

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Rapid City Swim Center Multi-Purpose Room
February 14, 2008

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 14, 2008 with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Wes Storm, Sheri Zimmer and Chuck Tinant. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, City Council Liaison Karen Gunderson Olson, Beautification Committee Liaison Steve Doshier, Bike Walk Run Committee Liaison Frank Matejck and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

Motion was made by Storm seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the Advisory Board minutes of January 10, 2008.

The agenda was approved with the addition of the Greenway Funding Report.

Liaison Reports

Matejck reported that the Bike/Walk/Run Committee did not meet.

Steve Doshier reported that the Beautification Committee met on January 16, 2008. They discussed the purchase of a paint sprayer and a power washer to assist the Police Department with graffiti removal. They also discussed tree planting throughout the city with funding from a grant program.

City Council Member Karen Olson reported that the Urban Wildlife Committee has started working on the issue of ducks and geese in Canyon Lake Park and near Storybook Island. They are looking to draft an ordinance which would essentially make feeding water birds illegal in the City limits. The Committee has received a lot of input from Game, Fish & Parks especially from Art Smith who is very smart about how things work politically and what type of support there might be for this type of issue. Olson expressed concern about bringing an ordinance forward before any public education program is initiated because it is highly possible that mis-information could be disseminated throughout the community. Olson suggested that this issue be submitted to the Mayor and Council members individually rather than presented at a public meeting. The Urban Wildlife Committee is putting together a public education program to begin educating the public on the harmful things feeding the water birds does. Olson stated that she intends to share this information with individual council members at this time.

Greenway Funding Report

Lindquist explained that the Advisory Board had a work session earlier today to review all the projects that were submitted for possible funding from the Federal Greenway Funds. As a result of that work session the following priorities were established:

1. Founders Park Expansion to include: trailhead/restroom/parking; extend bike path to the north; bridge across Rapid Creek to M-Hill; Edna Hanson Trail-Cowboy Hill Trails; and provide handicap trail in Lien Family Park.
2. Bike Path Access to SDSM&T and NAU
3. Bike Path Connection to Rapid Valley
4. Extend Bike Path to Dark Canyon (Cliff Side Park)

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the above listed priorities for the Federal Greenway Funds.

Home Clubs at Meadowbrook Golf Course

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Zimmer and carried to approve the following Home Clubs for Meadowbrook Golf Course:

1. Stone Golf Group
2. Kitchen Pass League
3. Haberstroh Group
4. Chicago Bunch, Don Graham
5. Hot-Doggers, Gregg Nielsen
6. Storm Group, Wes Storm
7. RC Merchant Golf League

2007 Parks and Recreation CIP Funds

Director Cole went through the 2007 projects noting which were complete, which projects were complete but had not been paid out, and which projects were still in progress. Cole requested approval from the Advisory Board to carry forward \$1,365,906.06 for the listed projects. Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the 2007 Reallocation and Carry Forward Spreadsheet as presented by staff.

CIP Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan

Staff submitted the Parks and Recreation CIP Five Year Plan for consideration. Cole explained that \$62,500 in funding must be identified each year for the landscape architect position which was approved by the City Council beginning in 2008. Cole also suggested that the following projects be added to the Five Year Plan in 2008:

Golf Clubhouse Decking - \$10,000
Golf Clubhouse Carpet Replacement - \$10,000

The carpet in the Clubhouse is in need of immediate repair and some of the decking must be replaced because of safety issues.

Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Tinant and carried to add the carpet and decking projects at the Meadowbrook Clubhouse to the Five Year Plan in FY2008.

In FY2009 Cole stated that there could be issues with the sand volleyball courts and lighting because this area is in the floodway. Recreation Division Manager Lowe added that if we can't get additional lights, we won't need additional courts. It was decided to go through the 11-6-19 review process to see if the request for light poles will be approved before any funding is taken from this project. After discussion it was decided to reduce funding for the Executive Clubhouse project to \$43,733 and fund the Meadowbrook greens tarp for \$25,000 and the landscape architect position for \$62,500. Motion was made by Tinant, seconded by Storm and carried to approve the change in funding for 2009.

In FY2010 Cole suggested funding the landscape architect position by reducing the bike path project by \$62,500. This will allow staff time to review the bike path through Robbinsdale Park and identify a connection from Oakland Street to Fairmont Boulevard. Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Zimmer and carried to approve the suggested changes for FY2010.

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Zimmer and carried to fund the landscape architect position in FY2011 by reducing the Dinosaur Park Improvements project by \$62,500.

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Zimmer and carried to fund the landscape architect position in FY2012 by reducing the Playground/Restroom Improvements project by \$62,500.

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Zimmer and carried to fund the landscape architect position in FY2013 from the Uncommitted Funds line item.

Director's Report

Cole reported that a contract has been negotiated with Eastin Outdoors, Inc. for development of the Skyline Wilderness Area Trail master plan. This contract will be submitted to the Legal & Finance Committee for final approval. Cole reported that staff from Eastin Outdoors will be in town about the third week in May to begin the process. A Request for Qualifications for design of Vickie Powers Park will be submitted to the Legal & Finance Committee for consideration on February 27, 2008. An RFP for a creative playground in Vickie Powers Park will also be on the February 27th agenda.

Cole distributed a brochure on the Livable Community Summit scheduled in Rapid City on May 22, 2008 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The Summit will be held at the Swim Center and will include speakers and a Community Bike/Walk for Life Rally.

Cole also reported that the Building Committee for the Rapid City School District has approved the concept of locating 12 tennis courts on school property near Parkview Pool. Approved funding for this project will need to be increased because this facility will not be able to use the restrooms, concessions and parking at Parkview Pool. When NRPA opens

up their grant application process, we will be applying for grants to assist with these additional costs.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM