

VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 2009
REGULAR MEETING
Noon * Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Scott Becker.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Board Members Gil Frontella, Michael Langhorne, Trent Pierson, Helen Rogers, John Savage, and Chair Scott Becker.

Mr. Langhorne moved to excuse Matt Sturgeon and Jim Voorheis from today's meeting; seconded by Ms. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Erin Sims, Deputy City Clerk; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Kathleen Morse, Grant Coordinator; John Scalzo.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2009 AND MARCH 17, 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Savage requested that the March 17 minutes be amended to reflect that the open house did not occur on April 21. Mr. Langhorne moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned amendment; seconded by Ms. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sturgeon arrived at 12:09 p.m.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL REQUEST

John Scalzo noted his request for funding for a Veteran's Memorial. The memorial is made out of Georgia blue marble stone, and the names of veterans living in Garfield County would be engraved on the stones. He has currently raised \$20,000 for the project. After a discussion on the 2009 Revenues (noted below), Mr. Savage moved to fund \$5000 for the Memorial; seconded by Mr. Langhorne. The motion passed unanimously.

2009 REVENUES

Mr. Kelty reviewed the financials, including the revenues received year-to-date. After reviewing the presented figures, Mr. Savage calculated that approximately \$40,000 is uncommitted by the Board for expenditures for 2009.

BOARD MEMBER PRIORITIES

Ms. Rogers suggested that the Board members review the list of priorities, take an area of interest, and bring their ideas to the next meeting. Mr. Pierson expressed his interest in the website. Mr. Langhorne has been working with other groups on the branding of Rifle. He requested that this item be put on next month's agenda.

GARFIELD COUNTY AIRPORT AIR FAIR

Mr. Savage reviewed the Board's interest in providing funding to the Air Fair. It was suggested that the Board could fund the kid's games. Mr. Savage moved to contribute \$3000 to the Air Fair; seconded by Ms. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

BOAT RAMP RELOCATION

Ms. Rogers provided maps of the lake, with suggested changes for relocation of the ramp. Parking, restrooms, and picnic areas will need to be considered. Ms. Rogers moved to send a letter of interest to governmental agencies, such as CDOT, DOW, and the Corps of Engineers, to further this discussion; seconded by Mr. Frontella. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY STREETScape MAINTENANCE

Mr. Savage requested that this item be tabled to a future meeting.

TERMS OF OFFICE

Ms. Nelson stated that the terms for Ms. Rogers and Mr. Pierson expire in June. Both members expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Board. Ms. Nelson will bring this information to the City Council, as they are the appointing body to the Board.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Mr. Sturgeon discussed ways the Board could obtain feedback from the public, specifically regarding the Gateway Project. Mr. Langhorne moved to have a letter included in the City's utility bill that would elicit feedback from Rifle's citizens; seconded by Mr. Savage. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Becker provided an updated email address. Ms. Nelson introduced Ms. Sims, who will be attending future meetings. Ms. Rogers stated that the old benches removed from the downtown will be used in the Community Garden.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

Scott Becker, Chair