

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Mary Hall Park
August 2, 2007

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 2, 2007 with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Chuck Tinant, Tom Allen, and Sherri Zimmer. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Urban Forestry Board Liaison Steve Hasenohrl, Council Liaison Karen Gunderson Olson, Gary Johnson, Richard Tupper, and A.N. (Rudy) Rudel from the Lion's Club, Jim Kissel, Ray Summers Director of the Journey Museum and Reid Riner of the Minneluzahan Historical Association.

Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the Advisory Board minutes of June 7, 2007.

The Journey Museum was added to the agenda by Jerry Cole.

Proposal to Relocate the Pap Madison Cabin

Ray Summers, Director of the Journey Museum, explained that the oldest structure in Rapid City is the Pap Madison Cabin currently located in Halley Park. This cabin was built in 1876 and was originally located near the current City/School Administration Building. In 1926 the Ft. Nightly Club moved the cabin to its present location in Halley Park. Summers reported that the cabin is not in the best location. Because of traffic flow in that area access to the cabin is very limited. Currently the cabin is used as a storage area for hoses and sprinklers used at Halley Park. Summers proposed that the cabin be relocated to the Journey Museum.

Reid Riner from the Minneluzahan Historical Association reported that the Madison Cabin was a museum in 1926. If the cabin is moved to the Journey Museum site, they would like to make it an active part of the Journey Museum. There would be a living history in the cabin. They would like to have people inside the cabin in period clothing talking about pioneer days in Rapid City. The Madison Cabin has a lot of history that can't be told inside the Journey Museum because of lack of space. They would also like to remove the brown paint on the outside of the cabin and preserve the wooden cabin. Dakota Hills has offered to move the cabin for free. The chimney will have to be moved separately. It was not originally part of the cabin.

Van Lindquist asked where the cabin would be located in proximity to the Journey Museum. Summers explained that they would put it in the southwest corner of the Journey Museum property.

Summers also mentioned that the Madison Cabin is not listed on any Federal or State Historical Registry, although it probably could be.

Sheri Zimmer felt that the community at large could move past the change of the cabin moving easier if something of significance was put in its place in Halley Park. Lon Van Deusen noted that many people call him regarding a WWII Memorial structure that used to be located in Halley Park. Van Deusen was told that the pieces of this structure are stored in the old School Maintenance building on Maple Street which was originally the Street Maintenance Shop.

Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Tinant and carried to recommend that the request to relocate the Pap Madison Cabin from Halley Park to the Journey Museum property be approved. Lindquist explained that the Journey Museum representatives will need to make this same request to the City Council for final approval.

Lions Park Proposal

Gary Johnson, Richard Tupper, and Rudy Rudel from the Lions Club would like to propose a Lions Park, and they would like the Advisory Board to consider this concept. This would be a park like area, west of the Chop House. It is anticipated that it would be a nature park and would not be developed as a manicured park. The Lions Club would like trails accessible for wheel chairs, a few benches for seating, and possibly picnic tables. Parking is available nearby at the boat ramp and there are restrooms in Canyon Lake Park. The Lions Club would like this to be a joint project with the City and they would like the City to help with mowing and gravel.

Jerry Cole reported that this project is currently on the unfunded list and has not been included in the 5-year plan. He said right now the area is not in use. Most of the work will be hand work. The biggest cost will be in planning, hiring an architect, and drawing plans. No structure is allowed in this area because of flood zone issues; this park will be a natural area.

Van Lindquist said that this needs to be a partnership in order for this to happen.

Motion was made by Tinant, seconded by Zimmer and carried to approve the concept of forming a partnership with the Lions Club to develop a nature park. The City Parks Division staff and the Lion's Club will work together and develop a master plan. Also, City staff and Lions Club members will need to determine the exact property ownership for the nature park.

Liaison Reports

Steve Hasenohrl reported that the Urban Forestry Board discussed the possibility of having a Fall Conference or Seminar on "Tree Liability for the Home Owner", however, it won't happen this fall. A Tree Workshop will be held in the spring, and they will incorporate this idea into this workshop.

Change of Advisory Board Meeting Day

The Advisory Board discussed changing the day of the regular meeting to make it easier for board members to attend. It was suggested that the meetings be held on the second Thursday of each month and begin at 4:30 in the afternoon. It was the consensus of those present that the next Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13th at 4:30 pm. If the day and time work, formal action will be taken at a future meeting.

CIP Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan

Jerry Cole presented the CIP Parks and Recreation 5-year plan. He would like to propose using the remaining funds from the Skateboard Park East & West projects, (both of these are completed) and \$140,000.00 out of the Braeburn Dog Park project (leaving \$10,000.00 in the Braeburn Dog Park project for completion of a fence) for the Parkview South Master Plan and construction project. Under this proposal, \$163,674.00 would be added to the \$10,000.00 that is already in the Parkview South Fund for planning & construction for playground and parking at Parkview South.

Karen Gunderson-Olson asked for clarification of the site. Jerry Cole answered that Parkview South is located on the south side of the pool and softball fields. Both sites are currently not being used and are mostly drainage areas.

Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the following reallocation of CIP Parks and Recreation funds:

-\$ 13,174	Skateboard Park East
-\$ 10,500	Skateboard Park West
-\$140,000	Braeburn Dog Park Project
\$163,674	Parkview South Master Plan and construction

Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole presented a plaque to Tom Allen and thanked him for his dedicated service to the parks and recreation department. Allen will be resigning from the Advisory Board after this meeting. Van Lindquist added that Tom Allen is a very valued member of the committee and he will be missed.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Tom Allen took those still present on a tour of the Mary Hall Park.