

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board / City Council
Joint Breakfast Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2000**

**Item 1 Called to Order by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman
Jamie Hamilton at 7:35 a.m.**

Roll Call

City Council Members Present: Gene Kinsey
Jack Scott
Earl Payne
Jim Spehar
Janet Terry

Board Members Present: Jamie Hamilton
Tillie Bishop
Bob Cron
Karen Madsen
Lena Elliott
R.T. Mantlo
Nora Hughes

City Staff Present: Mark Achen, City Manager
Ron Lappi, Finance Director

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
Tracy Constable, Leisure Service Rep.

Item 3 Master Plan Overview

Paul Kuhn of Winston & Associates gave a short overview of the 15 year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft and explained they are ready for City Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board input on what best fits Grand Junction. The Plan includes new park sites, based on meetings with city planning as to what is needed now and future high growth areas, and existing parks.

Some of the highlights Paul touched on included the input of the three focus groups summarized on page 6 of the Master Plan Draft, the park and facility needs Grand Junction has compared to other communities this size summarized on page 10 of the Master Plan Draft, and the fold out table on page 20 that outlines the funding process. Page 22 of the draft Summarized outstanding balances on CIP projects, options if the city de-bruses, and Phase I of Matchett Park, including infrastructure, and \$17 million for a 75,000 square foot Recreation Center with the projected operating costs for the Recreation Center.

Item 4 Elections

City Councils' thoughts have been to work toward a possible November ballot with questions. In order to orchestrate a successful November Election the campaign strategy and decision needs to be finalized by mid-July. The option of waiting until April, 2001 was also proposed, which would give the Recreation Board and Staff more time to produce a solid campaign strategy. Other advantages to waiting for the April ballot are keeping the recreation issues separate from DeBrusing, the City can decide on 1/8 % or 1/4 % sales tax position based on the November vote on the debrusing issue. The April ballot is a mail in which in the past gained better voter turn-out and there will not be a litany of other campaign initiatives to evaluate with this Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Issue.

Item 5 Local Health Club Concerns

Brain Bensley of Kids Plex, Dan Thurlow of Grand Junction Athletic Club, and Dale Reese of Crossroads Fitness Centers all attended the meeting to express their views and concerns with a City Recreation Center. All three gentlemen made the point that it is difficult to compete as a private enterprise against a government subsidized center, and feel a new recreation center would greatly hurt their membership numbers or completely put them out of business.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. Constable
Leisure Service Representative