

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

**MONDAY April 6, 2009**

**RIFLE CITY HALL**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Jim Boone	X	
Chris Coffelt	X	
Christi Gray	X	
Mark Lapka		X
Ryan Mackley	X	
Tom Stuver	X	
Ed Weiss	X	
Mildred Whitt	X	

**STAFF PRESENT:** Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Tom S. made a motion to accept and approve the minutes if the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL:** John Scalzo presented the plans for the Veterans Memorial Wall. He let the board know of the flyers around town asking for donations for the memorial. He showed current pictures and let the board know that the dimensions for the stones would be 8 foot 4.2 inches with the plan of at least 3 stones. The distance between each stone would be 2 feet. He also said that the dedication stone could be moved if needed. The stones cost approximately \$9,000 a piece. The names could hold 250 names on each side with them being alphabetical. Names could be added later but would not be in alphabetical order. The Veterans from this area would have a star next their name. Jim wanted to know what the \$50 was to be used for. John let the board know that the \$50 is for those names needing added after the initial carving. Jim also asked if it was \$40,000 that they needed to complete the project. John let the board know that was the amount needed to complete the project. Ed wanted to know who was going to maintain the Memorial when it was complete. John let the board know that the organization would do the maintenance of the Memorial. Tom W. stated that when the Parks Building was complete, he would be talking with the Veterans about the landscaping. Jim wanted to know if any money had been collected. John stated that there were some donations and that he would give the amount but not tell who donated. He said that approximately \$19,000 has been donated. Ed asked what

the organization was asking of PRAB. John stated that they would like a donation from PRAB. Tom S. asked if the plan had been evaluated by the City since the property is owned by the City. He also had a concern if the distance between the stones was only 2 feet, it would not be wheelchair accessible. He wants to be certain the project is completed correctly and asked if there would be platform for special event guest speakers. Ed wanted to know if there was electricity at the site. Tom W. said that there currently is not, but will be run with the construction of the new building. Jim wanted to know if there are flags at the site currently. Tom W. let the board know that flags are not currently there because there are no lights. John stated that he also wanted to put in a bench for the Clough family. Ed asked if there needed to be lights there other than for the flags. John informed the board that the only events taking place there now are the flag burning and a Memorial Day Celebration but he would like to do a Flag Day activity. Ed asked if Solar Power would be enough to light the flags. Jim wanted to know how much Solar Power would be needed. Tom W. let the board know that the amount of wattage would need to be figured out to know how much Solar Power was needed. Tom S. wanted to know the timing of the project. John stated that he would like it completed by June. At the current time he has roughly 1300 names. Jim wanted to know how many names could be on a stone. John let the board know again that 250 names could be on each side. Tom S. asked if the names had the war listed with each Veteran. John said there was not enough room for the wars to be with each individual name. Ed let John know that the PRAB board would talk to City Council and get back with him.

**CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE:** Staff met with Design Concepts and SGM on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Plans are moving forward and details are being worked out. We are planning on having a final review set in a couple of weeks. We should be ready to go to bid in May and possibly break ground in July. Ed asked if there was enough funding to complete the first phase. Aleks let the board know that there was enough funding so far. Chris wanted to know if prices had gone down with the economy. Aleks was hoping that the prices would be decreasing. Ed wanted to know if “Over the Rainbow” needed to be moved. Tom S. let the board know that it would have to be moved 50 feet or more. Aleks let the board know that 12 parking spaces could be lost because of residents using Howard Avenue as an access off of an alley. Jim wanted to know if the water was taken care of. Aleks let the board know that the 404 permits were specifically for that issue. Jim also wanted to know about the bridges. Aleks stated that there would be vehicle access with some of them. Ed wanted to know if the Parks Department would need storage areas. Tom W. let the board know that there will be room for storage at the pump shed and possibly in the restroom building.

**PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE:** Construction continues but the weather has been a hindrance. The steel was delivered last week. There is a construction meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

**SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE:** Cameras have come in and the poles and lights have been ordered. Concrete will need to be poured. Ed wanted to know how Council felt about the purchase of the cameras. Tom W. stated that Council was in favor of the purchase. Tom S. wanted to know the name of the chemical used for graffiti removal used by the Parks department to be used in the City clean-up. Tom W. stated that a variety of chemicals have been used depending on surfaces. Jim

wanted to know if anyone had seen the graffiti on the back side of Ed's old building. Tom S. let the board know that if they knew of any other areas that needed attention to let him know. Christi wanted to know if there had been any leads on the vandalism that took place at Davidson Park. Tom W. let the board know that a juvenile had been caught in the act of vandalism and was believed to be the same one who did the vandalism at Davidson Park. Jim wanted to know if signs needed to be up warning of the Security Cameras. Tom W. stated that users know quickly that there are cameras especially if they are there after hours. Ed wanted to know how many cameras would be put up at Davidson. Tom W. let the board know that 2 cameras would be installed there. Jim wanted to know the cost of the cameras. Aleks stated that each camera cost \$6,000.

**STATE PARKS TRAIL GRANT:** We have received word that we were granted the \$200,000 for the trail from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> street. We are still in need of \$500,000 and currently have \$260,000 from lottery funds and \$90,000 from the Parks & Recreation fund. Tom S. wanted to know what surface type would be used for the trail. Aleks stated that concrete would be used and the reason the trail was so expensive was because of the retaining walls along the trail. Tom W. stated that different surfaces have been looked into and the cost of replacement and the overall lifecycle of those surfaces outweighed the cost of concrete. Jim wanted to know how far the plans were to go with the trail. Aleks let the board know that eventually it would go all the way to RMP.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2009.

**OTHER:** There was discussion on the Veterans Memorial Wall and the board decided to talk it over with City Council before any decisions were made. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:50 p.m.