

## **Parks Improvement Advisory Board September 20, 2007**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Doug Thomason at 7:30 a.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Bernie Goss

Stadium Committee:

Bruce Hill  
Steve Phillips  
Jamie Hamilton  
Joe Stevens

Stadium Members Absent:

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director  
Don Hobbs Hobbs, Assistant Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner

Guests:

Traci Altergott, Recreation Superintendent  
Shon Birch, Recreation Coordinator

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

Jamie Hamilton moved to approve the August 9, 2007 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Lena Elliott seconded.

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

### **Item 3: Financial Reports**

Don Hobbs distributed copies of the stadium and general fund financial reports for the Board's review. (See attached) Mr. Hobbs stated the stadium balance of \$146,579 includes the funds from the Broncos grant, and said the balance is "after" subtracting \$50,000 for the Canyon View Park tennis courts project. Don Hobbs reported only partial payment has been made to the Kiewit Building Group, at this time, as a portion of the payment is still under retainment.

Jamie Hamilton motioned to approve the stadium and general fund financial reports. Steve Acquafresca seconded.

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

**Item 4: Stocker Stadium Synthetic Turf Project**

A) Close-out: Joe Stevens provided a brief update on the Stocker Stadium synthetic turf project, stating construction began on June 18, 2007. Mr. Stevens said, although the project started late, it ended remarkably well. Joe Stevens stated the project began with a \$100,000 contribution from JUCO, which created a catalyst to move forward. The project then received additional contributions from Mesa State, School District #51, and the City of Grand Junction, allowing for the opportunity to apply for the NFL grant. Mr. Stevens discussed the fact that the Stocker Stadium field and the Mesa State soccer field were identical, with the exception of the air field drainage system installed at Stocker Stadium. Don Hobbs showed the Board members a display of the turf that the stadium workers put together using scraps from the multiple layers. Mr. Hobbs briefly described each layer, and said the air field drainage system is working extremely well. Shawn Cooper stated the field is complete and has been accepted, with the exception of some minor clean up items that still need to be finished. Don Hobbs reported he has received very positive comments regarding the new turf from many officials, athletic directors, and coaches. Steve Phillips said Thunder Ridge High School plays all over the state and recently said Stocker Stadium is by far the best field they have played on. Doug Thomason also stated he has received nothing but positive comments from community.

B) Field cover: Joe Stevens discussed the need for a field cover in order to protect the new turf during large events, such as graduations, fund raisers, etc. Mr. Stevens reported \$50,000 of the Bronco grant funds must be designated towards “non-field” items and said he was confident the field cover would fall into this category. Joe Stevens stated the City has received three quotes for a cover, ranging as high as \$1,000,000. Don Hobbs showed the Board members two samples of cover designs. Mr. Hobbs stated the preferred sample, the “Port-a-floor” design, comes in sections that are easily assembled and can be rolled up when not in use. Don Hobbs stated the “Port-a-floor” cover would cost approximately \$166,000 to cover 47,000 square feet (10 yard line to 10 yard line, side line to side line) Joe Stevens discussed the importance of the Board weighing the \$166,000 cost versus the cost of the entire project. Don Hobbs stated, in addition to the cover assisting with heat reduction, it will also protect the field from the associated elements of graduation ceremonies, such as sunflower seeds, concessions, gum, etc. Jamie Hamilton stated Mesa State College is currently struggling with this same issue, as their new soccer field is a little too close in proximity to the stands, resulting in a section of the turf being a target for concessions, sunflower seeds, etc. Don Hobbs discussed the other affordable product, stating the cover would be difficult to work with as the pieces come apart too easily. Mr. Hobbs stated the covers are guaranteed to last the life of the turf and, if ordered, would need a lead time of at least four weeks. Don Hobbs stated a location as to where to store the cover has not yet been determined. Lena Elliott stated she does not see that the Board has a choice whether or not to purchase a field cover.

Lena Elliott moved to approve the purchase of a field cover at Stocker Stadium and to follow staff's recommendation with regards to the product choice. Ron Rowley seconded.

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

C) Update on Ribbon Cutting Celebration Plans: Traci Altergott reported Pat Bullen and a couple of the Denver Bronco football players will be attending the September 25, 2007 ribbon cutting celebration at Stocker Stadium. Ms. Altergott stated the football players will be on a very tight schedule and, unfortunately, will not be able to host an autograph session of any kind. Traci Altergott stated Doug Thomason will be the "Master of Ceremonies" for the event, in which over 1,200 people have been invited. Ms. Altergott thanked Steve Phillips, and School District #51, for allowing approximately 600 kids to participate in the event, stating all of the youth will be fed and back in school by 1:30 p.m. (The football players and cheerleaders from Mesa State College, all four high schools, two middle schools, and 250 band members will be in attendance.) Shon Birch stated the Broncos organization will also be sending 7 - 8 representatives and "Miles the Mascot" to Grand Junction on Monday, September 24, 2007, to host a Gatorade training camp. In addition, the Broncos are also conducting a second camp on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., in which the students from Columbine and Lincoln Elementary schools are invited to attend. (These two schools were chosen as they are both within walking distance of Stocker Stadium.) Traci Altergott stated numerous organizations are sponsoring the event, including, Kiewit Building Group, Big Nugget Ice, and Western Implement. Shon Birch distributed Bronco polos for the Board members to wear at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Steve Phillips and Doug Thomason thanked Traci Altergott and the Recreation staff for all of their hard work.

**Item 5: Request from Mesa State and School District 51 for Funding Consideration for "misterters" at Stocker Stadium**

Jamie Hamilton discussed the heat issue Mesa State has been having with the new turf, stating the college recently purchased misterters (cool zones) for the field's sidelines. Mr. Hamilton reported the misterters range in price from \$3,500 each to \$20,000 each. Jamie Hamilton stated Mesa State recently spent approximately \$7,500 on soccer misterters, stating the City could also use the misterters at Stocker Stadium if they would like to reimburse Mesa State for a portion of the cost. Bruce Hill suggested the Parks Improvement Advisory Board reimburse Mesa State for the full cost, in order for the misterters to be available for everyone's use (soccer, football, graduations, special events, etc.) Joe Stevens stated the \$7,500 could also be included in the \$50,000 Broncos grant, which must be used for "non-field" items.

Bruce Hill moved that the Parks Improvement Advisory Board reimburse Mesa State for the full \$7,500 spent on misterters (cool zones). Ron Rowley seconded.

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

**Item 6: Other Business**

Steve Phillips discussed an ongoing issue with the microphones at Stocker Stadium, stating the sound system works great for individuals who are singing (national anthem, etc.), but is not designed for groups/choirs. Mr. Phillips requested staff research and purchase a different type of microphone conducive for groups. Jamie Hamilton stated JUCO could also benefit from group

microphones. Don Hobbs stated the microphones should not cost more than a couple hundred dollars and said he would have a sound specialist investigate.

**Item 7: Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were discussed.

**Item 8: Next Meeting**

Doug Thomason requested the next Parks Improvement Advisory Board meeting be scheduled as needed.

**Item 9: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist