



**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES # 8, 2006
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006
RIFLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by chairman Steve Carter.
Moved by Mark Lapka and seconded by Kelly Bina to excuse Rich Carter. Motion passed by voice vote.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Bina	5:34	Jim Boone	5:33	Rich Carter	absent
Steve Carter	5:30	Mark Lapka	5:30	Betsy Rice	5:30
Ed Weiss	5:30	Mildred Whitt	5:35		

Staff Present: Aleks Briedis; Rec. Director, Tom Whitmore; Parks Director.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Ed stated that there was no mention of what the *proposed* light and field use fee was. Mark Lapka, asked about the discussion of free pool passes for the board in the March 6 minutes. We verified where these were in the minutes. We did not in fact discuss the proposed fee at the April 10th meeting. Little League parents were protesting a fee in general.

Betsy Rice moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Kelly.

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

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: None

LoVA TRAILS PRESENTATION: No-one was present from LoVA.
It was moved by Mildred to table this item, 2nd by Jim. Passes by unanimous voice vote.





FREE POOL PASSES FOR PRAB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES:

Jim Mentioned the cost of bringing a family to the pool and that this is a small perk for a volunteer board. Besty stated that the former board was more of a working board. As former chairman, Mark explained how that worked. Kelly asked about board guidelines in the past. Kelly stated that she missed the meeting when the discussion took place and could understand the need to not get perks on one thing or another. Ed stated that anything that appears to be preferential treatment can cause questions but this probably isn't that big of a deal. Free passes used to be for board members and their families and employees of the pool. Steve mentioned that it looks phony if we as board members get freebies. Maybe a discount would be in order.(?) Jim stated that it had already been in affect and might not be a big deal. Lifeguards doing laps as a job requirement would not be charged. Jim asked about pool fees. Aleks verified the fees from the rec. brochure. Jim mentioned that there are lower costs in the mid-west. Tom stated that costs continue to increase and that seasonal wages are being increased to draw applicants. City fees have historically been low and are being raised across the board to try to catch up. Steve stated that he doesn't want the pool to be a money pit.

Moved by Jim Boone and seconded by Mark Lapka to allow free pool passes for board members and families.

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

FRISBEE GOLF COURSE:

Jim stated that he had some money left over in his P.E. budget and thought it could go for some Frisbee Golf baskets. He briefly explained the sport. These wouldn't take a lot of maintenance or space. Betsy mentioned a course in Palisade and Ed had seen one in at Canyon View Park in Grand Junction. Steve asked what park might be suitable. Jim suggested Deerfield. Aleks reviewed some obstacles that we ran into when looking into a frisbee golf course a few years ago. Tom stated that we need to maintain a list of items such as this that are suggested so we can work them in when possible.





EARMARKING MONEY FOR GAME PREP AND ELECTRICAL: Aleks expressed concerns about setting aside some funds to cover additional expenses related to ballfield utilities and maintenance expenses. We wish to put money aside to cover lights and staff overtime. Steve asked Ed for advice on having little league pay the incremental cost and let the school pay the demand.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Steve mentioned that it would be good to do a cost benefit analysis on programs. Mark mentioned meeting at the airport fire station. Steve suggested that Aleks surprise us with a location. Consensus agreed.

POOL EVALUATION: Aleks reported that we couldn't find anyone to sandblast and paint in time for the pool opening. We will spot prep and paint for now with sandblasting in the fall and complete painting the spring of 2007. There were questions about leaving the pool unpainted over the winter and painting in the spring. Aleks and Tom emphasized that we had similar questions for the contractors. The contractors specialize in pool painting and all three contractors stated that they preferred to sandblast in the fall, leave the concrete open during the winter, and paint in the spring. Aleks stated that we hope to have the pool evaluation in hand by the next meeting. The pool opens on Memorial Day. The schools would be able to use the pool the week before and there is no swim team.

Kelly asked about Swim registrations. Aleks said that over 70 registered online.

PLAYGROUNDS:

Deerfield is almost done. Web climber problems: Need to have access to turnbuckles. This will be done with crumb rubber. Betsy asked about the net. This is being engineered. Davidson Park--almost all structures are done. There were problems with kids tampering with the Davidson playground. Heinze Park is underway.

PARK SIGNAGE:

Waiting for bids. This is already approved and we will go ahead once we have bids. Jim complemented staff on the sign mock-up and the digital photos and the presentation at the earlier meeting. We had questions on the bids etc. Steve stated that he didn't want



the board to micro-manage what was on the sign and which way it would face etc. He felt staff should recommend this.

ACTION PARK:

Pre-construction meeting was last Tuesday. The bond paperwork is in and the contract is signed. The crew will be breaking ground tomorrow.

RE-2/COUNCIL JOINT MEETING REPORT:

The meeting was last Tuesday. Tom and Aleks attended. Fee structure for facility use for school facilities: There is discussion of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the RE-2. Betsy briefly explained the school's fee structure.

The high school may be expanded. The expansion would sacrifice the existing high school soccer field. The High School would like to use a city soccer field. We may need to improve Quagmire and/or build a joint use field.

OTHER: Completing the Deerfield Amphitheatre area and expanding the pump system. Tom brought up the situation with the amphitheatre area and the need to expand the pump station at Deerfield. Tom Stated that he proposed this during budget but it was not approved for 2006. It may cost approximately \$35,000 to complete some blading, expand the pump station, and seed the area. Steve suggested that, without complete plans, it may not be worth it. Ed stated that there may be some private dollars available for that park area. Steve feels that, with everything else going on, this is a low priority right now. There were no other comments at this time. The board took no action on this item.

Aleks reported that the internet access point has been set-up at the pool. It still needs some tweaking, but it should be ready by pool opening.

Rec. Brochures are out. The board was complimentary about the rec. brochure. Aleks explained how the brochure was done.

Steve asked Mildred about the music at the Sr. Center
Mark commented on population projections from the county by 2030, 130,000-150,000 people. An up valley moratorium on rentals may force more people down valley to the Rifle/Parachute area. Mark would like to have realistic population projection numbers for strategic planning. Steve had a question about the RFTA bus shelter. Whose is that and who takes care of it? Steve would like to see a nicer bus shelter. How do those get built up valley?

Kelly complimented staff, Aleks and Tom, on providing the organization and the work to get ready for each meeting. Steve referred to an article on the CU board of regents





deciding to meet less because they were micromanaging too much and asked staff to let the board know if they are micro-managing.

Steve asked about getting some meeting dates out. Several members stated that they did not receive e-mails this past week.

The May 29th meeting day will not work because of Memorial Day. May 8th and May 22nd will work instead of the 29th. Aleks stated he will not be here for the next meeting on the 8th. Jim suggested less dialogue and pre-reading memos to expedite the agenda.

Chairman Steve Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Whitmore
Acting Secretary

