

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Rapid City Swim Center Conference Room
December 1, 2005

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 4:30 PM on Thursday, December 1, 2005, with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Vice Chairman Tom Allen, Hugh Welsh, Wes Storm, and Sherri Zimmer. Also present were City Council Liaison Karen Gundersen Olson, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe, Bike Run Walk Committee Liaison Frank Matejcik, Beautification Committee Liaison Steve Doshier and Administrative Assistant Jeri Lynn.

Motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Allen and carried to **approve the Advisory Board minutes** of November 3, 2005.

Motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Allen and carried to **approve the agenda** with the addition of the following items:

- Election of Officers
- Re-appointment of Advisory Board Members

Liaison Reports

Matejcik reported that the **Bike Walk Run Committee** discussed street crossings in Sioux Park along Sheridan Lake Road and the suggestion to designate a difference between sidewalks and bike paths. No changes were made.

Tom Allen reported that the service building in **Mary Hall Park** has been completed and the Kiwanis groups will begin to raise funds to install the necessary water lines so that people can begin using the restroom facilities. He added that the Club has ordered 75 trees from the Conservation Service and they will be planted this spring with the help of students from West Middle School.

Steve Doshier reported that the **Beautification Committee** is working to get a "Welcome to Rapid City" sign installed along Highway 79. Also, Mt. View Road will be reconstructed next year from Omaha to Jackson Boulevard. Some trees will be removed and the power line will be moved back. Doshier also reported that the County has implemented a moratorium on new billboards in the County and the Beautification Committee has a representative on the Committee that is looking into this issue. Olson added that she is also serving on this Committee and it has been very frustrating. People want to make a change, but it is difficult because state laws don't permit any kind of elimination of outdoor advertising. There are also issues with the electronic signs that are being installed and the degree of brightness that should be allowed. Lindquist added that another problem is we don't have the political resolve to accomplish elimination of outdoor advertising when the opportunity does present itself.

2005 Budget Carry Forward

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Welsh and carried to approve the 2005 Carry Forward Allocation in the amount of \$551,978, as listed below:

Contingency Fund	\$ 7,410
College Park	\$ 34,041
SFPF - Timberline Concession Building	\$ 9,320
SFPF - BH Pony League-Hammerquist Field Imp.	\$ 16,206
Omaha Street Beautification	\$ 80,000
Bike Path Imp. At Fairgrounds (ISTEA Grant)	\$ 30,000
St. Joe Street Landscaping Enhancement Grant	\$ 25,000
Playground Improvements	\$265,959
Parkland Acquisition	\$ 59,568
Sports Facility Partnership Fund	<u>\$ 24,474</u>
Total	\$551,978

Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan

Staff submitted a worksheet listing the 2005 projects and funding that should be carried forward to 2006. There was discussion on additional projects that can be done in 2006 because funding for the Playground Equipment was approved from the 2012 Program. Staff noted that \$100,000 was retained in that project line item to provide contingency funding if the 2012 funding is not adequate to complete playground equipment replacement throughout the community. As a result there is approximately \$174,600 that can be allocated for 2006 projects. Lindquist added that the bike path projects may be eligible for funding from SAF-T funds that were allocated from the State DOT. Also, there are several sidewalk and bike path projects in the Omaha Street Beautification Project that could be included in the SAF-T grants. Based on costs for sidewalks and bike path projects, we could be talking about \$500,000 just within the Omaha Street Beautification area. There was discussion on various projects that could be funded in 2006. Lindquist noted that Parks and Recreation Director Cole has indicated that there has been some pressure to do something in the Braeburn Park area. Lindquist stated that another project that should be considered is reconstruction of the 6th Street Bridge. The Omaha Street Master Plan identified a fairly realistic number for this project: bridge renovation - \$50,000; and lighting \$48,000. There was also discussion that these numbers might be less if the Parks Division staff is able to do some of the work. Lindquist added that another project that could be considered is the shortfall in funding for the Canyon Lake Drive Irrigation Project. This project needs an additional \$24,000 for completion of the project from Sheridan Lake Road, east. Doshier noted that funding for the entire Omaha Street Beautification project is approximately \$200,000 short. If we agree to do the bridge renovation and lighting, the project will only be \$100,000 short.

Allen suggested that some funding be identified for completion of Mary Hall Park for an access road to South Street. He added that they may be able to get assistance for this

project from the National Guard because they need local projects for their training programs.

Doshier suggested doing both the east and west skateboard parks at the same time. This may provide cost savings in obtaining more equipment at one time, and it would take any question of “favoritism” out of the discussion. Lowe noted that a proposed location for a skate park in the eastern part of the community is the basketball courts near South Middle School. Van Deusen suggested that the multi-purpose courts in Thompson Park would be another possible location for a satellite skate park.

Lindquist suggested that we identify funding for irrigation in Memorial Park, north of the lake, and irrigation along Canyon Lake Drive because these projects need to be done. This would leave approximately \$50,000 in the contingency fund. Doshier stated that renovation of city-wide restrooms is an important project that should be considered. Should we try to do them all at once or one at a time? Van Deusen stated that we would probably get a better price if we did several at one time. He added that each facility will need to be evaluated to see if it should be demolished and reconstructed, or renovated.

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Welsh and carried to add the following projects to the list for funding in FY2006:

Memorial Park Irrigation (north of creek)	\$100,000
Skateboard Park – east	\$ 50,000
Canyon Lake Drive Irrigation	\$ 24,000

Motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Storm and carried to approve the Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan for FY2006 – FY2010 with the stipulation that the dollar amounts for the projects in years 2007-2010 be removed until firm numbers are available, and that annual funding for parkland acquisition and the Sports Facility Partnership Fund be added in each year.

Director’s Report

Lowe reported that the Parks and Recreation Department is planning a Christmas Party on January 14th and the Board is welcome to participate. We plan to hire a bus to Deadwood at a cost of \$21 per person (costs to be paid by employees, not the city). Please notify the office by January 9th if you plan to attend.

New Business

Lindquist noted that the terms for board members Tom Allen and Sherri Zimmer expire in January, 2006. Both Zimmer and Allen indicated they would like to serve another term. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the Mayor asking that Allen and Zimmer be appointed for a three-year term from 2006 – 2009.

Lindquist also noted that the Board should elect officers for the coming year. Motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Zimmer and carried that Van Lindquist serve as Board Chairman for 2006.

Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Welsh and carried to nominate Wes Storm as Vice Chairman. No other nominations were made and Storm accepted the nomination to serve as Vice Chairman in 2006.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM