



PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES #4, 2005
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005
RIFLE CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Members present on roll call: Steve Carter, Kelly Bina, Betsy Rice, Rich Carter, Mildred Whitt, Ed Weiss, and Mark Lapka.

In addition to Advisory Board members, the following individuals were present: Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Andrea Madden, Secretary; Keith Lambert, Mayor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2005 MEETING

Mark Lapka moved to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2005 meeting as presented; seconded by Rich Carter.

ROLL CALL: Bina, R. Carter, Whitt, Lapka, S. Carter
Abstain: Weiss, Rice

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mayor Keith Lambert thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for meeting with the City Council on November 30th to discuss the direction and philosophy of the Board. In addition, the Parks and Recreation budget was reviewed. Chairman Carter and other members of the Board that attended the November 30th meeting discussed their views regarding the joint workshop.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET

Tom Whitmore opened the discussion with options the Board had in regard to making decisions regarding the 2006 budget. Chairman Carter explained that some decisions could be deferred until a later date, but the Parks and Recreation departments needed to have some decisions made regarding the hiring of new employees before January 2006. Tom Whitmore reviewed the staffing needs of the departments and cost estimates associated with those positions. Mayor Lambert stated that City Council approved the creation of a full-time position for the Parks Department to replace the current seasonal temporary position.





John Hier, City Manager, arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Rich Carter moved to recommend that City Council convert the current seasonal temporary position in the Parks Department to a full-time position beginning January 1st; seconded by Mark Lapka.

ROLL CALL: Bina, R. Carter, Whitt, Lapka, Weiss, Rice, S. Carter

Chairman Carter explained that his immediate concerns included the pool evaluation, uniform signage, and the upgrades of existing parks. Rich Carter expressed his belief that the pool evaluation should be performed by structural engineers who are independent and not interested in selling their products and future services. Rich Carter explained that a firm from Utah could perform such an evaluation that would address structural issues and safety concerns.

Betsy Rice moved to recommend that City Council direct staff to take the appropriate steps to enter into a contract with a professional firm to perform an evaluation of the pool, an estimate of those services is \$7,000; seconded by Rich Carter.

ROLL CALL: Bina, R. Carter, Whitt, Lapka, Weiss, Rice, S. Carter

Tom Whitmore discussed the options available for uniform park signage. Rich Carter expressed his thoughts regarding the signage at different parks, and discussed the possibility that different parks may require different signage. Ed Weiss stated that signage is one of the most visible and economical choices the Board can make at this point in time.

Rich Carter moved to request that staff produce a report prior to the next meeting outlining signage options and costs; seconded by Kelly Bina.

ROLL CALL: Bina, R. Carter, Whitt, Lapka, Weiss, Rice, S. Carter

Members of the Board next discussed possible donations to CMC in order to support the operation of the Traveler. In addition, the Board discussed the placement of playground equipment and park shelters at Heinze, Davidson, and Deerfield Park.

Mark Lapka moved to request that staff present options, plans, and costs regarding shelters and playground equipment at Heinze, Davidson, and Deerfield Parks; seconded by Ed Weiss.





ROLL CALL: Bina, R. Carter, Whitt, Lapka, Weiss, Rice, S. Carter

Chairman Carter suggested that the Board consider the possibility of installing security cameras at the various parks to monitor vandalism and other activities.

John Hier also stated that he felt strongly that restroom facilities should be improved. While restrooms are not cheap, there are many options available.

It was agreed that Aleks Briedis and Marie George could speak at a later date regarding the senior citizen programs.

Mildred Whitt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mark Lapka.

ROLL CALL: Bina, R. Carter, Whitt, Lapka, Weiss, Rice, S. Carter

Chairman Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Andrea Madden
Secretary

Stephen Carter
Chairman



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