

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Rapid City Swim Center Conference Room  
October 5, 2006

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2006, with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Vice Chairman Wes Storm, Sherri Zimmer and Hugh Welsh. Also present were City Council Liaison Karen Gundersen Olson, Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Bike Run Walk Committee Liaison Frank Matejcik, and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

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

The Agenda was approved with no changes.

### **Liaison Reports**

Frank Matejcik reported that there was a major discussion at the Bike Walk Run Committee meeting on the types of signs that would be appropriate for the bike path and what should be on the signs. No action was taken by the Committee.

### **Salvation Army Park Proposal**

Major Robert McClintock and Bob Riggio gave a presentation on the Salvation Army's proposal to develop property at 700 E. St. Patrick Street. This parcel contains 9.1 acres of land and the Salvation Army intends to construct a 20,000 square foot thrift store, a new 20,000 square foot Family Enrichment Center, and a 600 square foot warehouse to store an emergency service vehicle. McClintock explained that the Salvation Army would like to know if the city is interested in developing a neighborhood park on the lower 3 acres of the property which has an easement to Meade Street that could serve as access for pedestrians and bicycles. A handout was distributed that outlines the proposal, suggested criteria for a new park, Salvation Army consideration, a map of the area and a GIS photo of the property. Lindquist questioned the ownership issue. McClintock explained that the SA would prefer to have a 99 year lease with the City rather than transferring ownership. This would give them some control over who their neighbors are. Lindquist explained that any property acquired by the City and designated parkland cannot be sold without approval of the voters of Rapid City. McClintock noted that the Salvation Army would be open to entertaining an offer where the city would own the property. Riggio stated that he would hope the Advisory Board would recommend to the City Council that the City agree to develop this property as a neighborhood park. This is a low income area and he feels it would be a highly used park for this part of the community. Also, the 3 acres being offered would all serve as green space; parking and access would be available on the property being developed for the thrift store and family center. Parks and Recreation Director Cole asked about bullet points 4 and 5 on the handout. McClintock explained that he would like to see

some compensation for the site work and grading that the entire property will need in order for this development to be done. This compensation would be limited to site development costs incurred to adjust elevations and utilities to the site. This work would be beneficial to both the Salvation Army and the City if a park were developed. Also, the previous property owner made an agreement with the City relative to future expansion of the sewer system on E. St. Patrick Street. This stipulation assumes that Rapid City will fund the expansion of sewer lines and release the Salvation Army of any financial obligation for the necessary expansion for future developments. Riggio added that a community appreciation picnic is planned for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the site to give the public an opportunity to see the development plans for this complex. Hotdogs and soft drinks will be available and he invited the Board members to attend. Lindquist explained that the Advisory Board is currently developing a comprehensive plan which will show which areas of the community need parkland, and what types of parks should be developed. Riggio indicated that the Salvation Army is looking for a "yes" or "no" and a time frame. Cole noted that the Board will review this proposal, including the conditions that have been presented, and see how it fits in the comprehensive plan. He will be in touch with Major McClintock during this process. No action was taken.

### **CIP Fund Reallocation**

Cole explained that Designworks, Inc. was at the September 7<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting to request additional funding in the amount of \$260,000 for the Omaha Street Corridor Enhancement, South Memorial Park Project. The project is ready to go to bid; however, Fisher would like to have all the funding identified so that if design changes are needed to reduce the cost, they can be done before the bid process. The Advisory Board reviewed the Five Year plan and identified \$100,000 in funding that could be re-allocated to this project. That information was presented to the CIP Committee on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The CIP Committee agreed to allocate \$160,000 from their contingency fund for this project, as well as the following adjustments to the CIP Parks and Recreation projects:

Defer funding for Memorial Park Irrigation to future year	\$ 80,000
Ice Rink Matting Project remaining funding	\$ 8,737
Reduction to Skate Park East Project	<u>\$ 11,263</u>
	\$100,000

Cole explained that \$80,000 will not be adequate funding for the Memorial Park irrigation project, and it should not be done until the Civic Center addition is complete. He added that the CIP Committee also approved Drainage Fees in the amount of \$75,000 for this project. At the City Council meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Council approved the allocation of \$100,000 from the CIP Contingency Fund, the re-allocation of \$100,000 in CIP Parks and Recreation projects, and \$75,000 from drainage fees for this project.

## **Sport Facility Partnership Fund Grant Applications**

Cole reported that the following grant applications were received:

- Rapid City Softball Association – PA System Installation - \$2,382.40
- Rapid City Softball Association – Bleacher Handrails - \$6,100.00
- Rapid City Softball Association – Time Clock Controllers - \$24,999.00
- Soccer Rapid City – Restroom/Concession Facility - \$24,999.99

The proposal from Soccer Rapid City was missing key elements and that group has decided to re-submit their proposal in 2007. Staff has reviewed the remaining three projects and recommends that they be approved. Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Welsh and carried to recommend that SFPF funding be approved for the three grant applications submitted by the Rapid City Softball Association for handrails, a PA system and time clock controllers. It was noted that there will be \$8,830.43 remaining in the 2006 SFPF that should be carried forward to 2007.

## **Director's Report**

Cole reported that Parks Division Manager Van Deusen is putting together an 11-6-19 Review application to install signs at Robbinsdale Park. There will be one sign needed at the Fairmont Street entrance and one at the entrance on Oak Street.

Cole also reported that the City has received authorization from the SD Department of Transportation to install a fence along Highway 44 at Braeburn Park. There is \$140,000 in funding available in the CIP Parks & Rec Fund for Braeburn Park in 2007. Cole added that there is a group of private citizens who are interested in raising funds for other projects at Braeburn Park.

Baffuto Architecturra has been selected as the architect for the Parks and Golf Maintenance Buildings project and staff is in negotiations on a contract for this project. The contract should be ready for discussion at the Legal & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Regarding the land acquisition proposal from Springbrook Acres, the City Council did reject the proposal that was submitted. Since that time, the Springbrook Homeowners Association has talked with the Skyline Wilderness Group about conservation easements on their property as well as the Skyline Wilderness area. The Springbrook group may be interested in donating the land to the Skyline Wilderness Group if that will take it off the tax rolls.

The auction date for the Cowboy Hill property is October 18, 2006. Cole reported that the Task Force has a meeting on this issue on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a group of people in the community who are gathering funds from different sources in an attempt to purchase all or some of the Cowboy Hill property. The plan is to discuss this at the

meeting tomorrow and take it to the City Council in executive session to see if the Council is in favor of pursuing the purchase of this property or not.

Cole submitted three different design concepts which have been prepared for Vickie Powers Park. Zimmer suggested that a restroom facility be included in the park and that Lowe's be approached for sponsorship. Lindquist added that if walking is a big thing in this area, the walking loop should be continued around the ball field area. Cole noted that this project will continue through the public hearing process.

Cole noted that in April the Advisory Board passed a motion requesting that staff develop a policy stating that when TIF projects are requested, line items be included in the plan for park land development as well as master planning for these park areas. This issue was presented to the TIF Committee. Rather than amending the TIF procedures, the Growth Management Office will notify the Parks & Recreation Department when a TIF application is submitted. At that time Parks and Recreation can request that specific items be included in the TIF plan, based on the needs of that specific area.

Zimmer asked about the status of the bike path proposed for behind the Fairgrounds Office. Cole stated that he would check into the status of this grant and report at the next Advisory Board meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board that a Comprehensive Plan work session will be held for those who can attend at 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, prior to the regular Advisory Board Meeting. During this session Cole would like to review the specific districts and try to decide where parkland is needed, and what types of parks are needed in each district.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.