review. Aleks stated that with 42% of the year being concluded there has not been that amount spent. He also reported that sales tax is down 3% but that the use tax is up. Ed commented that with permits being down he was surprised that the use tax was up. He also had a concern with the commitment to Centennial, if it was budgeted for 2009 yet. Aleks commented that on the expenditure side it was listed for the full amount. Ed also asked if John saw the sales tax decline as a concern. Aleks informed the board that the holiday months are usually the big sales tax months. Jim had a concern with the Batting Cage income. Aleks stated that the total amount given was only for 5 days worth of income and that the pool concessions were doing great.

SECURITY CAMERAS: Aleks informed the board that everything is going well with the cameras. A quote for the cameras is included in the packet for the board members to review. Staff would like PRAB'S thoughts on purchasing a couple of cameras. Tom S. asked how large an object had to be to be detected and the lapse time. Aleks stated that it was any movement and a lapse time of 10 seconds. Rich had a concern with opening and closing of the cameras. Aleks let the board know that with the cameras being digital it didn't cost more for the camera to open and close for numerous pictures. He also stated that all of the pictures could be downloaded onto the computer. Jim wanted to know if once the pictures are downloaded if you could go back and get information. Aleks stated that there would need to be another camera set up with that function. He also informed the board that the money for these cameras would need to come from a contingency fund. Rich asked how much money was available in the contingency fund. Aleks commented that there was \$300,000. Ed wanted to know if the cameras would eliminate human supervision and if the Dummy cameras would be moved. Aleks stated that yes it would and the cameras would be moved. Christy wanted to know if the camera at the pool could also be used. Aleks let the board know that it does not work at night. Rich wanted to know if the majority of the vandalism happened at night. Aleks and Tom W. commented on the vandalism problems being after dark. Christy thought that the problems at the Skate Park would be eliminated once the Justice Center is complete. Jim asked if there had been vandalism at Deerfield. Tom W. stated that just this past weekend it had been vandalized. Tom S. recommended that there be press release to cover the civil rights issue. Aleks commented that there is a sign at the Skate Park letting users know that there is surveillance. Tom S. also suggested that a *Vandals Beware* sign be posted and that they needed to be bilingual. Ed had concerns with the maintenance of the cameras. Aleks stated that they were bullet-proof, waterproof and solar powered. Ed asked about the pole at Davidson. Tom W. stated that the Parks Department has an extra light pole not being used and he was looking into additional lighting at Davidson that could possibly be used. Rich commented if this process needed to go through legal before proceeding. Ed stated that a motion could be made while waiting for legal. Steve commented that there should not be problem with legal because the cameras serve as great value. Steve made a motion to purchase cameras and to not exceed the amount of \$13,000 with these funds coming from a contingency. The warranty would not be purchased and Steve commented that the warranty would cover the 1st year anyway and that vandalism probably would not be covered. Rich 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

RAW WATER TO DAVIDSON: Tom W. informed the board that raw water may be pulled from the cemetery to Davidson Park. Currently the cemetery is also connected to Macintosh Park. There is going to be street work on 7th Street so that would be good time to lay the extra line. Davidson is expensive to water because it is almost 5 full acres. Tom S. questioned what size pipe would be needed. Tom W. thought that a 4 to 6 inch pipe would be sufficient. He also was waiting for prices from GJ pipe. There is also concern with the water restrictions being exempt for raw water users. Tom W. stated that there would have to be an engineer and contractor and that there is already support from the utility department. Ed had a concern with the pump getting the water up the hill. Tom W. stated that there was enough horsepower. Steve asked what the estimated cost of the project would be when complete. Tom W. commented that it would be \$40,000. Steve recommended that the funds from the water department should be used. Tom S. asked if the Parks & Recreation department is charged for water. Aleks stated that the departments were charged. Tom W. stated that at Deerfield there could be sharing with Wamsley and possibly with Highland. Jim wanted to know if the School District would help in the costs if there was sharing with the raw water. Tom W. stated that the District would help and there would be annual maintenance costs as well. Steve stated that this was a good time to get this project done and this was a very low price. He also stated how this could benefit the water department. Tom S. made a motion for contingency funds to not exceed \$45,000 for Davidson and Highland and seek contribution from the water department and School District. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Steve also commented that there are grants available that someone should look into. Aleks stated that he would check with Mike Braaten at DOLA.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS QUESTIONNAIRE: The Rifle Economic Development Corporation would like PRAB'S input on recreational components for the Health & Wellness center. A questionnaire was distributed and filled out by board members. Jim stated that he appreciated that the REDC was asking for input from the board. Tom S. had concerns with the choice of questions. He thought they should be directed on a personal level or community level. Jim also stated that he answers questions with a different perspective. Steve commented on the Battlement Mesa facility and how they had to expand. There was concern on video games being in the facility. Aleks commented that these games would be like the Wii for actual physical activity. Jim recommended a space for table tennis.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for July 28th, 2008.

OTHER: Aleks reminded the board that the August 11th meeting would be at the Senior Center and the Strategic Planning meeting would be on August 18th with all Parks and Recreation staff in attendance. Tom S. informed the board know that he would be absent for the next two meetings.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:59 p.m.