

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, September 28, 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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Mildred reported that the seniors were disappointed with the Fall Color Trip. The trees had not yet turned.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Centennial Park moves forward. Currently the pond is being excavated and the connection to the fairgrounds is being constructed. There was a change submitted to GOCO and everything was approved. Construction on the water and sewer at 5th street will begin, and the first pay request has been received for the amount of \$90,000. There are meetings every two weeks to discuss the progress.

PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE: The facility is almost complete. The walk-through has been moved to Thursday afternoon. After that meeting there will be a punch list of the details that need to be completed. The landscape is almost complete. Tom W. reported that when the temporary C.O. is issued, he will begin to purchase shop equipment. Ed wanted to know if the Valley Lumber site would remain vacant when the Parks Department moves to its new location. Tom W. let the board know that it would be vacant, but that the Parks Department would continue to maintain the building. Christy wanted to know about the annexation of Dokes Lane. Tom W. informed the board that it is going to the Planning commission to annex and close the road. Mark wanted to know if there was going to be a Grand Opening for the public. Tom W. stated that it would probably be in the Spring but no date had yet been set for the dedication.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2010 DRAFT REVIEW: Aleks asked for board adoption of the 2010 Strategic Plan, and then it would be taken to Council. Mark wanted to know when the Recreation Center

would be complete. He wanted to know if the pool should be enclosed for year round use. Ed asked if he had costs. Mark stated that in the past he had a cost of \$200,000 but that it was probably more now. Ed wanted to know if the enclosure would be re-usable. Mark stated that it would be re-usable. Christy wanted to know why Mark thought it was owed to the community. Mark commented that the people thought the sales tax was going to the construction of the Recreation Center. Christy asked if it would be financially feasible to have the pool open year round. Aleks commented that he would have to check into the numbers. Tom W. wanted to know if the cost was included in heating the bath houses and office. Mark let the board know that the cost was just for the enclosure. Ed suggested getting data on an enclosure and put it down as an action step in the Strategic Plan. The action step would state: "Investigate enclosing the pool with a temporary structure". Christy made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan as amended, Chris 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

PRELIMINART BUDGET 2010: Included in the packet is the 2nd draft of the proposed budget. A balanced budget will be delivered to Council on Oct 1st, with Council budget meetings being held in October. The budget is planned on being adopted in November. Ed wanted to know how optimistic they were on the taxes. Aleks commented that they were looking at 2006 numbers with projections of over a 20% cut. The General Fund is getting hit the worst. Ed wanted to know why there was a \$1.2 million deficit in the next year's budget. Aleks let the board know that Centennial Park, Deerfield improvements, Metro, Parks Facility Building, the trail from 16th to 13th and principal and interest were all included. He stated that without Centennial Park, there would be no deficit. Ed wanted to clarify that there are no new projects for next year, only what was already in place. Ed also wanted to know if the Parks and Recreation budget was level. Tom W. commented that the budgets have been decreased this year but that RMP had been combined into the Parks budget. Aleks let the board know that the Recreation, Pool and Parks budget were already decreased. Ed had a question about the money budgeted for Centennial Park. Tom W. let the board know that the money budgeted would be for staff to maintain the Park 7 days a week as well as purchasing an electric vehicle to use in the Park. Christi made a motion to present Council with the budget. Ryan 2nd the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

FIELD USAGE: Staff will be implementing a 48 hour minimum athletic reservation policy. Reservations for Saturday or Sunday will need to be made by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Picnic shelters can be reserved at any time as long and no staff set-up is needed. Also, staff plans on assessing a \$20 fee for sprinkler locates in our parks if structures are planned to be erected. Ed wanted to know where reservation schedules were located. Aleks let the board know that the schedules were located out at Deerfield. Chris wanted to know if this new policy would be posted at the fields. Aleks let the board know that they would be posted at all fields.

The Next Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2009.

OTHER: Aleks let the board know that the Veterans memorial would now be called the Veterans Plaza at Deerfield Regional Park. Mark wanted to clarify that it would not be called Veterans Memorial at Deerfield Park. Aleks re-iterated that it would not. Ed commented that as long as the project was presented in a professional manner. Tom W. stated that the Parks Department would still be in charge of the maintenance, but would like to know when the final date of completion would be because they seem to keep adding features. Mark wanted to know who would be responsible for the upkeep. Tom W. stated again that the Parks Department

would still be responsible for landscape maintenance. Cindy Skinner, head coach of the Rifle High School softball team would like to have 2 sculptures put out at Deerfield as a memorial for a deceased player. Tom W. would like the boards input on this. Christi wanted to know why the memorial wasn't put at the school. She was informed that the student was not a Rifle High School student but attended Grand Valley, but played for Rifle. She stated that vandalism would be a problem for the sculptures at Deerfield. Mark commented that the sculptures would look better at the batting cages. Ed stated that a possibility would be to check with DDA. Chris wanted to know if there was anything in the Deerfield master plan as guidelines for landscape and sculptures. He also stated that for longevity and safety reasons it didn't seem feasible for the sculptures to be put at Deerfield. Ryan suggested letting the coach know the policy for aesthetics and see if they wanted to wait until completion of Deerfield. Aleks suggested that possibly they could be put downtown to go with the other metal art assembled on the corners. The overall board consensus was to not have the sculptures at Deerfield due to safety and vandalism issues. Ed wanted to know about the cameras at Davidson. Tom W. let the board know that they have not yet been installed. He also wanted to know how the raw water was working. Tom W. stated that raw water was being used and seemed to be working fine. Mark wanted to know about some graffiti on a wall across from the new preschool. Aleks stated that the wall was not City property and that the owner needed to take care of it.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:56 p.m.