

## **Parks Improvement Advisory Board February 13, 2007**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Joe Stevens at 7:30 a.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:	Doug Thomason Ron Rowley Andy Rodriguez
Board Members Absent:	Steve Acquafresca Sue Gormley (Ex-Officio)
Stadium Committee:	Steve Phillips Bruce Hill Joe Stevens
Stadium Members Absent:	Jamie Hamilton
Parks & Recreation Staff Present:	Joe Stevens, Director Don Hobbs Hobbs, Assistant Director Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner
Guests:	Reford Theobold Jason Danek Kiewit Project Manager Eric Van De Boogaard, Kiewit Director

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

Jamie Hamilton moved to approve the December 13, 2006 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Doug Thomason seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks Improvement Advisory Board:    Yes 3        No 0

### **Item 3: Artificial Turf**

Jamie Hamilton discussed the current status of the soccer field installation at Mesa State. Mr. Hamilton said the college has been working with Kiewit Building Group in order to obtain a bid for artificial turf at Stocker Stadium in conjunction with Mesa State's new soccer field. Jamie Hamilton introduced Jason Danek, Project Manager at Kiewit Building Group. Mr. Danek stated the soccer field is scheduled for completion in July and said the decision whether or not to move forward with artificial turf at Stocker Stadium would need to be made very quickly, as the soccer field turf has already been ordered for Mesa State. Jason Danek said Kiewit Building Group would need a final decision within the next three weeks in order to offer the same low price to the City.

Mr. Danek estimated a savings of \$150,000 on the turf itself if the Stocker Stadium project is done in conjunction with the soccer field. Kiewit Building Group agreed to bring revised cost estimates back to the Parks Improvement Advisory Board should the City decide they would like more work done than just the turf installation, such as track, pole vault pits, etc. Mr. Danek discussed the “big unknown” cost of soil stabilization, stating Kiewit Building Group could not estimate those costs at this time. Jason Danek requested the City refrain from watering the field area as much as possible, hoping the reduction in irrigation will help minimize some of the soil stabilization issues. Steve Phillips stated the School District’s only track needs are the long jump, triple jump, and high jump. Jason Danek reported an additional estimated \$200,000 would need to be included for completing the “D” areas of the track. Jamie Hamilton expressed his confidence in Kiewit Building Group’s estimate, stating the group has already done more work on the soccer field (free of charge) than anyone would have expected. Eric Van De Boogaard, Kiewit’s Director of Business Development, stated he was very confident with the total project costing approximately \$800,000, with the possible exception of soil stabilization. Jamie Hamilton stated he would need to reconvene with Tim Foster prior to making any commitments, stating JUCO is prepared to contribute towards the Stocker Stadium project; however, was not prepared for the project to cost \$1 million. Ron Rowley stated, while the School District board has not yet discussed the project in detail, he was fairly positive the School District is interested in contributing and said he would discuss the item at next week’s board meeting. Jamie Hamilton stated JUCO would prefer to postpone artificial turf on the baseball field, now that it appeared the Golden Baseball League (GBL) is no longer planning on coming to Grand Junction. Mr. Hamilton stated, should that change, JUCO may want to consider artificial turf for the baseball field. Bruce Hill asked if it was better to purchase the colored rubber turf due to Grand Junction’s hot climate. Shawn Cooper said the estimated cost of the colored rubber is an additional \$100,000-150,000. Mr. Cooper said he would research whether or not it is important to consider going with the colored rubber. Bruce Hill discussed the possibility of applying for an energy impact grant. Joe Stevens stated if PIAB would be willing to take the “lead” role in this project, it would allow for more flexibility and would also allow for PIAB to implement a revised fee structure to help fund the project. Don Hobbs stated PIAB currently has \$200,000.00 in the stadium fund which could be used towards the cost of soil stabilization. Jamie Hamilton suggested Parks Improvement Advisory Board pursue a contribution from Mesa County. Mr. Hamilton asked Doug Thomason to mention the turf project to Steve Acquafresca, and said he would then follow-up with Mr. Acquafresca at a later date. Bruce Hill stated City Manager, David Varley has requested the item be reviewed at the March 5, 2007 Council workshop, with a formal action occurring on March 7, 2007. Councilman Hill stated City Council will need the final numbers and contributor information prepared for the March 5<sup>th</sup> workshop. Joe Stevens reported there may be additional costs involved for the purchase of a cover to protect the turf during “other usages”, such as graduations (in order to prevent potential damage from chairs, high heels, etc.). Shawn Cooper stated a cover is not “required” by the manufacturer in order to maintain the warranty, but that they do recommend one. Don Hobbs expressed additional concern of the portable bleachers causing damage to the turf. Joe Stevens stated artificial turf will result in the limitation of some usages, such as the fact that the Shrine Circus will have to find a new location for their annual event.

Joe Stevens asked the Parks Improvement Advisory Board if the artificial turf is a project they would like to move forward on. Ron Rowley said yes and that he will present the information at the School District’s next board meeting. Andy Rodriguez stated Mesa State is in favor of moving forward, and that he will need new numbers to present to Tim Foster. Bruce Hill stated the City will need a full commitment from all entities involved ASAP. The Parks Improvement Advisory

Board agreed they would like to move forward with the artificial turf project at Stocker Stadium. Doug Thomason and Jamie Hamilton said they will talk to Steve Acquafresca in hopes of getting the County on board as well. Joe Stevens said he will put together a report to present to City Council on March 5, 2007 and asked everyone to get back with him as soon as possible with their final commitment numbers. Jason Danek reported the football field project would begin in early June and would be completed by early August. Don Hobbs stated Stocker construction would not be able to start until late June, as the cancer walk is already scheduled for the third week of June.

#### **Item 4: At Large Board Member Replacement Discussion**

Joe Stevens discussed the current vacancy of the Chair and Vice Chair positions on the Parks Improvement Advisory Board and requested guidance as to how the board wants to fill the positions. Discussion ensued regarding what entities currently have representation on the board. Bruce Hill suggested the "at large" position be filled through advertisement and an interview process to determine who in the community is interested. Joe Stevens said he would request the position be advertised through the City Clerk's office. The Parks Improvement Advisory Board agreed they would appoint officers after the at large member is elected.

#### **Item 5: Golden Baseball League Update**

Joe Stevens provided an update on the Golden Baseball League, stating there have been multiple correspondences between the City and the GBL over the past few months; however, he has not heard back from them since December 2006. Based on this, Mr. Stevens is assuming the organization is no longer pursuing a 2007 start date. Mr. Stevens reported, at this time, the required advertising agreement has not been met between GBL and JUCO. Bruce Hill stated if the ability to serve alcohol is a mandatory stipulation of the contract, it may not be approved by City Council. Mr. Hill suggested the GBL remove the "beer sales" portion from the original contract. Councilman Hill expressed it would be better for GBL to approach City Council with alcohol sales as a separate issue. Jamie Hamilton briefly discussed JUCO's concern that the joint advertising will considerably raise the prices of the signs. Bruce Hill expressed concern that if the costs of the signs increase, the community might quit contributing to the advertising at JUCO. Joe Stevens stated GBL has yet to strike an agreement for formal consideration.

#### **Item 6: Other Business**

Joe Stevens reported on a recent conversation staff from School District 51 and the Parks & Recreation Department had with the Bronco's Football organization, regarding a relatively new grant program they have implemented in which the Parks Improvement Advisory Board can apply for a \$50,000 grant. Mr. Stevens said the Bronco's expressed they are currently looking for projects to get involved in. Joe Stevens said the synthetic turf may be a good project to submit an application to the Bronco's for additional funding.

#### **Item 7: Future Meetings Agenda**

The Parks Improvement Advisory Board will meet again after the March 5, 2007 Council workshop.

**Item 8: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist