

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Rapid City Swim Center Multi-Purpose Room
January 10, 2008

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 4:30 pm on Thursday, January 10, 2008 with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Vice Chairman Jim Smoragiewicz, Wes Storm and Chuck Tinant. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Aquatics Division Manager Duncan Olney, City Council Liaison Karen Gunderson Olson, Beautification Committee Liaison Steve Doshier, Bike Walk Run Committee Liaison Frank Matejick and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

Motion was made by Smoragiewicz seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the Advisory Board minutes of December 13, 2007.

The agenda was approved with the addition of a report on the Dirt Jump Park by the BH Mountain Bike Association.

Dirt Jump Park

Tim Rangitsch explained that work on the dirt jump park was halted previously because of the need for professional engineering work. He reported that professional engineering drawings are now available and they would like to proceed with the project. Also, the necessary flood plain permit has been approved by the City. Rangitsch requested that the Board authorize the Mountain Bike Association to move forward and restart the 11-6-19 review process for the dirt jump park located near the bike path at Mt. View Road. He also asked if there is funding available from the City to assist with construction costs for this project. Information was submitted estimating that the cost to complete the project would be between \$22,300 and \$26,800. Rangitsch also reported that they have a limited amount of equipment with operators available which could lower the costs by \$3,000-\$4,000, and plenty of volunteer labor. The dirt jump park will be an asset to Rapid City and its residents. It will not only provide recreation for local citizens of all ages and abilities, but it will also be used as a classroom for mountain bike classes offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Rangitsch also predicted that it will be a huge hit at the annual Black Hills Fat Tire Festival. Completion of the dirt jump park is an integral part of Rapid City becoming an IMBA designated "Ride Center". It was noted that in a little more than two years time, \$11,400 has been expended by the Mountain Bike Association in labor, cash and donated services to get to the construction phase for this project. The BH Mountain Bike Association requested a 75% matching cash contribution from the City to pay construction costs for the dirt jump park. Director Cole added that there will be a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Mountain Bike Association outlining the responsibilities of each organization as they relate to the dirt jump park. The Mountain Bike Association will be required to take care of the area to make sure it will be clean and safe and the Parks Department will provide oversight for the area.

Storm entered the meeting at this time.

It was noted that there will be a limited amount of signage at the park. Signs will be constructed at entry points outlining the rules for the facility. Area for signage is limited because of floodplain issues. Motion was made by Tinant, seconded by Smoragiewicz and carried that the BH Mountain Bike Association be authorized to proceed with the 11-6-19 Review process for the dirt jump park located near the bike path at Mt. View Road.

Regarding funding, Rangitsch noted that the association has spent approximately \$11,500 on this project to date. They would like consideration from the City for construction costs. Completion of the project, as designed, will cost approximately \$24,500 and take approximately 7 days once construction begins. The biggest component of the project will be dirt moving. Cole suggested that this project be added to the list of projects being considered for funding by the Advisory Board in the next five years. Cole added that this will not be a leased facility similar to the BMX track. It will be owned by the City and the BH Mountain Bike Association has agreed to take care of it. Cole suggested that the BH Mountain Bike Association go through the 11-6-19 review process and then go before the City Council. At that point in time we will have a Memorandum of Understanding to take to the City Council and they will have already seen the project at the 11-6-19 review process. No further action was taken.

Karen Olson entered the meeting at this time.

Liaison Reports

Steve Doshier reported that the Beautification Committee submitted a letter of support for the Garden Club's project on Omaha Street. They also received a \$20,000 grant from the Stearns Foundation for use in the City. The Beautification Committee also sent a letter to the Civic Center asking that their electronic sign be lowered.

There was no report from the Bike Walk Run Committee

Special Meeting

Director Cole reported that the deadline for submitting comments on proposed uses for Rapid City Federal Greenway Funding will be January 18, 2008. Staff will compile all the comments received and submit them to the Advisory Board. Cole asked the Board to set a work session and a special meeting to handle these issues. It was the consensus of the Advisory Board that a work session will be held at 4:30 PM on Thursday, January 24, 2008. A special meeting of the Board will be held on the same day at 7:00 PM to handle any actions that the Board deems necessary.

Five Year Plan

The Board reviewed the five year plan including the projects carried forward from previous years and projects on the plan for 2008. Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe presented the following projects for consideration:

Ice Arena

- Netting around ice rink on spectator side \$ 2,500
- Change Mercury Vapor lights to florescent \$ 25,000

Recreation

Lighting on Whitehead Field (east) \$ 70,000

Golf

- Golf Pro Shop carpet \$ 10,000
- Golf Pro Shop – deck area \$ 10,000
- Greens tarps at Meadowbrook \$ 25,000
- Decrease Exec. Pro Shop (2009) to \$106,233 * \$131,324
- Meadowbrook Sand Bunkers increase to \$250,000

* only if greens tarps funding can come from the original amount

Aquatics Division Manager Duncan Olney submitted the following projects for consideration:

- Play structure for Parkview Pool sand box \$125,000
- Alarm System for Parkview Pool/Park \$ 28,000
- Alarm System for Sioux Park Pool/Tennis/Park \$ 45,000
- New Play Feature/Slide at Parkview Pool \$145,000
- New Play Feature/Slide at Sioux Park Pool \$175,000

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Smoragiewicz and carried to add these projects to the “Additional Projects Not Funded” list for future consideration.

Lindquist asked about the Wilson Park historic lighting project noting that if this is a viable project, perhaps the City could apply for Deadwood grant funds. It was the consensus of the Board that it should remain on the list for consideration.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM