

VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
REGULAR MEETING
Noon * City Hall Conference Room

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

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Board Members: Gil Frontella, Helen Rogers, Trent Pierson, John Savage, Matt Sturgeon, Jim Voorheis, and Chair Scott Becker.

Mr. Frontella moved to excuse Michael Langhorne from today's meeting; seconded by Ms. Sturgeon. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wanda Nelson, City Clerk.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Kelty provided a financial update. Funds collected in 2009 amounted to \$173,302. The Board would like to have Mr. Kelty return in May for another update.

RIFLE BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Ms. Rogers provided a revised drawing for the boat ramp. In addition to parking spaces for vehicles towing trailers, there are spaces for other vehicles as well. Ms. Rogers stated that agencies such as C-DOT, Federal Highway Commission, and the Division of Wildlife may have to grant permission for this project to be built. It was suggested that dimensions be added to the map. Mr. Frontella moved to continue to pursue permission for the boat ramp installation by providing a plan to various State and Federal agencies for their approval; seconded by Ms. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF PROJECT LIST

The Board discussed several items on their priority list. In the area of City Promotion, the Board has provided funds to the Chamber for maps and their website. Mr. Becker will ask a Chamber representative to attend the next meeting for an update. Mr. Frontella stated that a non-profit group New Ute Theatre Society ("NUTS") is working on the renovation of the theatre, with some funding coming from memberships. Historical grants are being pursued to cover additional costs. Ms. Rogers noted that the County helped the town of Carbondale with their bridge, and wondered if Rifle could receive the same assistance. Ms. Rogers showed the Board a book she had recently purchased that highlighted the climbing opportunities in Rifle. It was suggested that this book could be made available to interested parties. Additional priorities will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Rogers brought pictures of cement planters that could be placed in the downtown this summer, rather than hanging baskets of flowers. Mr. Becker will check with a concrete vendor to see how much he would charge for such planters.

Mr. Sturgeon noted that the idea of the Fall Celebration that was discussed at the last meeting has gained momentum in the community, with many folks supporting the idea and looking forward to the event.

The consultants working on the Gateway Project will present their idea for a one-way loop to the Federal Highway Commission next month.

The mural being commissioned for the Moose Lodge will be installed this week. The other two murals will be finished in the next two months.

Midnight Sun Events will be hosting the fireworks display this year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

Scott Becker, Chairperson