

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008

MONDAY September 22, 2008

RIFLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:32 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 September 8th MEETING: Steve made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the September 8th meeting. Mildred 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Midred had nothing new to report and said that everything was going OK. Aleks talked to Marie and they are going to try to purchase shuffleboard this year.

STARBURST AWARD: We will be receiving the Colorado Lottery Starburst award at the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association conference on September 23. They will also present the award at the October 15th City Council meeting.

BOARD TERMS: Council is requesting we change the term date from November due to candidate interviews having to be completed during the busy budget season. City staff is proposing we extend the PRAB terms until February 1st. Applications would be due by the end of the year and interviews held in January. Staff would like to present an ordinance to Council at their October 1st and 15th meetings to change the code to reflect this change. Mark made a motion to accept the change in PRAB terms and Rich 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Jim wanted to know how many terms were up this year and wanted to know if those people with terms expiring would have to re-interview to run again. Aleks explained that term dates were included in the packet and that Rich and Steve had told the board at the last meeting that they would not be running again. Ed explained that he is still undecided. Jim also wanted to know how many applicants Aleks had received. Aleks let the board know that only one person had applied, but they will now be extending the deadline. Jim asked if Christy could take one of the full time positions because she is an alternate. Aleks let the board know that Christy would be able to take the full time position if she chose to do so. Jim asked if she would have to re-interview also. Aleks informed the board that all applicants would have to interview for the positions available.

MEETING DATES: With the possibility of term date changes, staff would like to vote in the 2008-2009 meeting dates. The proposed dates were included in the packet. The dates presented are the Monday's the week prior to City Council meetings. There are still questions about May 25 and September 7 with those two days being Memorial Day and Labor Day. Ed suggested that the dates be left as is with Rich making a motion to accept and approve the proposed dates. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

POOL FEE FOR ADULTS WITH CHILDREN: Currently adults that come to the pool with their children during open swim are charged the full entrance fee even if they are not using the pool. Staff is proposing to add an additional fee to the pool

schedule to charge \$1 to parents that accompany their children to the pool and do not swim. Jim thought that if the parent is in a swimsuit they should be charged full price. Steve commented on what a good idea it was to have parents supervising their own children. Mark wanted the parents to wear a wristband to identify them as non-swimmers. He also commented that Glenwood charges everyone that enters the facility and that this discussion came up in earlier meetings with disgruntle opinions. Aleks informed the board that there is now more deck space, making capacity a larger number. Mark commented that he thought the deck space and capacity wasn't correct. Jim made a motion to approve and accept the fee change schedule. Mildred 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote with Mark Lapka opposed.

2009 DRAFT BUDGET: Staff has met with the budget committee. No major changes were made. The finance department has entered the missing figures into the budget. The overview page was included in the packet. Aleks let the board know that there was a \$1.3 million fund balance with a \$500,000 contingency. Metro Park had an enhanced budget item of \$100,000 but now asking \$300,000 to complete park with restrooms, trail, etc. Jim wanted to know where the restroom would be placed. Tom W. informed the board that the existing site would be used with plumbing and water already being located at that site. He also commented that this park is now the busiest area, and with the Justice Center there needed to be improvements. Jim commented that the existing restrooms were shut down due to vandalism. Tom W. explained that there was community pressure for more public restrooms. The new restrooms would be equipped with vandal proof exterior and interior. These facilities would only be open during business hours and special events. Jim also wanted to know if only Porta Pots were located at Deerfield. Tom W. let the board know that there are restrooms located at the concession stand but aren't opened very often. The Porta Pots are being used at Deerfield. Rich commented that public restrooms were listed as one of the high priorities for improvements.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDNG UPDATE: The contract with White Construction has been signed. The final drawings will be delivered today and we are just waiting on the Building Department for the permit and grading. We are still

waiting for the permit from the State to demolish the existing buildings, but they were tested and are asbestos free. Ed wanted to know what the building timetable looked like. Tom W. let the board know that it would be 300 days.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: A meeting with Design Concepts and staff has been set for Friday September 26th at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. Board members are invited to attend. Jim wanted to know if the ropes course would still be there after construction was complete. Aleks let the board know that it would still be there.

SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE: Security cameras have been installed at the Action Park and Deerfield Playground. Two people were photographed at the Action Park after hours and the photos have been forwarded to the Police Department. Other than a cat, no one has been at the playground after hours. Jim wanted to know if the two people were identifiable. Aleks let the board know that only one was facing the camera. Ed wanted to know how the trash situation was at the Action Park. Tom W. let the board know that he was going to be putting up warning signs for the excess trash. There was discussion on how to positively reinforce the users to pick up the trash. Jim commented that he had gone by Davidson Park at 6:00 p.m., and saw kids on top of the storage unit and called the police. Aleks let the board know that the community service person that was cleaning up the graffiti at Davidson quit because he felt intimidated by the other kids that were there watching him. Jim wanted to know what the City's policy was on cleaning up the graffiti. Tom W. let the board know that it was similar to the schools. The Police are called, they take pictures, staff takes pictures and then staff takes care of the graffiti.

APPRECIATION DINNER: At the last meeting, it was discussed to show our appreciation to the board members whose terms are expiring. In previous years we have had an Appreciation dinner. January is the suggested month and Aleks will look into dates and locations.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2008.

OTHER: Mark wanted to know what was received for the \$90,000 spent on the Recreation Center poll. Aleks let the board know that nothing was set yet and

things were slower because of the election. Jim wanted to know when the board had met last. Ed let the board know that they meet twice a month and there was nothing new to report. Jim wanted to know how hard it would be to get a bond issue passed. Ed let the board know that getting a bond issue was not a good option especially if it was defeated but that the oil and gas companies were a good choice. Steve commented that it was not fair for only Rifle tax payers to be included. Steve let the board know that Gary Russell would be doing the cattle drives for the roundabouts. He also let the board know that Friends of the Library are planning on expanding in 3-4 years. Mark wanted to know how the Farmer's market numbers were doing. Aleks let the board know that the numbers are down and this Friday was the last one with Apple Pie Days being scheduled for that evening.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:48 p.m.