

RIFLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2010

PARKS FACILITY BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT	YES	NO
Jim Boone		X
Chris Coffelt	X	
Christi Gray	X	
Mark Lapka	X	
Ryan Mackley	X	
Justin Sims	X	
Tom Stuver		X
Ed Weiss	X	
Mildred Whitt		X

STAFF PRESENT: Aleks Briedis, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

PASSING MEETING MINUTES: Staff spoke with the legal department regarding passage of meeting minutes. Minutes can be passes by a majority of the members at the current meeting, even if they were not present at the meeting that the minutes on which are being voted. Mark moved to accept and approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting, Chris 2nd the motion, motion passed with a voice vote. Mark moved to accept and approve the minutes of October 12th meeting, Chris 2nd the motion, motion passed with a voice vote. Christi moved to accept and approve the minutes of the December 12th meeting, Chris 2nd the motion, motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FORM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Nothing new to report, however Christi wanted to know how long Marie would be at the Senior Center and who her boss was. Aleks stated that John was her boss.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS: Jim Boone and Justin Sims were appointed to the board by City Council at the last meeting. Officers will be elected at the next meeting.

FINANCIALS: Financial statements ending November 30th are included in the packet. Aleks let the board know that there was \$2 million budgeted for Centennial Park. Ed asked what the debt service was on the Parks Facility Building. Tom Whitmore stated that it was \$325,000. Ed wanted to know if there was anything else being budgeted. Aleks stated that there were the trails and Deerfield Park Completion. He also stated that the Pool would be getting a new shade covering at the North end of the Pool. Ed wanted to know what the projected City revenue was going to be. Aleks said that the City was projecting for 20% down. Mark wanted to know if the City was able to maintain all employees. Aleks stated that the City was keeping all employees and Tom W. stated that the Parks Department had budgeted for seasonal employees for Centennial Park as well as an electric vehicle. Ed wanted to know if the Parks Department was fully staffed. Tom W. stated that the Parks Department was fully staffed and at the moment had 2 inmate crews but would be understaffed without those crews.

NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS: Surveys were sent to all 81650 addresses with 368 being returned. We will discuss results at the next meeting.

DEERFIELD COMPLETION PLAN: A mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on January 13th with 20 firms being represented. Proposals are due back to the City on January 27th. Ed wanted to know what this project was exactly. Tom W. stated that it was basically the numbers needed to get a plan going for completing the Park. Ed also wanted to know what the other items would be in the Park. Aleks stated that there could possibly be a dog park, more trails, entrance sign, lighting and landscaping. There is already a GOCO grant in place for this project.

TRAIL 16-13 UPDATE: Bids have been distributed and a formal bid opening is scheduled for 2p.m. on February 8th. This project will be from City Market to 16th Street. There are approximately 20 companies bidding on this project. Ed wanted to know how far the actual trail would go. Aleks stated that it would be from 3rd Street to Deerfield with sections missing. Mark wanted to know if there were any plans with trails going across the interstate. Aleks said that there were no plans yet and that the railroad tracks have been a hindrance.

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE: Construction continues but was slowed due to the weather. Foundations are being worked on as well as the pump house and the fish is now in its permanent location. Ryan wanted to know about the Park being built in a flood plain. Aleks stated that the Park was engineered with that in mind and drainage was built for that as well as bridges and structures. He also stated that Park completion was at 30%.

NRPA MEMBERSHIPS: NRPA Memberships are due and renewal forms are attached. Members are asked to check information for any corrections.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8th, 2010. Chris and Mark may not be at this meeting.

OTHER: Ed wanted to know about the cameras at Davidson. Tom W. stated that the bases have been installed and cameras will be put up in the Spring. Christi wanted to know who owned the old Emily Griffith Center and if the City had looked into purchasing it. Aleks said that there was major work to be done to improve the facility and it is being rented out at the moment.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ed Weiss at 6:15 p.m.