



**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 15, 2006
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2006
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Steve Carter at 5:45 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT, ROLL CALL:

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina			
Jim Boone	X		
Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice			
Ed Weiss			
Mildred Whitt	X		
RESULT:	4		

Kelly Bina	6:10	Jim Boone	5:48	Rich Carter	5:30
Steve Carter	5:30	Mark Lapka	Absent	Betsy Rice	Absent
Ed Weiss	Absent	Mildred Whitt	5:30		

Staff Present: Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Stephanie Samson, Acting Secretary. Others Present:





APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28th MEETING:

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina			
Jim Boone	X		
1 Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice			
Ed Weiss			
2 Mildred Whitt	X		
RESULT:	4		

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: None.

PROJECT UPDATES: Action Skate Park will hopefully be completely finished in mid-September. Steve Carter wondered if the PD could assign an officer to patrol the skate park. Tom and Aleks were wondering if a park ranger/officer could switch on and off from patrolling the park and being a city officer. Tom and Aleks have asked Chief Meisner many times to consider it, but he has not gotten back with either of them. Once the park opens, the staff from the Parks and Recreation Departments is thinking about going down there when the groups start forming and talking to them about treating the park with respect. Aleks is going to keep working with the PD about patrolling and controlling vandalism. All three scoreboards at Deerfield Park have been installed and are working properly. Pictures are on the web. The holes at Deerfield Park for the netting have been dug, and the netting should be put into place soon. Tom is going to get about four small signs for just the Skate Park. About twenty-one signs still need to be installed around the city.





PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY: Staff is requesting 1 million dollars for the facility. \$231,000 a year for five years would pay off the building. This would be a better way to go because if we paid it off in just one year, then it would cost a full \$1 million. The total capital budget is \$1 million. The facility will have meeting rooms for conferences, lots of storage room, and offices for staff. There needs to be a compromise between a really cleaned up and somewhat expensive maintenance building vs. looking nice but not too extravagant. The best time to do this is before the community center is built. The facility will be built where the other sheds are at Deerfield Park. Aleks is going to ask DOLA for a grant. The facility is necessary and needs to go forth to prepare us for the future. The economic consultant is pushing for the Health and Wellness Center and is hoping to build it in less than five years. The structural cost cannot be paid only by the city. The benefit with the hospital and maybe the dance and gymnastics studio being a part of the Health and Wellness Center, is that each different department would help pay for the building and the overall costs.

Motion: Endorse maintenance facility, but also consider budget of baseball field and unfinished and future parks. Make sure the maintenance facility fits into our budget constraints.

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
Kelly Bina	X		
Jim Boone	X		
1 Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice			
Ed Weiss			
2 Mildred Whitt	X		
RESULT:	5	0	0





A PENNY WORKING FOR YOU PARTY: Planning for a party on the 15 of September. The party will highlight events and projects that have been accomplished due to the penny. Aleks is thinking about giving away helmets for kids at the skate park. The board says that the party is a good idea, but many people will be gone that specific weekend. At the party, we would have a BBQ. Aleks is thinking about spending between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for the overall total cost. Colorado Custom Cycles will hopefully work with Parks and Recreation about giving away the helmets, and maybe work out some sort of deal to advertise the business at the party.

SALES TAX ELECTION: 2.0 million has been changed to 2.2 million for the estimate so we don't reach. If this is voted down, then we cannot collect the penny any longer, ever again. This HAS to be promoted because if it is voted down, then we are looking at losing about \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year! The big thing about the question is that the community understands it. The question needs to be clear and easy to understand and to the point.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Approve Strategic Plan today.

Motion: Approve Strategic Plan and should be presented to City Council soon.

ACT VOTER:	Yes	No	Abstain
1 Kelly Bina	X		
Jim Boone			X
2 Rich Carter	X		
Steve Carter	X		
Mark Lapka			
Betsy Rice			
Ed Weiss			
Mildred Whitt	X		
RESULT:	4	0	1





GOCO GRANT: Never got anything from Little League. Maximum grant total can only be \$200,000. Grant looks good. Thank you Erica, from GIS, for helping with the wording!

ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO: Sounds good and Congratulations! Again, the park will open in mid-September. The Parks Department needs to get an irrigation system. The Parks Department might seed grass around the area to make it look more inviting to the public.

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11th:

OTHER: Request from Senior Center. Fall Color Trip: 1st van is full. 2nd van also full from CMC. \$250 needs to be paid, hopefully by the board for the second bus.. 4th of July was dismal this year in the City of Rifle. Fire Dept should be fundraising now, so we can have a great show. The fundraising money ranges from \$9,000 to \$20,000. There is an alarming decline in team sports. Soccer program has diminished dramatically. Recreation Department offers the option of team sports, and we see if it is wanted by the kids in the community.

Aleks will bring in participant numbers in each activity throughout the years, so we can keep track of those in the community.

Quotes for sandblasting and painting: First bid: \$8,700 sandblast and paint. Doing fairgrounds in Meeker, and Aleks was very impressed by his work.

\$16,000 just to sandblast.

Sandblast and painting will be close to \$10,000.

The complete evaluation of the pool is finished, and Aleks has about five copies for the board to review if necessary.





Motion: PRAB funds the second bus for the Seniors for the Fall Color Trip.

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Ed Weiss			
Mildred Whitt	X		
RESULT:	5	0	0

ADJOURN:

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Samson
Acting Secretary

