

“Special” Parks Improvement Advisory Board Meeting July 21, 2004

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Cummings at 3:50 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Dan Cummings
Cindy Enos-Martinez
Sue Gormely
Andy Rodriguez
Steve Phillips
Rick Phelps
Tillie Bishop
Jamie Hamilton

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist

Item 2: Stadium Sound System

Joe Stevens stated the purpose for calling a “special” PIAB meeting was to discuss the bid received for the stadium sound system. Don Hobbs reported John Dyer Construction was the only company who bid on the project and that their bid is approximately \$35,100 over the original estimate. Don Hobbs stated the total bid was for \$273,209 and that it is good for 60 days. Mr. Hobbs stated John Dyer Construction is very experienced and that they did some work at the stadium several years ago. Mr. Hobbs reported the cost difference between the original estimate and the current bid reflects the increase in steel prices. Don Hobbs said the Parks Improvement Advisory Board would need to commit an additional \$36,000 towards the project in order to move forward. Mr. Hobbs stated the Parks Improvement Advisory Board has currently committed \$135,000 to the sound system upgrade, leaving the fund balance at \$96,986.44 (including the \$25,000 promised from JUCO). Tillie Bishop asked if there are any outstanding obligations and/or commitments for the remaining Parks Improvement Advisory Board funds. Don Hobbs responded there were no other commitments at this time. Dan Cummings expressed his concern regarding the possibility of steel prices continuing to rise. Chairman Cummings also asked the reason why there was only one bid submitted. Don Hobbs responded that many of the sound firms from Denver are not interested in coming to Grand Junction. The Board members briefly discussed whether or not the project should go out for bid again, or if they should move forward immediately due to the steel shortage. Cindy Enos-Martinez expressed concern with postponing any longer, due to the project needing to be completed before to the 2005 JUCO season.

Tillie Bishop moved to transfer the additional funds and move forward with the project. Sue Gormely seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Andy Rodriguez did not vote, stating the college has instructed him to refrain from voting until they have made a decision regarding their Parks Improvement Advisory Board membership. Jamie Hamilton also stated he would like to abstain from voting, as JUCO has not given the Parks Improvement Advisory Board the \$25,000 yet. The sound system upgrade will go to City Council in August 2004.

Item 3: Comments

Andy Rodriguez notified the Board that the college is currently reviewing all expenditures due to budget constraints and one of the expenditures in question is the \$12,000 annual Parks Improvement Advisory Board membership dues. Mr. Rodriguez said the college feels they already pay enough to use the facilities. Andy Rodriguez stated that until the college determines whether or not to continue their membership, he feels it is not appropriate for him to cast a vote. Chairman Cummings asked if there was anything the Board members could do to assist the college in understanding the purpose of the Parks Improvement Advisory Board. Mr. Rodriguez responded that Joe Stevens has already provided him with a historical information packet. Dan Cummings volunteered to put a group of people together to meet with the college leadership, if necessary. Tillie Bishop stated the Board should get organized and plan on making a presentation to the college. Andy Rodriguez stated he would take the information back to the college and readdress the Board at a later date. Mr. Bishop stated it is important for the college to review the facility costs and to learn what they pay into the fund and what they get back from their membership dues. Mr. Bishop stated the County also struggles with budget constraints, and although, they very seldom use the facilities, they understand the importance of the membership dues. Tillie Bishop said it would be good for all of the Parks Improvement Advisory Board members to learn more about what the membership funds go towards, what projects are funded with the funds other than the stadium, if the membership dues are based on who uses the facilities the most, etc. Joe Stevens stated the information in the packet, recently prepared for Andy Rodriguez, answers the majority of these questions. Mr. Stevens stated that currently, Mesa State College's total annual contribution is approximately \$24,000, including Parks Improvement Advisory Board dues and facility rentals at Lincoln and Canyon View Parks. The City's annual subsidy for maintaining the Lincoln Park stadium facilities is approximately \$200,000, not including Parks Improvement Advisory Board dues and major CIP projects, such as the recent resurfacing of the Lincoln Park track.

Item 4: Adjourn

Chairman Cummings asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Gormely moved and Tillie Bishop seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist