

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**  
**April 3, 2017 – Noticed Agenda Attached**

Meeting Convened: 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 6:39 p.m.

City Council Members present: All Councilmembers

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, Schoeber, Wieland, Prall, Portner, Hockins, and Tuin

Also: Allison Blevins (DGJBID), Jesse Daniels, Rob Bleiberg (Mesa Land Trust), Libby Collins (Mesa Land Trust) Terry Harper (Colorado Discover Ability), Amy Hamilton (Daily Sentinel).

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Agenda Topic 1. Presentation on the New Parking Meter Application

City Manager Caton introduced this item and talked about the partnership with the downtown on parking meters where the City does enforcement. DGJBID Director Allison Blevins reviewed the revenue numbers, the use, and described the report from the parking app for the first month. There were 614 parking meter transactions. Once the app is installed on your smart phone it only takes seconds to pay for the parking. The service fee of \$0.35 goes directly to Pass Port so there is no cost to the City.

Agenda Topic 2. Riverfront/Trails Update

City Manager Caton said there is a lot of activity along the riverfront, in addition to the direction given by City Council last week.

Rob Schoeber, Director, Parks and Recreation Director provided an update on the activity and projects associated with the riverfront, along with Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent and Trent Prall, Engineering Manager.

**Las Colonias Park**

- The Amphitheater building is 90% complete; a tour for Council will be scheduled.
- On May 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a community tree planting in Las Colonias; May and June will finish up the landscaping; and a ribbon cutting is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Looking at a partnership with Pinnacle for larger events to increase revenues.
- There are four different grants received for different amenities; Ms. Wieland described the area to be revegetated, and the historical signage to be installed.
- The Colorado Discover Ability (CDA) lease; site for their headquarters, and alternate location.

**RIO (Recreation Inspired by the Outdoors)**

- This is a level 2 planning grant to come up with new ways to connect underserved kids with nature.
- Focus groups have met and put forth ideas. The two targeted communities are Riverside and Orchard Mesa.

- The Riverside neighborhood focus group has suggested closure of Riverside Park Drive, dedicated parking (inside the alley), safety fencing, a larger basketball court, a larger shelter, and moving the existing shelter closer to the basketball court.
- Other RIO plans include creating a space on the Jarvis Property for a linear park along the trail (bicycle playground).
- Total cost of the RIO project is \$1.25 million. Grant funding from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) requires matching funds. \$50,000 has been secured, \$103,000 will be applied for through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The bigger the match, the better chance for receiving the grant.

### **Lunch Loop Trail**

- Mesa Land Trust (MLT) received a river-trail conservation assistance grant to extend D Road to Lunch Loop and they need a letter of support from Council by April 14<sup>th</sup>, \$2.1 million needed to connect the trails.
- There was general discussion about alleviating congestion, flash floods, guard rails, and crossing at two locations at higher bridges.
- There needs to be discussion regarding motorized vs. non-motorized biking on trails; Yeulin Willett working at the State level for statewide consistency.

All the projects complement each other and Council's vision for Las Colonias Park.

### **Agenda Topic 3. Next Workshop Topics**

City Manager Caton talked about the upcoming workshops; April 17<sup>th</sup> will be the north area fire station feasibility study and municipal court operations; May 1<sup>st</sup> CDBG; May 15<sup>th</sup> City fees; and June 1<sup>st</sup> Broadband.

Fire Chief Watkins talked about the Fire Department's Annual Report and passed out copies, it has been presented in the past but this is the first time in a newsprint format.

City Manager Caton updated the Council on the burn season so far in their briefing and will bring forward an analysis after a year under the new guidelines.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

PRE-MEETING (DINNER) 5:00 P.M. ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
WORKSHOP, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM  
250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

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1. **Presentation**
  - a. Demonstration of the New Parking Meter Application
2. **Discussion Topics**
  - a. Riverfront / Trails Update
3. **Next Workshop Topics**
4. **Other Business**