

VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
REGULAR MEETING
Noon * City Hall Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Scott Becker.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Board Members: Helen Rogers, Trent Pierson, Jim Voorheis, Matt Sturgeon, Michael Langhorne, and Chair Scott Becker.

Mr. Langhorne moved to excuse Gil Frontella and John Savage from today's meeting; seconded by Ms. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jake Smith, CRHS.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Langhorne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

RIFLE GATEWAY UPDATE

Mr. Sturgeon reported that the consultants have identified a traffic pattern that would be feasible for the City – a one-way loop. The pattern will be presented to the State Highway Commission in February for their consideration.

Mr. Savage arrived at 12:04 p.m.

FALL 2010 DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION

Mr. Sturgeon suggested that the Board consider sponsoring a festival that celebrates the businesses in the downtown. Members of the community could be invited to see and experience all that the downtown has to offer. Mr. Savage suggested that *Ride the Rockies* could be invited back to Rifle. Mr. Sturgeon will consult with the City's Special Event Coordinator to discuss this celebration further.

LIBRARY PARKING STRUCTURE UPDATE

Mr. Sturgeon provided an update on the parking structure, and noted there are two areas above the entrances where a scene cast in stone can be placed. Mr. Savage suggested a contest could be held to determine what type of scene should be cast.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

RIFLE BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Langhorne presented two alternatives for a gravel parking lot near the boat ramp. The Board discussed issues related to the ramp, including design, ownership, and maintenance of the ramp,

UTE THEATRE

Ms. Rogers noted that a consulting architect will inspect the theatre on Tuesday.

HEALTH + WELLNESS CENTER

Mr. Langhorne stated that John Isam donated property to the EDC for the Health + Wellness Center site.

BANNERS

Ms. Rogers suggested that there are additional locations where banners can be placed in the downtown – 2nd and 4th Streets at Railroad, and on 3rd Street at East and West Avenues.

NEXT MEETING DISCUSSION TOPICS

The Board would like to review the list of priorities and have a financial update at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

Scott Becker, Chairperson