

**RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY October 12, 2009**

**PARKS FACILITY BUILDING**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></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

**COMMENTS FORM THE PUBLIC:** None

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:** Mildred had nothing new to report. Aleks stated that Marie is getting a count of those wanting to take a tour of the new facilities.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Jim made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mildred 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Minutes unable to be passed due to not having a quorum that was in attendance at said meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** Chris made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Christi 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**FINANCIALS:** Financials ending 8/31/09 are included in the packet. Ed wanted to know if budget was still down 20%. Aleks stated that was correct. Ed also wanted to know if there were any over budget items. Aleks let the board know that there were not. Ed asked what was in the un-appropriated fund balance. Aleks said that the balance was \$400,000. Ed also wanted to know if Phase I of Centennial Park was allocated. Aleks let the board know that Phase I of Centennial Park was \$3.5 million and Phase II was not designed yet. Mark asked if salaries were OK. Aleks stated that salaries were OK and that there

were no pay increases this year. Ed wanted to know if Council approved the budget. Aleks stated that it would be approved on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Ed asked if Council would want to get into the Parks and Recreation Fund. Aleks let the board know that there were reserves in the General Fund and didn't need to worry about taking out of Parks and Recreation.

**NEEDS SURVEY:** A draft copy of the Needs Survey was e-mailed to PRAB members on 9/29/09. Staff requested that members fill out the survey and bring it to this meeting with comments. The REDC will be paying for distributing the survey and Recreation staff time will be allocated to compile the results. Aleks commented that the questions are the same as the 2004 questionnaire. Jim asked if the survey was going to be the same as the one in 2004 or would there be new questions added. Aleks stated that people may indicate that there doesn't need to be any additions to projects completed. Ed suggested that there should be a category for "other". Chris wanted to know how the REDC is involved. Aleks said that he would bring in the results from 2004.

**CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE:** Centennial Park continues to move forward. Currently the pond is being completed and the connections to the fairgrounds and Middle School are being completed. The sewer line connection to the future restrooms at 5<sup>th</sup> street is also being installed which will be the building diversion point. Christi wanted to know who the contractors were doing the project. Aleks stated that ECI uses their own subcontractors, but that most of the contractors are local. He also stated that the trail is grubbed out and concrete forms will be checked tomorrow. Jim commented that he noticed people still using the bike path and wanted to know if it was closed. Aleks stated that it is closed, but people are going around. Ed wanted to know if the project was on schedule and if weather would put the project on hold. Aleks commented that the contractors have twelve months to complete the project. Ed asked if there were any problems with the grants. Aleks said that there have been no problems. Christi wanted to know if updates could be less often, that it was boring hearing every little detail and would prefer to just hear about the big things happening.

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2010 UPDATE:** City Council adopted the 2010 Strategic Plan at the 10/7/09 meeting. Ed suggested that the board look at the Plan periodically to remind them of the goals, possibly once a quarter.

**VETERANS PLAZA UPDATE:** City Council approved a proclamation naming the memorial area as Veterans Memorial Plaza at Deerfield Regional Park at the 10/7/09 meeting. Tom W. drew a diagram of what the memorial was going to look like and where the stones were going to be placed. Kursten Concrete is trying to have the concrete finished by Veterans Day. Jim wanted to know if all the funds were generated by themselves. Tom W. stated that they had generated all the funds and the Parks Department would be doing the maintenance on the Memorial. Christi wanted to know if they were going to have electricity. Tom W. said that they would be getting power. Chris wanted to know if they had a formal design. Tom W. let the board know that they had an architect for the project.

The Next meeting is scheduled for October 26, and will be held at Parks Facility Building.

**OTHER:** Mark wanted to know what happened with the statue situation. Tom W. stated that the statues were being taken to Parachute to the family. Christi wanted to know if there was somewhere

that Pee Wee Football could put a shed that is currently located at Copeland Concrete. She had checked with the School District and they didn't want at the Middle School. Aleks commented that the planning department wants all sheds removed from the City.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:27 p.m.

Parks Maintenance Facility Tour.