

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2000**

Item 1 Called to Order by Vice-Chairman Tillie Bishop at 11:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tillie Bishop
 Bob Cron
 RT Mantlo
 Lena Elliott
 Bernie Goss

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
 Erika Doyle, Administrative Specialist
 Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent

Item 2 Approve Minutes

Bob Cron moved to approve the July 20, 2000 minutes. R.T. Mantlo seconded the motion.

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

Item 3 National Junior College Baseball World Series Treasurer's Report

Tillie Bishop passed out the attached information provided by Jamie Hamilton on behalf of the Executive Committee of NJCAA.

Item 4 Election of Officers

R.T. Mantlo moved to elect Tillie Bishop as Chair and Bob Cron as Vice-Chair. Lena Elliott seconded the motion.

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

Item 5 Introduction of New Board Member – Bernie Goss

Tillie Bishop welcomed and introduced Bernie Goss to the attending Board and Staff members and asked Mr. Goss to give a brief overview of his background. Mr. Goss thanked Mr. Bishop for the welcome and explained that he was a native of the area and started working within the

Parks and Recreation arena in 1964 in the softball program. He also has worked closely with sports in School District 51 and was on the Fruita City Council for two terms.

Item 6 Update on Canyon View Baseball Park

Don Hobbs stated that there is a Parks Improvement Advisory Board (PIAB) meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30am in the Parks and Recreation Administration conference room. A topic of discussion for that meeting will be outlining recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) regarding improvements at Canyon View Park. The JUCO committee has said that they will donate \$90,000 (\$35k of the \$90k is a tentative commitment from PIAB) to the City to be used for seating at the baseball field. In order to accommodate the proposed seating of 750-800 at Canyon View Park, the City of Grand Junction would have to come up with an estimated additional \$255,000 in funding.

R.T. Mantlo stated that 700 seats are all that the JUCO Committee would be requesting. Mr. Mantlo stated that he doesn't have the feeling that the baseball field will be turned into another stadium. With the current use of Suplizio Field, the idea is that the games will then be somewhat split (i.e. college/school district) between Suplizio Field and Canyon View Park.

Don Hobbs then stated that the question that the board was entertaining was whether Canyon View Park baseball field has the potential to be another stadium. This question was asked directly to Sam Suplizio and his response was yes at some time in the future it could be. With that answer, staff feels it is necessary to look at revising the Canyon View Park Master Plan. Based on current and past attendance at Suplizio Field, the numbers don't support increasing planned seating at Canyon View Park from 300 to 700.

Lena Elliott asked who uses the field currently? Does the school district use it? Don Hobbs stated that yes, the school district uses the field and that they have stated that their biggest priorities are a scoreboard, restrooms, and eventually a concession stand.

Lena Elliott asked what Sam Suplizio's agenda was for this baseball field. R.T. Mantlo answered that the point was to move more of the high school and college games to Canyon View baseball field to take use off of Suplizio Field. Lena Elliott stated that if we are just trying to service the high school and college games, the attendance shows that the seating at Canyon View baseball field is fine. What is driving the force that we need 700 seats? Bob Cron stated that Sam Suplizio feels very strongly that in the future, 10-20 years from now, 700 seats will be necessary. R.T. Mantlo agreed that 700 seats might not be required now, but that we should plan for the future.

Tillie Bishop asked if the Board would consider 500 seats assuming that the City wouldn't then have to revamp the entire Master Plan. Lena Elliott agreed.

Don Hobbs asked the PRAB to allow PIAB to meet next week and make their recommendation to PRAB for improvements and/or funding. Mr. Bishop stated that PRAB should ask JUCO to put the \$90k in a trust so that it is there when the City has the funds to continue with the project.

Bob Cron stated that he didn't have a problem with 700 seats if parking weren't an issue and JUCO were paying more money. PRAB agreed to wait for PIAB's report and recommendation.

Item 7 Other Business

Next Board Meeting

October 19, 2000 at City Hall. 11:30 a.m.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Pictures

October 16, 2000 at Parks & Recreation Building. 4:00pm

TRCC Update

Lena Elliott gave a brief update on Two Rivers Convention Center renovation. The City is in negotiations for additional land for parking – hopefully all goes well. The TRCC Committee is asking for an energy grant (\$300,000 this year and \$300,000 next year). Due to the lack of energy money and a surplus in the City reserves, getting this grant may be difficult but the committee will pursue it and are hopeful.

Suplizio Field Restrooms

Don Hobbs let the Board know that we had obtained the Certificate of Occupancy for the newly renovated restrooms. The Board was invited to tour the facility following the meeting or at their convenience when they attended a stadium event.

Canyon View Scoreboard

Tillie Bishop inquired as to the status of the Coca-Cola scoreboard at Canyon View Park baseball field. Don Hobbs stated that we have received an offer and it looks very good. We will allow Coca-Cola to install four vending machines, two at each shelter. Coca-Cola will provide security kiosks for those machines. The City concessionaire will serve Coca-Cola for the period of the contract. The City will receive a percentage of gross from the machine sales. Coca-Cola will donate the same type of scoreboard (size & model) that is currently in Suplizio Field – less the electronic name change and message center.

Lena Elliott requested that we specify that the profits made at the Coca-Cola machines go directly into Canyon View Park improvements versus general fund.

Item 8 Adjourn

Bob Cron moved to adjourn the meeting, Bernie Goss seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 5 yes 0 no

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika L. Doyle
Administrative Specialist