

Parks Improvement Advisory Board Regular Meeting – October 1, 2019

Meeting Location: Lincoln Park Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Bruce Hill
Lena Elliott
Doug Levinson
Phil Pe'a

Alternate Representatives Present: Paul Cain
Darren Coltrinari
Austin Kaiser

Board Members Absent: Scott McInnis
Greg Linza
Duke Wortmann

City Staff Present: Greg Caton, City Manager
Ken Sherbenou, Director, Parks and Recreation
Marc Mancuso, Parks Supervisor
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Meeting Called to Order by Bruce Hill at 12:05 p.m.

Item 1: Approve Minutes

Phil Pe'a made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2 and September 10, 2019 Parks Improvement Advisory Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Duke Wortmann and approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 2: Financials

Board members inquired about the funds reserved for Matchett. Those funds were a donation and are being held for the future development of a playground at Matchett Park. No PIAB funds are dedicated to that project. Other donations include just over \$2000 which is also being held for future tennis improvements. No PIAB funds are dedicated for that project either. The Board would like pass through funds indicated on future financial reports. Lena Elliott made a motion to approve the financials. The motion was seconded by Doug Levinson and carried unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3: 2020 Stadium Projects Track Funding Request from the City

The City of Grand Junction forwarded a proposal to the Parks Improvement Advisory Board requesting \$90,000 in funding to help complete the replacement project for the Stocker Track. City Staff will also approach the School District, outside of this meeting, to further help fund the replacement. The total project cost is expected to be \$350,000. CMU is not being approached about

funding this replacement due to the construction of their track facility on campus. Bruce Hill indicated that JUCO does not feel this is a project they should provide funds for due to their funding of the video board and infield replacement on Suplizio. Bruce Hill talked with the board about the importance of funding requests coming before the board as early as possible. Duke Wortmann made a motion to approve the \$90,000 funding request from the City of Grand Junction to fund replacement of the Stocker track. The motion was seconded by Doug Levinson and carried with one abstention.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board: Yes 3 No 0
Abstain: Lena Elliott

Item 4: Stadium Complex Master Plan: Perkins + Will Presentation

Andy Barnard of Perkins + Will (P+W) gave a Skype presentation on the recommended Master Plan for the Stadium Complex. P+W has developed high, medium, and low priority projects based on the discussion at the September meeting and attached rough costs.

The high priority improvements listed in the proposed plan include changing the use of the north side of the facility to be more service oriented (versus being a customer entry point), and expanding the north parking lot to accommodate buses. The outfield bleachers would be removed to allow for construction of batting cages and field maintenance offices. The high priority plan calls for replacing the third base stadia. Along the right field side the entry way would be reconfigured which could include adding a third deck above the outfield. The reconfigured entryway could include a freestanding JUCO Hall of Fame and would include reconfiguring of the existing ticket building to make the entry way more open and create a more customer focused concourse.

The proposal also includes changes to the west side of the stadium including addressing the ADA challenges, and creating additional entry areas on the north and south corners to ease student and community access. The proposal also suggests reconfiguring the barn with moveable partitions and additional restrooms so that it can better function as a true multipurpose space during track and football. It could also be utilized as an additional hospitality area during JUCO.

Medium priority improvements include complete replacement of the left field stadia for Suplizio, which would distribute more ADA seating and create shaded areas below which are a safe place for fans to gather in an emergency. The stadia on the football side would also be reconstructed with football oriented sightlines, distributed ADA seating and accommodations, and permanent support spaces below. This would include creating press and coaches boxes with elevator access and relocation of light poles.

The lowest priority improvements include relocation of the clubhouse from the north end of the concourse to outside the outfield fence adjacent to the south parking lot. The existing clubhouse would be re-worked into visiting team locker rooms.

Bruce Hill reminded the board that a master plan is not meant to be completed in a single phase and while the estimated project costs are large, the tower project began in much the same way; a large vision that, on paper, seemed impossible to fund.

Bruce Hill asked each entity to indicate what their biggest priorities would be. JUCO priorities include replacing the outfield of Suplizio, reconfiguring the front entry plaza and creating a home for the JUCO Hall of Fame. Colorado Mesa University priorities include creating an entry plaza at the corner of 12th and North Avenue, improvements to the West Stands and improvements to the IT

infrastructure (previously identified as an immediate need). The School District priorities include increased parking, improved ticketing and entry for Stocker to reduce bottlenecking.

Item 5: Beverage Vending at the Stadium

Ken Sherbenou talked with the Board about beverage vending at the Stadium. CMU has a contract with Coca Cola and CMU has a contract with Pepsi. Further discussion on this topic was tabled until a future meeting.

Item 6: Meeting Schedule

The 2020 regularly scheduled meetings of the Parks Improvement Advisory Board will be as follows: January 7, April 7, July 7 and October 6, 2020.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclimation at 1:10pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 7, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist