



Rifle Parks & Recreation

Advisory Board

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 23, 2026

5:30 PM

202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650

1. 5:30 PM - Workshop

1.a. 5:30 PM - Marisa Skajewski, Alternate Board Member Interview

1.b. 6:15 PM - Tyler Davis, Alternate Board Member Interview

1.c. 7:00 PM - Lydia LaBelle de Rios, Alternate Board Member Interview

Regular Meeting

2. Call to Order

3. Roll Call

4. **Public Comment** *(Maximum time permitted for Public Comment is 3 minutes per person)
*(Reserved for general comments or items on the agenda that are not a public hearing)

5. Regular Agenda

5.a. Consider Recommendation to Appoint an Alternate Board Member

6. Administrative Reports

7. Adjournment

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Agenda Item #1.a.

Agenda Item Name:

5:30 PM - Marisa Skajewski, Alternate Board Member Interview

Presenter:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Description:

Recommended Action:

No action on workshop

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Operational Impact:

N/A

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Background Information:

N/A

Executive Summary:

Marisa has shown interest in the open board seat. Please see attached application

Notification Requirements:

N/A

Prepared By:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Attachments:

1. Skajewski PRAB Application 2026



Rifle Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Application 2026

Name Marisa Skajewski

Address 1458 E 12th St

City Rifle State CO Zip 81650

Phone 612-799-7930 Alternate phone 970-366-8939

E-mail marisaskajewski@gmail.com

Do you live within Rifle city limits? Yes No

If no, do you have a Rifle Address Yes No

Are you over the age of 55? Yes No

(This question is related to having one board member of 55 years of age or older)

Please answer all questions. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

1. Please describe your interest in becoming a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)?

I am interested in becoming a member of the parks and recreation advisory board because I value the work that the parks and recreation department is doing. I use Rifle parks and recreation trails everyday. I want to have a voice in how recreation opportunities are progressed within the community.

2. If appointed, what do you feel you could contribute to the PRAB?

If appointed, I would contribute a unique and informed perspective to the PRAB's discussions. As a school social worker within Garfield RE2 School District I serve students and families in Wamsley, Highland, Rifle Middle school, Rifle High School and the transitions program located at CMC. This role allows me to engage daily with a wide range of ages, backgrounds and schools at Garfield RE2. This provides me with a comprehensive understanding of the specific needs and barriers within our community.

I am prepared to be a strong advocate for the field house in order to ensure our community has access to year round high quality programming. I am passionate about the development of South Rifle, as I believe it will enhance the recreational opportunities in the area. Furthermore, I would advocate for increasing pool accessibility through seeking solutions to extend its seasonal use so more people can benefit from the aquatic services.

3. List any civic activities with which you have been involved.

I currently volunteer at Colorado National Monument. I have adopted a trail for the CMC connector trail which is a part of the Rifle Parks and Recreation trail system. I have volunteered for RAMBO. I volunteer at the local special olympic events within our community which are field day and bowling. I serve as a member of the student wellness strategic plan advocacy group within Garfield Re2 to help increase the social, physical, emotional and overall wellbeing of students, staff and families.

4. What is your current involvement in Rifle Parks and Recreation?

I currently am an avid trail user. I frequently use the Highland Trails, Grand hogback, Marrow draw, Lions Park, Rifle Creek Trail, Rifle Mountain Park trail just to name a few. I have adopted the CMC connector trail. I have attended a couple of the PRAB meetings in the past and have been involved in the activity center feasibility meetings. In the past I have also been involved as a participant in the 4v4 and 6v6 volleyball teams.

5. Tell us about qualification you possess that could be beneficial to this board.

Please see response below

6. In your opinion, what are the most significant issues facing the City of Rifle Parks and Recreation Department?

Some issues facing the City of Rifle Parks and Recreation Department is funding for new projects in order to meet the needs of the community. Based on the 2024 survey there is a high desire for programming such as a community center, indoor walking track, and adult programming. Those high need areas that were listed within the survey are important areas of improvement that would be valuable to work on growing. I think a community center in particular would be beneficial for Rifle to give all ages opportunities to recreate without having to worry about the weather or seasons.

7. Please provide any additional comments which you believe will assist the PRAB/City Council in considering your application.

I am a firm believer that the strength of a community is reflected in its public spaces. My desire to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is driven by a deep personal and professional commitment to the City of Rifle.

Oath of Applicant

I declare that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

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by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2024.**

5. Tell us about qualifications you possess that could be beneficial to this board.

I am currently the lead social worker for Garfield RE2. I work with a wide array of ages, backgrounds, cultures, and socioeconomic levels. I collaborate with other professionals, parents, families and community stakeholders in order to increase student's overall wellbeing.

Outside of Rifle I built an adolescent diversion program where I helped connect local struggling youth to recreation opportunities within the community. I would get a referral for a local youth then help them determine their interests and try new programs within the community. I would connect them with activities such as mountain biking, wood working, yoga, fitness classes, swimming, bowling, snow shoeing and hiking just to name a few.

Additionally, I have experience with a variety of recreation related jobs outside of Rifle such as a swim instructor for classes ranging from child to adult lessons. I have also been a trip leader facilitating overnight adventure travel for teens consisting of hiking, camping, rock climbing, white water rafting and scuba diving. I worked as a camp counselor for two years teaching children how to ride horses.



Agenda Item #1.b.

Agenda Item Name:

6:15 PM - Tyler Davis, Alternate Board Member Interview

Presenter:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Description:

Recommended Action:

No Action on workshop item

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Operational Impact:

N/A

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Background Information:

N/A

Executive Summary:

Tyler has shown interest in the open board seat. Please see his application attached.

Notification Requirements:

Prepared By:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Attachments:

1. PRAB Application - Tyler Davis



Rifle Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Application 2026

Name Tyler Davis

Address 1161 Munro Ave

City Rifle State CO Zip 81650

Phone 970-319-3920 Alternate phone 970-665-9353

E-mail tdavis@shelterinsurance.com

Do you live within Rifle city limits? Yes No

If no, do you have a Rifle Address Yes No

Are you over the age of 55? Yes No

(This question is related to having one board member of 55 years of age or older)

Please answer all questions. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

1. Please describe your interest in becoming a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)?

I am a huge supporter of what Parks and Recreation does for our community and would like to help in continuing the direction it is on.

2. If appointed, what do you feel you could contribute to the PRAB?

I will bring strong Marketing, Management and business knowledge, skills and abilities to this position. I enjoy collaborating with others and expanding on ideas to bring the best solutions forward.

3. List any civic activities with which you have been involved.

- Young Guns of Rifle
- Rifle High + Middle School Wrestling Coach
- Journey Home Volunteer
- F-H advisory Board President

4. What is your current involvement in Rifle Parks and Recreation?

- Sponsor
- City Resident that enjoys the Rifle Parks & services

5. Tell us about qualification you possess that could be beneficial to this board.

I am a local business owner with the knowledge of how to successfully take ideas and processes and successfully implement them into a system.

I also have a Bachelors of Business administration degree in Marketing + Management and Recreation Department?

6. In your opinion, what are the most significant issues facing the City of Rifle Parks and Recreation Department?

In my opinion, some of this issues Parks and Rec are facing are matching growth with staffing, and achieving optimal program participation in certain programs.

7. Please provide any additional comments which you believe will assist the PRAB/City Council in considering your application.

Oath of Applicant

I declare that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____



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by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2024.**



Agenda Item #1.c.

Agenda Item Name:

7:00 PM - Lydia LaBelle de Rios, Alternate Board Member Interview

Presenter:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Description:

Recommended Action:

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Operational Impact:

N/A

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Background Information:

N/A

Executive Summary:

Lydia has shown interest in the open board seat. Please see her attached application.

Notification Requirements:

Prepared By:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Attachments:

1. PRAB_Rifle_LLRIOS



Rifle Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Application 2026

Name Lydia La Belle de Rios

Address 315 Will Ave.

City Rifle State CO Zip 81650

Phone (970) 217-8189 Alternate phone (970) 625-0189

E-mail lydiabea@yahoo.com or lydia.labellederos@usla.gov

Do you live within Rifle city limits? Yes No

If no, do you have a Rifle Address Yes No

Are you over the age of 55? Yes No

(This question is related to having one board member of 55 years of age or older)

Please answer all questions. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

1. Please describe your interest in becoming a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)?

I am interested in PRAB as a long time resident, parent, and avid user of the Parks + Rec program and want to help support and give back as we enter into the next chapter for Rifle!

2. If appointed, what do you feel you could contribute to the PRAB?

I feel I would contribute perspective from a mother of two teenagers in the community and sport/recreation enthusiast!

^{just} Some
References:

- Amy Wright (Library)
- Alex Garcia-Bernal (Library)
- Mandy Dorey (CNC)
- Hannah Arauz Aguirre (Community member)
- J. Zinner (KHS) (Community member)

3. List any civic activities with which you have been involved.

- Longtime library volunteer
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Volunteer w/ LiftUp, Veterans home, + church
- 4H volunteers and leaders
- Substitute teacher
- Volunteer in 4th schools over 20 years

4. What is your current involvement in Rifle Parks and Recreation?

My boys have grown up using these programs, as well as my husband coaching for soccer for many years. My boys have also worked for RP+R. We all sign up to participate in classes regularly.

5. Tell us about qualification you possess that could be beneficial to this board. + programs

- organizational & computer + facilitation skills
- program manager of 20 years w/ USFS
- interpersonal skills w/ over 5 programs + certification in programs like Emotional Intelligence, Critical Conversation, Conflict mgmt, Middle + Senior Leadership, Roaring Fork Leadership graduate etc...

6. In your opinion, what are the most significant issues facing the City of Rifle Parks and Recreation Department?

- housing + cost of living to support sufficient staff to help RP+R as they grow w/ our growing community
- demographics +/- "detached" community members + families that make it hard for them to fully support RP+R

7. Please provide any additional comments which you believe will assist the PRAB/City Council in considering your application.

al am a generally outspoken person and while I have learned to "reign" this in more it can also be a great asset when working to influence people + community w/ dedication steadfast dedication!

Oath of Applicant

I declare that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Jydia J. Bellech Ripps

- Accountable
- Parent in Community
- Known as active community member
- Spanish culture + language!

* all speak Spanish + familiar w/ Latino culture (my husband)



Agenda Item #5.a.

Agenda Item Name:

Consider Recommendation to Appoint an Alternate Board Member

Presenter:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Description:

Make a recommendation to appoint an alternate board member.

Recommended Action:

Move to recommend the appointment of _____ for the alternate board seat.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Operational Impact:

N/A

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Background Information:

N/A

Executive Summary:

Discuss and recommend one of the three applicants for the alternate board seat. This seat will have a three-year term ending in December of 2028

Notification Requirements:

N/A

Prepared By:

Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

Attachments:

None