

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES 2009

MONDAY April 27, 2009

RIFLE CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:	YES	NO
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 April 6th MEETING: Jim made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting with corrections made by Tom W. changing the second page 6th sentence from the top to “electricity will not be run with construction completion, but will check with Excel to see what it would entail”. Christy 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote with Mark abstaining due to absence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: April Larrechea came in with her son who wants to play baseball but there were not enough kids for sig-ups. She said that Kennon Snead talked to the Recreation Department and was told that if he had enough kids by today, the team would be a go. She also stated that possibly Silt and New Castle could combine to make team. Aleks let the board know that the deadline was March 27th but that they had given Kennon an extension until the 17th of April to see if he could come up with enough kids to make a team. Kennon had come in on the 24th with only 9 kids. Jim asked what other towns would play in this league. Aleks let the board know that it would be towns from Debeque to Aspen. Jim also wanted to know if the other towns had extended their deadlines. Aleks let the board know that they had extended the deadlines up to the scheduling of games deadline. He also stated that they were able to extend longer because they have less teams to schedule. Aleks let the board know that he would meet at another date with the parent to discuss other options with her.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: None

VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL: At the last meeting PRAB members asked for this to be a discussion item at this meeting. Ed mentioned that he had talked with the Mayor and this topic was going to be

discussed at their Council Meeting. He had not heard what had come from this meeting. Tom W. let the board know that regardless of the outcome of the Veterans Memorial Wall, the Parks Department will get with the Veterans regarding the landscaping. PRAB decided to not make any decisions on this topic at this time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Financial statements ending February 28th are attached in the packet. 16% of the year has passed and 12.5% of the budgeted sales tax has been collected making the difference 3.5% less than budget, but seems to be leveling off. Ed commented that car sales are down which also has had an impact on sales tax. Mark wanted to know if the money shown was appropriated. Aleks let the board know that it was. Ed commented that there was only \$1.5 million left in reserves last year and this year we may need to tighten our belt. Jim wanted to know what he meant by tighten our belts. Ed said that there could be less spending on non budgeted items. Tom W. gave the example of the security cameras. Jim wanted to know if the irrigation for Davison and Macintosh Parks had been added. Tom W. let the board know that these projects are still being worked on and doesn't think it go over budget. Jim wanted to know when the numbers would come in that would show that the City is in good shape as far as the economy downturn. Ed commented that by June or July the numbers should give a better idea. Tom W. let the board know that more would be known when City employees returned from their Strategic Planning meeting this weekend.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: There is a final review meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 29th where more numbers will be coming in and find out how close the project is to getting started. Ed wanted to know when the shovels would be coming out. Aleks let the board know that he would know more after the meeting.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE: Construction continues with the masonry being completed. The mechanical and framing is starting. Jim wanted to know when the building would be completed. Tom W. let the board know that it could be by August or September. Jim also wanted to know what would happen to the Valley Lumber site. Tom W. stated that it depended on the economy.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled to May 11th, 2009.

OTHER: Jim wanted to know about the community garden. Aleks let the board know that it was part of Bookcliffs Arts Council. Aleks let the board know that the City did not receive the Gold Medal Award and had not yet heard the details. Christy wanted to know what it took for a group to sell concessions at sporting events. Aleks let the board know that they had to have a permit from the City and be a Non Profit organization. Christy also had concerns that younger players that would have been playing on her son's soccer team were allowed to play up. Jim said that he had someone with concerns with the pool and the lap lane lines not being regulation. Mark commented that they were not regulation because the pool is not a regulation size pool. Jim wanted to know that when the pool is re-painted if the lines could be adjusted. Aleks said he would check into it. Jim also let the board know that someone had concerns with privacy issues in the men's and women's locker rooms at the pool. He wanted to know if partitions could be put up. Aleks let him know that new stalls had been ordered but not yet installed. There was

discussion on the meeting scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Christy motioned for that meeting to be cancelled. Mark 2nd the motion and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.