

# **VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING  
Noon \* City Hall Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 11:58 p.m. by Chair Scott Becker.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Board Members Gil Frontella; Trent Pierson; Jim Voorheis; Helen Rogers; Ryan Mackley; and Chair Scott Becker.

Mr. Frontella made a motion to excuse Mr. Langhorne and Mr. Savage from today's meeting; seconded by Mrs. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Dick Deussen, Civil Engineer; Nathan Lindquist, Planner; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Emma Danciger, Bookcliffs Council on Arts and Humanities; and June Renfro, Bookcliffs Council on Arts and Humanities.

## **ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

### ***APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2010 MEETING MINUTES***

Mrs. Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Voorheis. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***BOOKCLIFFS COUNCIL ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES CHALLENGE GRANT***

Emma Danciger and June Renfro presented a project update and future plans for a Community Art Center and Sunset Art gardens. Bookcliffs Council on Arts and Humanities (BCAH) has received a Challenge Grant of \$5,000.00. Once \$5,000.00 in donations is raised, the BCAH will receive a matching grant of \$5,000. The BCAH has currently raised \$1,000 and needs an additional \$4,000.

Mrs. Rogers made a motion to award the BCAH \$4,000 toward the Challenge grant; seconded by Mr. Frontella.

ROLL CALL: Yes – Pierson, Rogers, Frontella, Voorheis, Mackley, Becker

### ***RIFLE BOAT RAMP UPDATE***

Helen Rogers stated some things need to occur for them to move forward on the Rifle Boat Ramp. John Hier recommended a presentation to City Council with Site Plans and estimated cost.

### ***FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET UPDATE***

Charles Kelty presented an updated budget with year to date Revenues and Expenditures, as well as, the 2011 budget preparation packet. The 2011 budget needs to be submitted by September 3. A budget workshop was scheduled for August 25, 2010 at noon.

### ***UTE THEATER***

Mr. Frontella gave an update on the Ute Theater. New Ute Theatre Society (NUTS) and the Rifle Theatre Corporation – are working with the City on renovating and operating the Rifle Creek Theatre. The mission of NUTS is to renovate the theatre. The Rifle Theatre Corporation will operate the theatre once the renovations are complete. Unfortunately, a recent grant submitted to the State Historical Society was not approved, so NUTS will continue its fundraising efforts. A new budget is being considered, therefore, plans are being modified to fit the new budget. The plan is to renovate the theater to its 1947 appearance. The plan includes renovating the façade, expanding the stage to accommodate live performances, new restrooms and new concessions.

Mr. Frontella made a motion to award \$20,000 toward the funding of remodeling the Theater; seconded by Mrs. Rogers.

ROLL CALL: Yes – Pierson, Rogers, Frontella, Voorheis, Mackley, Becker

### ***GATEWAY PROJECT UPDATE***

Dick Deussen and Nathan Lindquist gave a presentation on the Gateway Project. The Gateway Project allows for more growth and development. It is anticipated our current road configuration will fail when Rifle's population reaches 15,000. The Gateway Project design will accommodate traffic for 25 years.

### ***BOARD APPOINTMENTS***

On August 4, 2010, the Council appointed the current incumbents Scott Becker and Jim Voorhies to the Board. The Council nominated the two remaining candidates, Susan Alvis-Nichols and Ryan Mackley, for consideration. Council then voted by ballot and Ryan Mackley was appointed to the Board as alternate.

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Mr. Frontella motioned to retain the two officers Scott Becker as Chair and Helen Rogers as Vice Chair; seconded by Mr. Voorheis. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Frontella motioned to nominate Jim Voorheis as Secretary; seconded by Ryan Mackley. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk

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Scott Becker, Chair