

**Parks Improvement Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2005**

**Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Dan Cummings at 7:00 a.m.**

**Roll Call**

Parks Improvement Advisory Board Members:	Tillie Bishop, Vice Chair Andy Rodriguez Steve Phillips Lou Grasso Dan Cummings, Chair
Ex-officio Members:	Sue Gormley
Guest	Bruce Hill, Mayor Tim Mills, Dist. #51 Superintendent
Parks & Recreation Staff:	Joe Stevens, Director Don Hobbs, Assistant Director René Heinrich, Admin. Assistant

**Item 1: Approval of Minutes**

Tillie Bishop moved to approve the March 02, 2005 minutes. Lou Grasso seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board:      Yes 6      No 0

**Item 2: Master Plan Status**

**A. Stadium Plan**

Dan Cummings, Chairman introduced Mayor Bruce Hill. Mr. Hill addressed the Parks Improvement Advisory Board, updating the Board on the Lincoln Park Master Plan with attention on the Stadium Master Plan. Currently the Stadium Master Plan is a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier priority, however, that may change with the possibility of outside funding. Mr. Hill stated that the Parks Improvement Advisory Board needs to set a budget and prioritize stadium improvements, suggesting each entity contribute \$1 million with the Parks Improvement Advisory Board also looking for outside funding. Joe Stevens stated at this time, that Council had agreed that the overall Parks Master Plan will reflect that the stadium is staying in its current location with the central section as its high priority, beyond that Parks Improvement Advisory Board has prioritized and phased everything from the number one priority, which was the sound system. Mr. Stevens stated that the Parks Improvement Advisory Board does have a plan and that the \$1 million dollar commitment over time from each entity would give the Parks Improvement Advisory Board leverage, stating the Board can not obtain enough funding from GOCO for the Stadium Master Plan project, the Parks Improvement Advisory Board can; however, apply for

multiple grants depending on the phasing with \$ 500,000 possibly coming from GOCO. Mr. Stevens asked present members to keep in mind what plans they have for athletic venues, and how civic and community organizations will be effected by the Stadium Master Plan. Tillie Bishop asked Mr. Stevens what the current Stadium Master Plan priorities are. Mr. Stevens replied the priorities currently are as follows:

1. Stadium Sound System
2. Handicap Accessibility
3. Restrooms for Major Events
4. Concessions

Mr. Stevens asked the Board to consider a long term vision for the stadium, after lengthy discussion by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board with regards to numerous funding options, individual entity priorities and partnership possibilities, and at the suggestion of Lou Grasso the Parks Improvement Advisory Board agreed to meet in June 2005 to discuss, identify, and prioritize the Stadium Master Plan. Discussion will include the vision of each entity, the possibility of outside funding/ partnerships, and time elements. Dan Cummings stated he would set up the next meeting as soon as possible.

Tillie Bishop moved to hold the financial report until the next Parks Improvement Advisory Board meeting. Lou Grasso seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board:        Yes 6    No 0

### **Item 3: Recognition for Meritorious Service to PIAB**

#### **A. Criteria**

Tillie Bishop addressed the Board stating that currently there are two recognition plaques in the stadium, located on the last column just before the first base line into the JUCO ball park (near Casey at the Bat). Mr. Bishop expressed his concern, stating he feels the plaques blend into the brick columns making the plaques almost unnoticeable and would like to see them moved or replaced. Al Cornielson, the Parks Improvement Advisory Boards first Chairman and Hurst Otto, the longest serving Parks Improvement Advisory Board Chair are the current honorees. Mr. Bishop will work to set up criteria for recognition and update the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **B. Plaques in Public Places**

Tillie Bishop stated Jamie Hamilton suggested plaques be placed throughout Suplezio Field to honor those JUCO, PIAB, and community members who have contributed significantly to the community at large. Mr. Hamilton originally suggested Suplezio Field recognitions for JUCO contributors only. Mr. Hamilton also suggested naming select seating sections after recognized individuals.

#### **C. Bleacher Sections**

Mayor Bruce Hill stated he likes the concept of naming select seating sections after recognized individuals; however, he questioned the number of names to be considered and the difficulty community members might have in finding the correct seating area. Mr. Hill suggested the Parks Improvement Advisory Board consider different avenues for recognition and recommended

bronze plaques throughout the stadium. Tillie Bishop expressed his desired to have Jamie Hamilton present. After further discussion, Joe Stevens expressed the possibility of incorporating “recognitions” into the Stadium Master Plan. Mr. Stevens feels the two current “recognitions” are lacking in color and art work and that future “recognitions” will require a more “magnetic feel” in order to draw the public to them. Dan Cummings stated initially the Parks Improvement Advisory Board talked about incorporating “recognitions” into the Stadium Master Plan. Mr. Cummings stated he would gather information, including books and other information on recognition possibilities and present them at the next Parks Improvement Advisory Board meeting.

**Item 4: Financial Report**

Don Hobbs included in packet

**Item 5: Other Business**

**Item 6: Future Agenda Items**

**Item 7: Next Meeting**

**Item 8: Adjourn**

Chairman Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously Approved:      Yes 6              No 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

René Heinrich  
Administrative Assistant