

**RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2009**

**MONDAY, February 9, 2009**

**RIFLE CITY HALL**

| <b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
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| Jim Boone               |            | X         |
| Chris Coffelt           | 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 JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Christi made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tom S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote with Mark Lapka abstaining due to absence.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Tom S. made a motion to nominate Ed Weiss as Chairman, Christi 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with Ed being elected by acclamation. Tom S. nominated Chris Coffelt as Vice Chairman, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with Chris being elected by acclamation. Tom S. nominated Christi Gray as Secretary, Ed 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with Christi being elected by acclamation.

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:** Aleks reported that there had been a leak from a gutter that was causing ice to form on the sidewalk and parking lot, but it was now fixed. Ed asked if there were still issues with the Traveler. Aleks said that there were none. Tom S. asked if there were statistics kept on the number of users of the Senior Center. Aleks let the board know that there were numbers kept in the past and could check with Marie for an updated list for 2008 attendance. Mark wanted to know how the WII was working for the seniors and what could be done to further promote this activity. He suggested that High School Seniors come up and participate with the members of the Senior Center as a "Senior Project". He also suggested that a Boy Scout troop participate as part of "Community Service". Christi suggested that the program be taught by a Physical Therapist. Mark thought that Laurel from Public Health could assist with this program. Chris inquired as to what and how many games there were at the Senior Center. Aleks let the board know that the games are the sport package. Tom S. suggested getting Netflix at the Senior Center for movie watching.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COAL RIDGE FIELD:** Re-2 school district is partnering with Garfield County and Town of Silt to apply for a Great Outdoors Colorado Grant to construct a baseball field at Coal Ridge High School. Staff recommends we support this project by writing a letter of support for the grant. Mark wanted to know that if this grant was approved, would the School District hold back the funds that were due to the City. Aleks let the board know that the School District still had an IGA with the City. Tom S. wanted to know where the field would be located. Aleks let the board know that it would be at Coal Ridge High School. Tom S. recommended that PRAB should support this request. Ed wanted to know how many letters were needed. Aleks let the board know that as many letters as possible would help out their cause. Tom S. made a motion for PRAB to issue a letter of support for the GOCO grant for the building of a baseball field for Coal Ridge High School. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Mark had concerns with Little League wanting to use this field. Aleks let the board know that it would be up to the School District to determine its use.

**CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE:** Staff met with Design Concepts and SGM to review the 50% construction documents. There is a meeting for 95% scheduled on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Aleks let the board know that there will also be an open house on that date. Residents within 1,000 feet of the park property were sent a personal invitation. Ed wanted to know if this was just an informational meeting. Aleks let the board know that it was to answer any questions the residents may have. Aleks also let the board know that he had been checking with the partners and giving them updates, as well as giving the School District a presentation on Tuesday night. Bids will possibly be going out in May. Tom S. wanted to know the status of the permit. Aleks let the board know that the permit had not been submitted yet. Tom S. wanted to know why there was a delay. Aleks let the board know that they were waiting for all changes to be made before submitting for a permit. Ed wanted to know if dirt would start to be moved in June. Aleks was hopeful in the moving of dirt by June or first of July.

**PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE:** Construction continues with now some of the visible work to account for. There is sub drainage work and they are currently working on the utilities and plan on starting slabs for the inside of the building soon.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009.

**OTHER:** Aleks let the board know that he had a meeting with Little League and everything went well with Jenn handling all contacts this year. He had also heard that more kids will be coming back to play in the Recreation League this year. Ed commented that Little League is a good organization for kids to participate. Tom W. let the board know that he would be attending a meeting at CMC on Tuesday regarding the closure of the RCC. He estimated that the City saves roughly \$100,000 a year with the inmate crews and that the City is now waiting for a closure timeline. Chris wanted to know if the crews worked for the City year round. Tom W. let the board know that the crews were working year round. Christi commented that she had heard that there are now, minimal crews available. Tom W. stated that crew numbers have been diminishing the last couple of years. Aleks let the board know that Jenn has been working on the Activities Brochure and it will be going out ahead of schedule in March. Ed wanted to know if the pool was set to open in May. Aleks stated that it would be open the end of May and that the bathroom stalls and old lockers have been tore out to prepare for the new ones and that the old

lockers from the Police Station would be used to save on costs. Ed wanted to know the status on the cameras. Tom W. informed the board that the cameras were the same price as before and will be purchasing three of them. Tom W. has plans to talk to the same electrician that is performing work on City Hall to do the work at the playgrounds. Chris inquired about the type of cameras being used and if they could be wired into a network to alert by e-mail when motion was detected. Aleks stated that these particular types of cameras did not work that way. Tom S. wanted to know if the cameras were damage proof from a pellet gun shooting them out. Aleks stated that they were bullet proof. Mark wanted to know if applications were sent out to old lifeguards for employment at the pool this year. Aleks let the board know that Linda sends out letters to all previous employees informing them of upcoming dates and the opportunity to return.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:16 p.m.