

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Rapid City Swim Center Conference Room
January 4, 2007

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 4, 2007 with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Tom Allen and Sherri Zimmer. Also present were City Council Liaison Karen Gundersen Olson, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Aquatics Division Manager Duncan Olney, Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe, Bike Run Walk Committee Liaison Frank Matejck, Urban Forestry Liaison Steve Hasenohrl, Beautification Committee Liaison Steve Doshier, and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Storm and carried to **approve the Advisory Board minutes** of December 7, 2006, as presented.

The agenda was approved, as presented.

Liaison Reports

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

Doshier reported that the Beautification Committee met on December 20th. A report was given by GJ Holsworth Company about noxious weeds throughout the community. Doshier suggested that this item be added to the RFP when a consultant is hired to review all of the city's landscaping ordinances.

Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen introduced Steve Hasenohrl who is a new liaison with the Urban Forestry Board. Hasenohrl noted that he is the current president of the Urban Forestry Board which has been in operation for approximately 30 years. The 9 member Board was initially formed all those years ago to deal with Dutch Elm Disease throughout the community.

Black Hills Figure Skating Club

Glen Brenner and Dayna Dick from the Black Hills Figure Skating Club presented information to the Advisory Board on the need for an extended ice season at the Roosevelt Ice Arena. They noted that although the Black Hills Figure Skating Club has taken the lead on this issue, there are many other organizations and individuals who are interested and would use the ice rink if it were open throughout the year. Currently, the rink opens in mid-August and closes at the end of April. Dick distributed a report to the Board members and went through the information it contained. Recreation Division Manager Doug Lowe prepared estimated budget numbers for keeping the rink open throughout the year, noting that it would close for approximately 2 weeks for maintenance. Lowe stated that his estimates are very conservative and show the need for a subsidy in the approximate amount of \$10,650 for the extended ice time. Dick

noted that his information was also presented to Mayor Shaw and he was very supportive of the idea. The Black Hills Gold Rush competition is scheduled for Feb. 24th and Dick encouraged the Board to check out the level of competition. Lowe noted that the numbers presented in the report only reflect the additional costs of keeping the facility open. Brenner and Dick added that if a hockey team comes to Rapid City as a result of the Civic Center expansion, they will also want additional ice time to conduct camps, etc. Glenn Brenner, President of the Black Hills Figure Skating Club, made a personal commitment to cover any costs incurred for an extended ice arena season that were not covered by revenues generated. Motion was made by Zimmer and seconded by Allen to endorse the proposal submitted by the Black Hills Figure Skating Club for an extended ice season at the Roosevelt Park Ice Arena, with the condition that an evaluation be done before an additional year is embarked upon. Upon vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Park Concept Plans

Pat Wyss from Wyss Associates, Inc. presented final concept plans and cost estimates for Scott Mallow, College and Vickie Powers Park. He added that on January 24th representatives from several playground equipment companies will be making presentations to city representatives on the type of equipment available and all information related to that equipment. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Zimmer and carried to accept the concept plans presented by Wyss Associates, Inc. for Scott Mallow, College and Vickie Powers parks, subject to putting the dollars together to finance the plans.

Five Year Plan

Lindquist noted that the Board had a work session prior to the start of the Advisory Board meeting to discuss a list of possible projects and attempt to prioritize them. Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Zimmer to approve the projects identified in the 2007 CIP Parks and Recreation Line Item, and that projects for future years be identified at future work sessions. Upon vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

VanDeusen reported that he and JJ Walraven from the Golf Course met with Baffuto Architecturra relative to design of maintenance facilities for the Golf Course and Parks Division. Preliminary numbers were submitted, however, they will be meeting again next week before the project is finalized.

Lowe reported that the Parks and Recreation Department and the Black Hills Biking Association are sponsoring a Fat Tire Festival May 25-28, 2007 over Memorial Day Weekend. From preliminary contacts, we anticipate this will be a big event for the community.

Olney reported that the Horace Mann Pool Task Force has been meeting and is working on several issues. They will be coming to the Advisory Board in the future to present information and possibly request funding for a master plan of this area.

Olney added that he is in the process of getting bids for installation of a security system at the Swim Center facility. Also, the aquatics staff is implementing a personal fitness program for interested individuals and the new equipment is located on second floor of the Swim Center.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM