

Parks Improvement Advisory Board

April 14, 2010

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Bernie Goss at 12:12 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Bernie Goss
Harry Butler
Tom Kenyon
Bruce Hill
Jamie Hamilton
Lena Elliott

Members Absent:

Craig Meis
Paul Cain

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Rob Schoeber, Director
Darcy Austin-Settles, LSR

City Finance Staff Present:

Jay Valentine, Finance Director

Guest:

Tim Foster, President
Derek Wagner

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Jamie Hamilton moved to approve the April 14, 2009 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Lena Elliott seconded.

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

Item 3: Financial Report

Jay Valentine reported on the PIAB Fund, going back to 2005, stating the fund balance isn't currently designated to specific entities; funds can be used by this Board however the Board sees fit. Current Fund Balance: \$499,943.00.

Item 4: Stadium Improvements

Bruce Hill discussed possible improvements: lighting, sound system, and more significant improvements such as, ADA access and putting in an elevator up to the press box. The NJCAA has provided a letter of intent for a 25 year extension of the JUCO tournament in Grand Junction.

Jamie Hamilton said the grand plan for the facility was reviewed in 2008 and included ADA accessibility and more state of the art technology. At that time the bid was just over \$16 million. Currently the bid is closer to \$8.0 million, which with the \$4 million from JUCO, the project is nearly half funded. The current goal is to ensure everyone is in support of the project and then to begin looking for additional funding. JUCO has facilitated track and football repairs in the past in

order to help the complex as a whole. At this time some of the major requirements for repairs include the press box (needs to be scraped, this was built in the 1940's), dugout improvements, and seat backs. The hopes are to announce the upcoming construction phase before JUCO 2010, starting construction after JUCO 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding various bonding options. Jay Valentine discussed the relationship between the City and the Parks Improvement Advisory Board and the bonding options that are available. Possible grants were also discussed, including the Conservation Trust fund and onetime GOCO grants up to \$750,000.00.

Lena Elliott moved to approve the motion that PIAB be the entity for the bonding authority to work with the City. Tom Kenyon seconded.

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

Item 5: Request for Funding – Canyon View

Eddie Mort is working to replace the score keeper's booth at Canyon View Park. At this time he is requesting \$2,000.00 from Parks Improvement Advisory Board to complete this project.

Lena Elliott moved to approve spending \$2,000 to get a score keeping building. Bernie Goss seconded.

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

Item 6: Sports Authority

Tim Foster proposed the idea of creating a Sports Authority and possible involvement by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board. The supporting entities would consist of five participants – SD51, Mesa County, City of Grand Junction, Mesa State College, and JUCO. The authority currently employees one person with a budget of \$65,000. Mr. Foster stated the Sports Authority could solicit numerous events to Grand Junction, including four Aces Championships, Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Championships, National Swimming Championships, NCAA Basketball, etc. Tim Foster suggested VCB be included at some point, as the Sports Authority would generate more revenues via the lodging tax.

Item 7: Bylaws

Rob Schoeber stated the mission is consistent but the operation and membership is inconsistent. The Bylaws may have to be changed if PIAB is the entity to support/fund a Sports Authority in Grand Junction. Discussion ensued regarding the need to work on amending the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, etc.

Item 8: Other Business

No other Business

Item 9: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin-Settles
Leisure Service Representative