

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Rapid City Swim Center Conference Room
June 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 7, 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, Beautification Committee Liaison Steve Doshier, Urban Forestry Liaison Steve Hasenohrl, and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

Motion was made by Storm seconded by Zimmer and carried to **approve the Advisory Board minutes** of May 3, 2007, as presented.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session to be held at the end of the regular agenda items.

Liaison Reports

Steve Hasenohrl asked that Lon Van Deusen comment on the last Urban Forestry Board because he was not able to attend. Van Deusen reported that discussions revolved around having panel discussions on tree liability issues. Reb Solano will contact the National Arbor Day Foundation and find out what programs are available and how successful they have been.

Steve Doshier reported that the Beautification Committee met on May 16th and heard a report from the Police Department on graffiti eradication. There is a group of individuals who are willing to provide this service throughout the community, but they would like to have the proper equipment to get the job done. In order to provide a "quick strike" to graffiti they need the proper equipment and a source of paint. Sherman Williams has agreed to donate paint for this use and the Beautification Committee agreed to provide seed money which will be used to purchase a trailer, power washer and sprayer. Also, a contractor has been hired to replace the "welcome sign" along Highway 79 at an approximate cost of \$16,000.

Zimmer entered the meeting at this time.

Sport Facility Partnership Grant Funding

Cole reported that there is a balance of \$29,838.25 remaining in the Sports Facilities Partnership Fund and staff recommends that we have a second round of applications for 2007 funds. Motion was made by Allen, seconded by Zimmer and carried to authorize staff to proceed with a second round of SFPF grant applications for 2007. Zimmer stated that if we don't use this money and it is rolled over to next year, the Board should consider funding larger projects for this same target group of organizations even though the bid process may be necessary.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application

Lindquist explained that every two years the State makes Land and Water Conservation funds available to local government agencies for projects dealing with outdoor recreation and activities. In 2007 there is \$240,000 available through this program which requires a 50% match. The submittal deadline for LWCF applications is July 15th. To qualify for this grant program projects must be outdoor recreational projects like hiking trails, sand volleyball courts, ponds, playgrounds, etc. Due to the short time frame for submittal, we would need to select a project that has already been planned so that we have the required information on costs, etc. It was the consensus of the Board that a play element in Vickie Powers Park would be a good project for these funds. Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Tinant and carried to authorize Jerry Cole to submit a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for a play element in Vickie Powers Park, with the \$50,000 in matching funds to come from TIF proceeds.

Braeburn Off-Leash Area

Cole explained that he received a request from Joyce Payton asking that the City consider their request to rename Braeburn Addition the Teri Powell Dog Park “grandfathered” because it was submitted prior to the City Council adopting the Naming Policy. Tinant stated that he has not changed his opinion that Teri Powell is not a “famous” person in the community and making this change could create confusion about the location of the dog park. Allen stated that he was at the meeting when the presentation was made and the people who support this feel strongly that this would be a great tribute for Teri Powell. Cole noted that the Board did take action on this item at the May 3rd meeting. It can be submitted to the City Council for their review. Motion was made by Tinant, seconded by Allen and carried to re-affirm the position adopted at the May 3, 2007 Advisory Board meeting, with the stipulation that the interested party can appeal this to the City Council if they choose.

Director’s Report

Cole reported that the restaurant at Meadowbrook Golf Course will be under new management beginning Saturday, June 9, 2007. Initially it was staff’s intention to operate the restaurant ourselves. However, we found out that negotiations were already underway to sell the restaurant and the new concessionaire, Barbescul, Inc., is ready to step in and take over management.

Cole presented a map showing the master plan of trails that have been identified in the Chuck Lien Family Park and the Hansen Larson Memorial Park (M Hill) area. This master plan was paid for by the Hansen Larson Foundation. Cole stated that he would like to have a similar master plan done for the Skyline Wilderness Area and he will be submitting a request for funding later this year. Staff has also submitted an RTP grant and if approved, these funds would be used for trail development and construction in the M Hill area.

Motion was made by Tinant, seconded by Zimmer and carried to allocate \$10,000 from remaining skate park funds to begin the master plan process for the Skyline Wilderness Area.

Cole reported that the bid process has started for the playground replacement projects in College and Scott Mallow Parks. Also, the City Council awarded the bid for the Memorial Park South Project to RCS Construction on June 4th.

Cole added that he will begin to write an RPF for development of Vickie Powers Park, however, he is still hopeful that the City will approve his request to hire a landscape architect this year to work on a variety of city projects. It is important to get this project going because of the time frame involved with spending the TIF funds by 2008. He will also begin working on an RFP for a master plan for the Parkview South area.

Tom Allen informed the Board that due to health and family issues he will have to tender his resignation from the Advisory Board and the Urban Wildlife Committee. He agreed to remain on the Board through August so that a replacement can be found.

Lindquist noted that Board member Wes Storm was recently elected to the School Board and their regular meetings are on Thursday nights which conflicts with the Advisory Board's monthly meeting. Lindquist requested that an item be put on the next agenda to talk about changing the day of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings.

Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Tinant and carried to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:15. No additional action was taken.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2007. At this meeting the Board will tour several park/recreation facilities in the community. Lindquist noted that he will not be able to attend this meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15.