

**GREATER RIFLE IMPROVEMENT TEAM  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday January 14, 2020

\*Noon\* City Hall Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Greater Rifle Improvement Team Advisory Board is called to order by Chairman of the Board Garrick Frontella at 12:02 p.m.

Present at roll call: Garrick Frontella, Helen Rogers, Evin Sartin, Tanya Doose, Sam Young, and Kari Slaphey.

-Kristine Llacunna arrives LATE at 12:08 p.m.

Others present: Kim Burner Main Street Manager, Nathan Lindquist Planning Director/Assistant City Manager, Kathy Pototsky Information Officer, Quiriat Portuguez Administrative Assistant.

Visitor introductions: Veronica Caprero with The Book Cliff Arts Center, Debra Adams with The Book Cliff Arts Center, Doug Winter with the Middle Colorado Watershed Council, George Nispel with the Rifle Heritage Center Museum, Gina Reece Long with the Western Colorado Chamber. Jessica Paugh representing Stuart McArthur for the town of Parachute, Rick Schaffer and Annick Pruett with Western Garfield County Chamber of Commerce.

Helen Rogers motions to approve the minutes from December's meeting, Evin Sartin seconds the motion, and the motion passes.

**Grant Application Presentations-**

- Doug Winter presents for The Middle Colorado Watershed Council. They will be transforming the Rifle Rest Area into a community interpretive center known as River Stop. Doug presents some renderings to the board for review. Natural water use and Rifle water eco system will be featured on 4 acrylic panels on a wall in the center. M.C.W.C plans to open the center before Memorial Day 2020.
- The Chamber of Commerce's Gina Reece Long presents for the Chamber's event Home Town Holiday's. They are requesting funds to cover traffic control and fireworks. The event is very successful and there is a need for crowd control, such as, barricades and other safety precautions for the parade. Grant request: \$35,676

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- Veronica Caprerro and Debra Adams present for the Book Cliff Arts Center regarding the request for funding of the Hill Top Summer Concert Series. Stage renovations would be the main focus for funding. Funds will also be utilized to pay live acts for the concert series. Grant Request: \$5,000
- George Nispel presents for the Rifle Heritage Museum. The museum is in need of funds to replace the boiler and 5 cooling units. Ultimately, this would preserve historic items and allow for year round operation. If open year round it would make it possible to have more school tours of the museum. Grant request: \$35,000
- Helen Rogers presents for the Rifle Farmer's Market. A market manager will likely be needed again this year. Diversification of the vendors, recruitment, and set up of the market will be part of the manager's job. Funds will also be utilized for the live music and the Farm to Table event held at the Book Cliff Art's Center. Grant request: \$4,000
- Kim Burner presents for Troy, in the name of the Summer Baseball Tournament. Each tournament brings in 7 teams from various states, including Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. The revenue from lodging of the families involved in the tournament benefit the city greatly. Grant request: \$1,000

**Western Adventure Weekend Committee Update:**

The board discusses whether to move the event to another month (season). Merging events is also another option as the weather plays a factor in this decision. Gina Reece Long comments that *Adventures* should be the main focus and this would work best in the summer season. Sam Young adds that promotions for the events would be beneficial. The committee will meet again to continue developing the event.

Meeting adjourns at 1:15 p.m.

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Quiriat Portuguez- Administrative Assistant

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Garrick Frontella - Chair