



Jerry Harris and Lynn Jett, representatives of the Outlaw Football team, both attended the meeting to speak on the Outlaws' behalf. The Outlaws are one of 13 semi-professional sanctioned football teams in Colorado and have been in Grand Junction for two years. Lynn Jett handed out information that covered the history of the Outlaws, Community Support, Players, Future Plans, Code of Conduct, etc. Lynn stated the Outlaws receive community support from more than forty area businesses from Montrose to Grand Junction. Businesses post their schedules and hand out flyers.

Jerry Harris, coach of the Outlaws, expressed their interest in playing all home games at Stocker Stadium, which would be six night games per season. Since the team is semi-professional and they expect at least 500 spectators at each game (based on their unadvertised season opener at Stocker Stadium where turn out was just under 500 with 297 paid at the gate) they would rather play in a stadium than a high school field. The Outlaws' season runs early May through mid July.

Don Hobbs explained the reason we have had such a problem committing to five or six games a year is due to the number of conflicts and the condition of the field. The Parks and Recreation Department plans all of their field maintenance, repair, and turf establishment for the months following the Shrine Circus, which falls the second weekend in June. The Parks and Recreation Department would be more than willing to work with the Outlaws any time before this date.

Jamie Hamilton felt they gave a valid argument and it wouldn't be a problem to give them three to four games prior to The Shrine Circus as long as there is availability after Mesa State College and School District 51 schedules are met.

Lena Elliot moved to give the Outlaws 3 to 4 games prior to the Shrine Circus, under the agreement they provide ample security. Karen Madsen seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

#### **Item 4 Horizon Glen Subdivision**

Joe Stevens explained where this project was left last time it came to the Board by stating the property would have been nice but there was no money to fund it and in 1998 it was not a high priority for the Parks and Recreation Department or the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. At the time The Parks and Recreation Department hoped for extra funding from Public Works in conjunction with Horizon Drive improvements but that prospect fell through. Joe also said there is \$70,000 in the 2000 budget for acquisition, which could be used, but there are other park sites that are possibly more consistent with the CIP and the master plan, which is currently under review.

Tim Foster got an appraisal two years ago for \$257,000, but the city did not get an official appraisal. Tim Woodmansee provided informal information on the two parcels. Lena said the Parks and Recreation Department needs to decide if they want the property and if it would be beneficial, then to get all of the information in writing. Lena also stated if the Fosters are willing to give the city the second parcel, it is worth looking into.

Shawn Cooper said the east lower track of the property is wetlands and the west side would be developable for a small neighborhood park including a small shelter and playground.

Bob Cron stated that appraisals are only good for a certain amount of time and the Parks Department and the Board should be sure they can move forward if they are to put the money forward to get the Horizon Glen property appraised.

Lena Elliott moved to recommend that the City Council authorize an appraisal for the two Horizon Glen outlets owned by Tim Foster and Family. Karen Madsen seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 1 (Cron)

### **Item 5 Master Plan Update**

Tillie Bishop and Bob Cron met with the Parks & Recreation staff and Winston & Associates to review master plan revisions. Tillie stated that Winston & Associates were reviewing areas left out of the plan for neighborhood parks, the need for support from the senior and youth population for the recreation center, and additional information on private entity concerns with the recreation center, along with the pro's and con's on getting the issues on the November or April ballot.

Bob Cron mentioned the Mayor's interest on working with a YMCA for the recreation center, and maybe working with the local clubs for exercise classes and other activities.

Joe Stevens stated that Winston & Associates are benchmarking Grand Junction with comparable communities to project usage and need where the recreation center is concerned.

### **Item 6 Two Rivers**

Lena Elliott did go to City Council and she mentioned they want to know why the Two Rivers renovation isn't going to stay within the original budget, and what exactly the extra money will do. The Renovation Committee plans to go back to Council on June 19, 2000 with those plans. Tillie Bishop made the point that the City would be wasting their time if they weren't going to accept the new plan in its entirety.

Lena Elliott and Tillie Bishop plan to visit local banks and foundations in the next few weeks so they can produce monetary progress to City Council on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Lena also mentioned the renovation doesn't meet criteria for parking, which was not presented as an issue prior to this point. Joe Stevens stated that since Two Rivers is "grandfathered in", the Department technically has to come up with 90 extra parking spaces, 86 of those 90 may be accounted for. The bigger issue is that there has been a parking problem in and around this area for some time and it has been exacerbated most recently by hotel construction.

Tillie Bishop said the City has lead-time to get the extra money because some of renovation will impact the 2002 budget.

## **Item 7 Correspondence**

### Ed Bozarth

Jamie Hamilton expressed his concern about Ed Bozarth Chevrolet still wanting to acquire Lilac Park. Joe Stevens and Dan Wilson will be meeting with representatives from Ed Bozarth Chevrolet in the next week. The Dealership is still interested and is willing to pay a large sum of money to purchase the park, but at this point they are just gathering information.

### Professional Baseball

Tillie Bishop asked that Joe Stevens submit a letter to Mesa State College, JUCO, and School District 51 to get their comments in writing on the Professional Baseball Guidelines recently approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

### PIAB

Lena Elliott also asked about steps the Parks Improvement Advisory Board has to take to get to City Council. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board does not always review decisions made by PIAB that may impact the Parks and Recreation Department. The Board was of the opinion that improvements such as bleacher backs, restrooms, etc. should come to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review and prior to implementation.

## **Item 7 Adjourn**

Bob Cron moved to adjourn the meeting, Tillie Bishop seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 5 yes 0 no  
Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. (Karen Madsen was excused at 1:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

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