

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008

MONDAY October 6, 2008

RIFLE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:34 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 22nd Meeting: Steve made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the September 22nd meeting. Mark 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote with Tom S. and Christy abstaining due to absence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Aleks had nothing new to report. Mark inquired again about the WII tournament with kids and seniors. Aleks commented that he had brought the subject up to Marie and she said that the seniors felt embarrassed to have people watching them. Christy thought the idea wouldn't work with different kids and possibly would only work with grandchildren of the seniors.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE: The Parks Department is still waiting for the demolition permit to tear down the existing buildings. There was an asbestos check and all was clear. The architect is out of town and the main contractor with White Construction has just returned to town. There is now a work trailer on site and the building department will issue a permit. Ed asked if the same contractor was being used as the Justice Center. Tom W. let the board know that it was the same contractor and the City is happy with the progress.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Staff met with Design Concepts, SGM and Bookcliff survey on September 26th. We have received design concepts for five of the waysides. Aleks went over the drawings with the

board and explained that the dirt work would be kept the same for the flood plain. Jim wanted to know how many phases there were in the project. Aleks let the board know that there would be seven separate phases. Jim also wanted to know what the time frame was with this project. Aleks let the board know that the first phase would be complete in 2010. Jim asked about the size of the pond. Aleks informed the board that the pond size is still being discussed. Ed wanted to know what the actual cost was going to be for a complete project. Aleks let the board know that costs are not finalized yet. Jim wanted to know if there were any other projects similar to this in the United States. Tom S. let the board know that there is one similar in Greenwood Village in Denver. Aleks commented that the bridges were going to match the time era, but now will be pre-fab to lower the costs. Mark wanted to know if the City needed permits for the bridge construction. Aleks let the board know that 404 permits would need to be obtained once drawings are complete. He also let the board know that he would be meeting with the School Board on Wednesday. Jim wanted to know if a bridge would be located behind the Middle School. Aleks showed the board where on the drawings the bridges would be located. Mark wanted to know if restrooms would be included and if they would be keeping the fish sculpture. Aleks let the board know that there would be restrooms and the fish would still be incorporated to the park. Ed asked Tom W. if the park was going to be a maintenance nightmare. Tom W. let the board know that it wouldn't be too much of a problem and there will be native grass areas that wouldn't require much maintenance. Mark wanted to know if etching in the sidewalks would help for snow removal. Aleks let the board know that bids would be coming in February and ground breaking could possibly be in August. Jim wanted to know if the surrounding residents were supportive of the project. Aleks let the board know that the residents were supportive and Tom S. said that when he went door to door inquiring about the project, they were very supportive. Jim also wanted to know if studies have shown projects like this to increase property values. Tom S. let the board know that studies have shown value increases.

APPRECIATION DINNER: Staff would like to discuss a location and date for the PRAB appreciation dinner. Ed suggested the date to remain sometime in January after the holiday months. Mark wanted to know where and how many people would be in attendance. Christy suggested the Senior Center and catered. Tom S. suggested the Senior Center and catered by the Golf Course. The Golf Course was mentioned but would be closed at that time of year. Jim suggested the new Thai restaurant. No date and location were decided upon and will be discussed at another meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2008.

OTHER: Aleks informed the board that he did not receive the GOCO grant for 9th to 16th street. He said that he would be changing the plans until more grant money is available. Tom S. commented that it would be good to have more time in order to get closer to the creek for the trail and would be better for pedestrians and bicyclists. Tom S. also wanted to know what the budget was for this project. Aleks let the board know there was a one million dollar budget. Ed wanted to know if there were any other applications for the vacant board positions. Aleks said that there are now two applicants and the deadline has been extended. Christy asked if the City had ever planned on putting a sidewalk up 9th street. Aleks said that the City never had any plans for a sidewalk and does not own that property. Tom S. suggested that pictures be kept on file of the wildlife for a wildlife corridor. Steve wanted to know if

the water line had been finished up 7th street. Tom W. let the board know that the raw water line is complete and there is still money budgeted for completion with an internal crew finishing the project. Jim commented that the graffiti had been covered at Davidson Park. Aleks let the board know that the security cameras took pictures of two different police officers patrolling the park after hours. Mark suggested that when the new PRAB members take office that there is tour of all parks and facilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.