

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2009

MONDAY January 12, 2009

RIFLE SENIOR CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Weiss at 5:36 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	YES	NO
Jim Boone		X
Rich Carter	X	
Steve Carter	X	
Christi 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 DECEMBER 8TH MEETING: Steve made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting. Tom S. had changes he wanted made to the previous meeting. Those changes are as follows: In the paragraph discussing *John Scalzo/War Memorial*; the sentence quoting Tom S. as saying he had contacted local newspapers, should read Tom S. discussed projects with "Community Newspapers" which is an independent organization. Also in the paragraph discussing *Other*; the sentence quoting Tom S. as saying that Schools get state funding, should read schools get district wide funding. Mark also had a question regarding the *Other* paragraph where he was quoted as asking if the 3 on 3 tournament could be the activity that was free of charge. Aleks let him know that this was regarding the discussion of free activities to check numbers of participants with no charge. Ed wanted a change made regarding the *Other* paragraph where he was quoted as saying he would be returning as a board member; should read will be submitting an application to continue as board member. Motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: The shuffleboard table has been installed, it is downstairs. Aleks let the board know that the seniors requested pinochle cards and that he had ordered them 36 decks.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Plans are continuing to move forward. The City will be purchasing 638 Park Avenue and the lot to the north to make an access route to the park. We plan on closing on

January 23rd. Funds to purchase this property will come from the Parkland Dedication Fund. Aleks let the board know that there is a house with an open lot and that the City had to purchase both. This may lead to the City being landlords for a while, but the funds from this could be used to put back into the fund. Tom S. wanted to know if the account balance for Parkland Dedication is \$415,000 and Aleks let the board know that it would be \$200,000 after funding. Ed wanted to know if the project was still in the design stage. Aleks let the board know that the project was still in design stage and there was a meeting scheduled for the 21st and the project should be 75%. Tom S. wanted to know if Design Concepts knew about the acquisition of property. Aleks let the board know that they were aware of the purchase.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING: Construction continues with the pouring of concrete for footings taking place today. Tom W. let the board know that there was not much activity over the holidays and that utility construction will be starting soon. Ed asked if the finish date was still late August. Tom W. let the board know that the date would be more like September or October.

NEW MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: Three members' terms will expire at the end of the month. Council plans on appointing new members at the next meeting. Aleks let the board know that Ed and Christi have submitted applications. Christi is submitting to be full time member and Ed is re-submitting for another term. The other candidate is Chris Coffelt.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 26th. Rifle Economic Corporation will be giving a presentation on the progress of the Health and Wellness Center. Jim Bell would also like to video this meeting for the access channel.

OTHER: Ed wanted to address the vandalism that was posted in the paper regarding Davidson Park. He feels that the board needs to take action with possibly putting a reward out for apprehension of the vandals. Tom S. wanted to know if this particular location was covered by the security cameras. Tom W. let the board know that this park was not covered by the security cameras. Mark wanted to know if cameras could be put at this location. Tom W. let the board know that cameras could be installed at this park with the correct electrical system put in place. He also let the board know that the reason the graffiti has not been cleaned up yet is because of the freezing temperatures and the chemicals needed to be used cannot be used at freezing temperatures. Tom S. said that if he was the victim, he would have contacted the police again to see what progress had been made in the apprehension of the vandals. Rich suggested that no reward be offered and just put security cameras up. Christi wanted to know if signs were ever put up at the park regarding vandalism. Tom W. let the board know that signs were put up in a form of a letter; however, those signs were all tore down within a matter of days of putting them up. Steve commented that members of the police department have expertise on gang activity and know which signs to look for. He suggested that cameras should be put up. Tom S. suggested that the vandal probably was within walking distance and could possibly live in the Highlands East area. He suggested that a letter be put in the water bill for those residents and should be bilingual asking for leads to the apprehension of the vandal and for residents to keep a more watchful eye. Christi wanted to know if the water bills actually went to the residents or went to the landlords of the residences. She also suggested that the principle at Highland be contacted, along with the principle at

the Middle School. Ed commented that someone out there knows who did this and may want the reward money. Steve asked about the Crime Stoppers program. Christi asked if there was electricity at Davidson Park. Tom W. let the board know that there was no electricity but that it could be installed. Mark wanted to know if the security system could run off of motion sensitive lights. Tom W. stated that the light would be on a sensor for automatic turn on and shut off. Aleks let the board know that since the installation of the security cameras at Deerfield, there have been no more problems. Ed suggested checking with the police first to see if there were any leads. Mark wanted to know how much the cameras cost. Aleks let the board know that the cameras that were already purchased were about \$6,000 a piece. Mark wanted to know how many cameras would be needed at Davidson Park. Aleks let the board know that at least 2 cameras would be needed for the different angles needed. Tom S. informed the board of a study on graffiti and parking lots. He said that parking lots that had graffiti had 30-40% more trash. Christi wanted to know if there was paint that could be applied in freezing temperatures, if there was a remover that could be applied in freezing temperatures. Mark made a motion to invest in 2-3 cameras estimated at \$18,000, plus the cost of installation for Davidson Park to reduce the vandalism. Rich 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Ed thanked Steve and Rich for their time and effort put into the board during their time of service.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:07. Appreciation dinner followed.