

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

**MONDAY August 10, 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 MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Christi made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Minutes were deferred to next meeting due to not having a quorum that was in attendance to vote on the minutes.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:** None

**CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE:** A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. ECI plans on starting construction on August 31<sup>st</sup>. This phase will be completed before August 2010. Aleks is still working on property acquisitions. Ed asked about the timeline of the project and if dirt work would be complete before winter. Aleks said that he would know more at the meeting.

**PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE:** Tom let the board know that painting is taking place and tile has been installed in the restrooms. We are still waiting on landscaping work to be done but there is a delay because of the dirt work. Siding is being put up on the building before the stucco. They are predicting a mid-September date of completion. Administration will be the first to move in to the building.

**FINANCIALS:** Financials ending June 30<sup>th</sup> are included in the packet. Aleks let the board know that financials are at 50% of the year and 40% of sales tax has been collected being 20% under budget. Parks and Recreation budgets are doing alright compared to other departments. Aleks let the board know that the chemical budget at the pool is almost out, due to problems with Rifle water. Ed commented that Centennial Park and the Parks Maintenance Facility were already budgeted so they couldn't be cut out of the budget. He also wanted to know when the trail grant expired. Aleks stated that it would be by Spring. Ed also wanted to know where the sales tax totals were at. Aleks stated that the City is 35% down from the previous year, but that the new hotels, hunting season, and the Battlement grocery store closing will help with sales tax.

**BUDGET 2010:** Staff had a budget kick off meeting August 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff was instructed to keep budgets status quo and the enhanced line item had been eliminated. Preliminary budgets are due to the budget committee on September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be meeting with the committee on September 17<sup>th</sup>. A balanced budget will be delivered to Council on October 1<sup>st</sup> with Council budget meetings being held in October. The budget is planned to be adopted in November. Ed commented that Council just asked to keep budgets level. Aleks stated that he checked to see where the budget would be when all projects were complete. He found that there possibly could be \$700,000 left, without any capital projects. Chris wanted to know if utilities were out of budgets for this year. Tom W. let the board know the utilities were taken out this year. Aleks and Tom W. also stated that they will be asking for additional personnel for Centennial Park.

**POOL SAFETY INSPECTION:** The City's insurance company CIRSA conducted a property survey on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Included in the packet are their findings. This may have an effect on our budget. Aleks let the board know that he will be getting quotes for these projects. Christi had concerns with having too many people at the batting cages and wasting funds to pay them. She wanted to know why the cages weren't more popular. Aleks stated that teams are allowed to come in hit for free as well as anyone that pays for the pool gets free admission to the cages. Chris wanted to know how staff was responding to the recommendations from CIRSA. Aleks commented that he will be getting quotes and going from there.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** The most current PRAB Strategic planning is included in the packet. Aleks asked the board what they wanted to do. Ed asked if PRAB was required to go through Strategic Planning every year. Aleks commented that it was just a suggestion. Ed said that the first part of the meeting seemed to be unproductive with too much time spent on correct wording. He suggested that the meeting just cover the goals and asked if this should be included in a regular PRAB meeting or have a separate meeting. Aleks suggested that the Strategic Planning meeting be before the Council budget meeting. Ed stated that he would like to have staff present at this meeting to get their input. Aleks will check with staff and board members to see what dates work best for everyone. The dates suggested are September, 14, 21 or 28. Christi made a motion to cancel the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting due to a Holiday. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**MEETING WITH COUNCIL:** The only date available to meet with Council prior to budget meetings starting, would be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. We would meet after Council's meeting with the Lodging Tax board. Ed commented that PRAB doesn't necessarily need to meet with them, and preferred meeting with the new council. Chris wanted to know if Council was kept updated on the happenings of Park and Recreation. Aleks let the board know that Council is continually updated on happenings.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2009.

**OTHER:** Aleks let the board know that the boat ramp is being proposed to be moved to the west of the Rest Area. Helen Rogers is in charge of this project, with Parks and Recreation probably being asked for grant writing and maintenance with finished project. Christi wanted to know

what the problem is with the current location. Tom W. commented that the bank around the ramp had deteriorated and there are safety concerns with the current location. Ed wanted to know how Farmer's Market was doing. Aleks stated that it is doing well and people are pleased with the new location. Ed also wanted to know if staff could get a copy of a letter from a Little League coach put into the paper. Aleks stated that he would get it taken care of. Christi wanted to know about the budget for restrooms located at Deerfield. Tom W. stated that the School District still has money allotted for this project. Christi also had concerns with the Rifle vs Rifle baseball game. She was offended that the minutes stated that it was rude to ask for the location to be changed. Tom W. stated that it was the consensus of the entire board that it was rude to leave a host town. Ed wanted to give examples of tournament teams and location conflicts but Christi stated that she did not want to hear any examples. After conversation on this matter, the board still felt that teams should stay in their host town locations.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:30 p.m. so that staff could attend the Council Forum.