

**RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2008**

**MONDAY November 10, 2008**

**RIFLE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:32 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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 OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Tom S. made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote with Rich abstaining due to absence.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:** Mildred had nothing new to report.

**DESIGN CONCEPTS – CENTENNIAL PARK:** Members from Design Concepts presented updated plans for Centennial Park. Shannen Weber informed the board the design development set was at 100%. Shannen went over the set page by page for Phase I of the project. Ed wanted to know if the connections would be bridges. Shannen let the board know that the connections would be bridges. Mark wanted to know if the bridges were going to be on County property. Shannen let the board know that the bridges would be on County property but were getting trail easements. Mark also wanted to know if the water play area would be recycling the water. Shannen let the board know that they were working on different concepts and that they could tap into domestic but wanted a stream. Mark wanted to know if water was directed out of Government Creek, if there was a need for permits. Also, if water was taken out did it need to be put back into the creek. Aleks let the board know that it did not,

and only re-circulated water needed to be treated. Mark also wanted to know about the pond that was currently there and if it would be used, or a new one would be constructed. Shannen let him know that the area he was referring to was not in Phase I and would remain in its current condition. Tom S. noted that the Time Capsule may need to be moved. Aleks informed the board that bids for this project would take place in early April to May.

**NEW FEE SCHEDULE:** Board members received a copy of the proposed fee schedule. If the board approves the schedule, it will be presented to Council as a resolution. Aleks let the board know that a few categories went up in cost. Jim asked if this was an age breakdown or the same costs for all involved. Aleks let the board know that they were the same. Mark wanted to know if there were cost breaks for additional family members in the programs. Aleks let the board know that there are still cost breaks for families with numerous children for certain programs. Ed observed that the fee changes were just minor and wanted to know if there had been any public comment on the fees. Aleks said that there had been no comment on the fees. Mark had concerns with the \$1 fee for non-swimmers being put on the new fee schedule. Aleks let the board know that the biggest increase was in the competitive soccer fees. Mark wanted to know the reason for the increase. Aleks let the board know that increase was from \$90 to \$140 because of the cost of uniforms and other costs charged by the Western Slope Soccer League. Tom S. made a motion to accept and approve the new fee schedule and Rich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Board members received a copy of financial statement ending September 2008. Aleks let the board know that 77% of the sales tax has been collected to date and that all budgets were within budget. There was an exception to the pool being at 91%, making it under budget for the year. Ed wanted to know if the sales tax income will reach \$2.2 million. Aleks let the board know that he believes it could exceed that budgeted amount. Tom S. wanted to know if inflation for 2009 was considered in making the budget. Aleks informed the board that 4% increase was considered. Tom S. had concerns with the liability not being shown on the budget. Aleks let the board know where that total was shown. Ed commented that most of the funding was going out for Centennial Park and the new Parks Maintenance Facility. Mark asked again about the \$90,000 paid for the feasibility study for the Health and Wellness Center, and where that money has gone. Rich let the board know that the money was put to good use and it is a very slow process in planning of the Health and Wellness Center.

**SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR:** The generator has been installed and worked during the power outage last week. Tom W. checked on it Friday during the outage and said that it is a very quiet system. Mark wanted to know if it was tested manually or done automatically. Tom W. let the board know that it is tested automatically. Mark also wanted to know who tested the generator. Tom W. informed the board that it is a totally automated system and will also be able to be used for some special events.

**PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE:** The groundbreaking for the new building was on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. There was a preconstruction meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> and the City utility crew was not yet put together and could not complete the utility part of the project with the timeline. The budget was increased \$250,000 by Council to have the contractor complete the utilities. Tom W. let the board know that stakes are now out at the site showing where the actual building will be located. The County

Road will be closed and Tom W. will be going to Council to request permanent road closure. Jim wanted to know how hard a process it was to close a County Road. Tom W. is still working on the process.

**APPRECIATION DINNER:** The Golf Course is not available in January for the Appreciation dinner. Mark suggested that the hospital cater. Jim suggested Fiesta Guadalajara. Christy asked about use of the temporary Parks building. Mark also made a suggestion of the LOC building. Tom S. suggested the Senior Center and has it catered. Jim suggested that spouses or significant others be included in the dinner this year. Tom S. made a motion to have the Appreciation dinner at the Senior Center, catered with spouses or significant others, with a date to be determined. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2008.

**OTHER:** Ed wanted to know if the raw water line was completed. Tom W. let the board know that the raw water line had been installed and could save about \$15,000 a year. Aleks let the board know that he had applied for another grant for the 16<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> street. The grant would give a maximum of \$200,000 and will find out in March if the City will receive it. Tom W. wanted the board to know that the groundbreaking of the Parks Building will air on Channel 10 if anyone missed it. Mark let Aleks know that he could not find the dates for December and January meeting. Aleks let the board know that all PRAB dates are listed online and are also listed in the Citizen Telegram. He also let the board know that if anyone misplaced the copies of dates given out at a previous meeting, he could make additional copies. Christy asked of concerns with football had been worked out. Aleks let the board know that he had not received any additional phone calls stating concerns.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 7:00 p.m.