

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2009

MONDAY, January 26, 2009

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	
Christi Gray	X	
Mark Lapka		X
Tom Stuver	X	
Ed Weiss	X	
Mildred Whitt	X	

STAFF PRESENT: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins, Jeff Seastone. Chris Coffelt, member to be sworn in next meeting was in attendance as well as Kris Swanson and Michael Langhorne from REDC.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12TH MEETING: Tom S. made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote with Mildred Whitt abstaining due to absence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE: Mildred had nothing new to report, and Aleks said that the Pinochle cards have been delivered.

REDC UPDATE: Michael Langhorne and Kris Swanson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the Health and Wellness Center. They discussed the process of going back to the stakeholders and updating them. There was discussion on goals and the economic stimulator of the downtown. There was also discussion on the preliminary design and development program and the phases for cost effectiveness. As far as the phases, the first phase would include the gymnasium and gymnastics area and the pool area would be included in phase two with the possibility of underground parking. There would be solar energy and a surplus of windows for energy efficiency. The total square footage is estimated at 150,000 square feet. The timeline and funding of the developmental phase has cost \$1.5 million to date. One million of that was

donated by Genevieve Clough. The 2nd phase of development is estimated to cost \$3 million. Total cost estimated to complete the project is \$42 million. REDC is hoping to get \$15 million in fundraising and \$10 million in grants. Jeff wanted to know how many courts were included in the gym space. Kris let the board know that the plans are not finalized yet. Tom S. wanted to know if the \$1.5 million was already spent. Kris explained that \$90,000 was spent from the city and \$90,000 from the hospital district and \$90,000 from RAID with the value of the Valley Lumber site totaling 1.5 million dollars. Tom S. also wanted to know if there was Performa for business costs. Kris informed the board that would be included in the next phase. Tom S. asked if there were any cost comparisons on other towns and recreation facilities. Kris said they are looking into that. Tom S. also wanted to know if there was room for expansion. Kris said that the site is very challenging because of the shape. Ed commented that the pool was built back in the 1960's and renovated in the 1980's and that it is not regulation size for swim meets but that the new pool would bring new possibilities. Tom S. commented that there would need to be lap lanes incorporated otherwise it would be unused in the winter months. Christi commented that there needed to be a leisure section for the pool. Kris let the board know that GRHD would be leasing 5,000 square feet possibly for a clinic. Tom S. stated that there had been discussion on not having a sick clinic but more towards the preventative care to go with the whole Health and Wellness theme. Tom S. also wanted to know if there had been any number crunching on retail or clinic space with possible surplus generated, this is because existing space is already high priced. Christi commented that regardless of cost, this needs to be in our community and that there should be a study on cost of juvenile court and putting those proceeds towards the facility.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Financial statements ending November 30th were included in the packet. Revenue for sales tax has been collected for 98% with 92% of the year being elapsed. Expenses are either right at budget or below. Ed questioned the lease purchase from a year ago to actual date. Aleks let the board know the \$2.6 million was strictly for the Parks Maintenance Building.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Staff met with Design Concepts and SGM to review the 50% construction documents. Everything is going forward with the closing on the Park Avenue property already taking place. If everything goes as planned we could go to bid in May and possibly start moving dirt in June or July. Ed wanted to know if there was a place to go if the public would like to see the plans. Aleks said that the plans could be viewed at the Recreation office and if there were any questions they could see him. Tom S. wanted to know if there had been any discussions with the School District regarding the bridge at Centennial Park. Aleks let the board know that they had already met with the director of maintenance of the School District.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE: There is continued progress with utilities being run and foundation being poured. They are stripping concrete forms and installing new ones.

NEW MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: City Council appointed Ed Weiss, Chris Coffelt, and Christi Gray to the board at the January 21st meeting. New terms begin at the February 9th meeting. We will be voting for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary at that meeting. We still need to fill the alternate position so contact Aleks Briedis with any recommendations. Aleks thanked Rich and Steve Carter for their service to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City of Rifle.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th, 2009.

OTHER: Christi wanted the board to know that Jim Boone is missing meetings due to coaching basketball.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:45 p.m.