

# **Parks Improvement Advisory Board**

## **August 31, 2010**

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

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:                   Bernie Goss  
                                                      Harry Butler  
                                                      Tom Kenyon  
                                                      Lena Elliott  
                                                      Craig Meis

Stadium Members Present:               Bruce Hill  
                                                      Jamie Hamilton  
                                                      Paul Cain  
                                                      Craig Meis

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:     Rob Schoeber, Director  
                                                      Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist

City Finance Staff Present:             Jay Valentine, Finance Director

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Jamie Hamilton moved to approve the June 22, 2010 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Craig Meis seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks Improvement Advisory Board:   Yes 7   No 0

### **Item 3: Discussion of Bylaws**

Bernie Goss opened the floor for discussion on the bylaws. Rob Schoeber stated John Shaver is recommending the Parks Improvement Advisory Board request legal assistance from Dan Wilson to interpret and/or revise the existing documents. Discussion ensued, with the board agreeing it is a good idea to have one person review the bylaws, expressing it is often difficult for a group of people to interpret and/or develop something that will make sense for everyone involved.

Lena Elliott moved for Rob Schoeber and the Parks Improvement Advisory Board sub-committee (Bruce Hill, Bernie Goss, and Lena Elliott) to work with Dan Wilson on revising the bylaws, in order to develop a final document the entire board can understand and agree with. Harry Butler seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks Improvement Advisory Board:   Yes 7   No 0

**Item 4: Stadium Improvement Project Update**

Rob Schoeber reported the Parks Improvement Advisory Board will no longer be the leading agency with regards to the stadium project. Jay Valentine stated, in order for the project to take advantage of the double AA rating for bonding, the City will have to enter into the contract with the Grand Junction Finance Corporation. The tax code requirements were briefly discussed, which may require the hospitality room to be considered a luxury "sky box"; therefore, the hospitality room would have to be constructed utilizing private funding versus bonding dollars. Jay Valentine stated the City will rely on the bidding process completed by Grand Junction Baseball, versus starting completely over. The official offering statement should be completed by October 1, 2010 and close sometime in early November; building is scheduled to start the day after JUCO 2011. Rob Schoeber stated the City has applied for a \$700,000 GOCO grant, focusing on safety and accessibility at the stadium. The award decision will be announced in December 2010. Craig Meis reported the County has submitted a competing GOCO application, on behalf of the Riverfront Commission, stating the County was not aware the City intended to apply for the same grant. Jamie Hamilton briefly discussed the fact there are many organizations that have not yet been approached for funding. Rob Schoeber stated Laurie Kadrich has also assigned an employee group to pursue additional grant opportunities for the stadium project.

**Item 5: Tennis Court Update**

Lena Elliott reported the Mesa State tennis construction project is approximately four days behind; the new completion date is scheduled for October 4, 2010. Mesa State is currently scheduled to host regionals on October 9, 2010. Mrs. Elliott expressed Tim Foster's gratitude for the Parks Improvement Advisory Board's donation to the project, and stated the school has hired as many local companies as possible to complete the work. Mesa State will be hosting a grand opening of the student center on November 3, 2010.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist