

RIFLE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008

MONDAY September 8, 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 PRESENT: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF THE August 25th MEETING: Rich made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the August 25th meeting. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote with Mark Lapka and Mildred Whitt abstaining from the vote due to absence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Nothing new to report.

BOARD TERMS: Rich, Steve, and Ed have terms expiring in October. Aleks will start advertising for those positions and Council will interview candidates. Steve advised the board that he would not be putting his name in for another term. Rich also advised the board that he would not be putting his name in for another term. Ed is undecided at this time. Mark had concerns with selection of candidates and inquired about the board being involved in the selection process. Aleks informed the board that the board is appointed by City Council. Mark also wanted to show appreciation for those members leaving.

PRAB STRATEGIC PLAN: Aleks informed the board that the plan had already been approved by Council and they made only grammatical corrections. Ed asked the board if there were any objections to the changes. No objections were made. Ed made a motion to approve and accept recommended changes

to the PRAB Strategic Plan by Council. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Aleks also let the viewing audience know that a copy of the plan can be viewed online.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE: Tom W. let the board know that he would be having a final meeting on Friday with the design team to discuss structural changes. The building permit has been started, with contracts being signed soon. He also let the board know that he had the building elevations posted on the wall and the floor plan on the table for their viewing. He explained that on the South side is where the conference rooms would have been located, but hoping to add them later with additional funds. Ed wanted to know an approximate start date. Tom let the board know that there is no groundbreaking date set and that they are still waiting for asbestos testing on the existing buildings.

JULY FINANCIALS: Aleks informed the board that copies of the July financials were in their packets. Steve wanted to inform the public of standings in costs as of year to date. Aleks let the board know that the City was at 58% for the fiscal year and 59% for sales tax with use tax being 74%. Aleks also explained that revenues were misleading because of grants not showing up yet in the budget. Mark wanted to know if there was a line item for vandalism. Tom W. let the board know that there is no line item for vandalism and graffiti, but that the parks department keeps track of those costs. Mark also wanted to know if the security cameras would decrease the vandalism costs. Tom W. informed the board that this has been an extremely bad year for vandalism and graffiti, but there should be a decrease when all of the security cameras are installed. Ed had concerns with the recent graffiti at Davidson Park. Tom W. let the board know that there is someone needing community service that would be removing the graffiti. However, if this was not done in a timely matter, Parks staff would clean up the graffiti.

2009 DRAFT BUDGET: Aleks informed the board that the budget was unchanged since the last meeting and that he and Tom would be meeting with the budget committee on September 16th. Ed wanted to know what the process was, once it was approved. Aleks said that the budget went to the budget committee and then to council workshops and approval in November. Steve questioned what projects were planned for the upcoming year. Aleks informed the board that Deerfield landscaping, Action Park fencing and parking lot as well as Centennial Park and Rifle Creek Trail were in the budget for the upcoming year. Steve wanted to know if there was going to need to be major changes to the road in front of the pool. Tom W. let the board know that any damages incurred from the Justice Center construction would be fixed. Mark had concerns with the \$100,000 for the pool and how much was spent. Aleks let the board know that to date \$37,000 has been spent on the pool, but that total could go up. Mark also had concerns with the traffic circles and grounds keeping as well as holiday decorating. Tom W. informed the board that the parks department would be maintaining those. Christy had concerns with the construction of the restrooms at Deerfield Park. Aleks informed the board that the School District would be supplying some of those funds for the construction and they are hoping to make it all energy efficient, with concessions and press box.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 22.

OTHER: Ed let the board know that he had a citizen approach him about the excessive amount of trash at the Action Park. They suggested closing the park until the users could take care of the Park. Tom W.

let the board know that staff is picking up trash on a daily basis and there are plenty of trash receptacles. Ed wanted to know if extra signage would help with this problem. Tom W. said that he would look into additional signs. Steve wanted to know if the sign for the "No for sale vehicles" was helping. Tom W. let the board know that the signs were greatly reducing the for sale vehicle parking. Christy wanted to know if there was any place in town to park for sale vehicles. Staff did not know of any.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:21 p.m.