

Parks Improvement Advisory Board

July 26, 2007

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Co-chair Doug Thomason at 7:32 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Doug Thomason
Ron Rowley
Lena Elliott
Steve Acquafresca
Sue Gormley (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent:

Bernie Goss

Stadium Committee:

Steve Phillips
Jamie Hamilton
Joe Stevens

Stadium Members Absent:

Bruce Hill

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs Hobbs, Assistant Director
Linda Friesen, Leisure Services Representative
Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner

Guests:

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Ron Rowley moved to approve the June 7, 2007 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Jamie Hamilton seconded.

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

Item 3: Canyon View Park Development Request from Lena Elliott

Lena Elliott requested the City budget \$400,000 for six new tennis courts and a shelter to complete the tennis complex project at Canyon View Park. Lena Elliott said she had recently met with Shawn Cooper and Mays Concrete to obtain price estimates; the six tennis courts will cost approximately \$300,000 and a shelter with a restroom will cost approximately \$285,000. (The cost is approximately \$100,000 without a restroom.)

Mrs. Elliot stated she has met with each individual City Council member and has also 15 - 20 twenty letters to various organizations asking for \$1,000 - \$5,000 donations, noting Horizon Rotary has already donated \$6,000 for a drinking fountain. Lena Elliott said she would like to

request a contribution of \$50,000 from the Parks Improvement Advisory Board. Lena Elliott stated the additional tennis courts at Canyon View Park will provide the opportunity for the City to convert four of the existing tennis courts at Lincoln Park into additional parking.

Don Hobbs distributed the current Parks Improvement Advisory Board financial reports. Joe Stevens stated the 2006 fund balance is \$92,104.10. Mr. Stevens reported the projections for the end of 2007 are \$109,182.65, stating there are sufficient funds available to commit \$50,000 to the tennis project, should the Board wish to do so. Joe Stevens stated, in his opinion, the project is a great use of Parks Improvement Advisory Board general fund resources, as the completion of Canyon View Park continues to be a priority for Parks and Recreation.

Jamie Hamilton moved for the Parks Improvement Advisory Board to commit \$50,000 towards building six new tennis courts at Canyon View Park. Steve Acquafresca seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks Improvement Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 4: Update on Stocker Stadium Synthetic Turf Project

Joe Stevens briefly reported on the Stocker Stadium synthetic turf project, stating Shawn Cooper is the point person for the City of Grand Junction. Mr. Stevens said there is a revised timeline for the project.

Eric Van De Boogaard, Kiewit's Director of Business Development reported on the progress of the turf project stating it has been a steady and consistent process so far. Mr. Van De Boogaard said some of the quality issues initially brought up regarding soil stability have been rectified and was not as bad as originally assumed. Eric Van De Boogaard stated the original scheduling of the asphalt has been pushed back to Monday, July 30, 2007, awaiting the completion of the drain tile and irrigation systems. Mr. Van De Boogaard stated the PVC liner and airfield system will be installed next week. Steve Phillips reported it would cost the School District \$20,000 - \$25,000 to move the scheduled games to a new venue. Eric Van De Boogaard assured the Parks Improvement Advisory Board that he has been committed from the beginning and continues to be committed to having the field ready for the first scheduled football game on August 24, 2007. Mr. Van De Boogaard stated the Co-Creations representative is currently on sight and discussions are taking place to assure the field is completed on time. Eric Van De Boogaard added Co-Creations will also be here "after" the field is complete for any necessary follow up. Mr. Van De Boogaard stated the warranty is an eight year warranty. Shawn Cooper added, as part of the wrap up, Co-Creations will be providing training for our parks crew. Joe Stevens stated there will be additional items that may need purchased, such as a field cover, etc. Shawn Cooper reported he has taken the goal posts to the machinist, in hopes of them finding a way to expand the goal posts, eliminating the need for heavy equipment on the field.

Joe Stevens stated the Denver Broncos co-sponsored a grant with the Parks Improvement Advisory Board for \$300,000. The Denver Bronco Organization is proposing an observance on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. Mr. Stevens stated Pat Bowlen, along with a few Denver Bronco football players, would like to fly in for the observance. Shawn Cooper reported he has been working with Kelly Woodward, Public Relations Representative for the Bronco Organization, who would like a stone monument illustrating the amount donated, as well as a flag pole to fly the Bronco's flag. Mr. Cooper stated, while Ms. Woodward prefers a circular flower bed and the monument be located near the ticketing entrance, he suggests the flag pole and monument be

located at the North end of the field. Mr. Stevens stated his preference is to have three poles on the North end with the Bronco flag, State flag, and United States flag along with the monument. Mr. Cooper stated it is the desire of the Denver Bronco Organization to create something they can replicate around the state, as Grand Junction is the first to implement the turf in the state. Shawn Cooper stated he will keep the committee advised of upcoming dates and activities.

Item 5: Other Business

Jamie Hamilton announced the Opening of the Mesa State Soccer Field on August 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Item 6: Next Meeting

The next Parks Improvement Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parks Administration Conference Room.

Item 7: Adjourn

Jamie Hamilton moved to adjourn. Ron Rowley seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Friesen
Leisure Services Representative