

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Parks Division Conference Room  
November 12, 2009

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 5:30 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2009 with the following members present: Wes Storm, Liz Runquist, and Chuck Tinant. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe, Aquatics Division Manager Duncan Olney, Alderwoman Karen Gunderson Olson, Landscape designer Randy Lyons, Beautification Committee Liaison Steve Dosier, Urban Forestry Board Liaison Steve Hasenohrl and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

Motion was made by Tinant, seconded by Runquist and carried to approve the minutes of October 8, 2009, as presented.

The agenda was approved as presented.

### **Liaison Reports**

Hasenohrl reported that the Urban Forestry Board met this morning and the main topic of discussion was the annual Tree Care Workshop which will be held March 10, 2010. The Board is in the process of selecting a key note speaker for the workshop and selecting topics for discussion during the workshop. Also, Urban Forester Gary Garner has completed the tree inventory in Wilson Park and the inventory for Canyon Lake Park will be done soon. As a result of the tree surveys Garner has found there are a lot of trees throughout the community that are in bad shape and need to be replaced. He is beginning to look for ways to fund additional tree plantings. Director Cole noted that a representative from the 2009 Leadership Rapid City class contacted him about a tree planting program as their major project. If approved by LRC, this would be a good partnership to provide funding for tree plantings.

Steve Dosier reported that the Beautification Committee met and received a report of on-going projects throughout the community. John Brewer also made a presentation on the Downtown Main Street Square project being contemplated at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets.

John Spangler presented information to the Advisory Board relative to electrical radio controlled airplanes and the need for a runway in the community. The popularity of this activity is increasing and there are many individuals involved with radio controlled airplanes. Spangler noted that he has looked at several sites and the group that is working on this project would like the City to consider developing an airstrip on the old landfill site off Fairmont Boulevard. There is adequate room at this location and it is relatively free of trees and overhead wires. Spangler added that there are grants available which could be used to offset some of the costs involved. They would also like to use recycled asphalt tailings available from the city to put a hard surface on the proposed airstrip. A map of this area was submitted for the Board's information and a short DVD presentation on "park flyers" was made. Spangler noted that the individuals



Van Deusen also reported that the City Council approved the deer harvest program again for 2009/2010. He will request the necessary tags from the State GF&P Office and the harvest will begin later this month.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for December 10, 2009.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.