

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes October 20, 1999**

## **Item 1 Called to Order by Chairman Jamie Hamilton at 11:40 a.m.**

### Roll Call

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

Staff Present:                                 Don Hobbs, Assistant Director  
   Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner  
   Doug Jones, Golf Course Superintendent  
   Michael Varnum, TRCC Manager  
   Erika Doyle, Administrative Specialist

## **Item 2 Approval of Minutes**

Lena Elliott moved to approve the September 16, 1999 minutes, Karen Madsen seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved: Yes 6    No 0

Lena Elliott moved to approve the October 12, 1999 minutes, Jamie Hamilton seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved: Yes 6    No 0

## **Item 3 Golf Professional & Proposed Golf Liaison Committee**

Jamie Hamilton gave a brief overview for Tillie Bishop and Karen Madsen as they were unable to attend the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with Jeff Beaudry, PGA Career Services Consultant. Mr. Hamilton went over the highlights of Mr. Beaudry's presentation and summarized the necessary qualifications of any golf professional applicant who might match in this position. Specifically, the applicant must have a savvy business background as well as the customer service skills required to keep patrons happy and as repeat customers.

At this same October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, a group of the golfing community presented a proposal (attached to previous minutes) asking that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board appoint a Golf Liaison Committee to assist the Board specifically in the City golf

operations. At this point, Mr. Hamilton brought up Joe Stevens letter recommendation to consider appointing an Ad-Hoc Committee for the specific purposes of assisting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Staff: 1) recruit a Head Golf Professional for municipal golf course operations, 2) better understand, appreciate and communicate municipal golf course operations and trends to constituency groups such as junior and women golfers. Lena Elliott stated that this would be an appropriate committee to form but at the appropriate time and now might not be the time. Possibly form the committee after the main selection committee, with the proper skills, narrows down the applicants for the Head Golf Professional position.

Mr. Stevens letter also stated that staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board support the recruitment for a Head Golf Professional that will be a contracted, at-will employee of the City believing that this approach will maximize our resources, enhance service delivery potential and result in a highly qualified field of candidates from which to select. Furthermore, Mr. Stevens letter recommended that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board utilize the expertise of the PGA (e.g. Jeff Beaudry) to work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Ad-Hoc Golf Committee and/or the golfing community to make sure we have the right fit for a most challenging and rewarding opportunity.

Tillie Bishop asked Jamie Hamilton and Don Hobbs if the City had ever considered allowing the private sector to take over the golf courses so that tax dollars wouldn't have to subsidize golf course operations. Both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Hobbs said that it had never been discussed. Mr. Hobbs stated that as the golf courses are run as an enterprise fund, no tax dollars have had to subsidize golf course operations.

Tillie Bishop asked the rest of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board if they felt there had been an adversarial relationship between the City and the golfers. Lena Elliott and Jamie Hamilton answered that they for the most part they believed the relationship was very good. However admitted that there were a few golfers that the relationship might not have been so good.

Karen Madsen asked what the City's timeline looked like at this point. Doug Jones stated that Jeff Beaudry had recommended getting the process started immediately and that he agreed. Mr. Jones was hoping to have everything wrapped up by mid-February at the latest and that would necessitate that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board begin the search process right away.

Bob Cron and Nora Hughes arrived at this point (11:55a). As the meeting was called to order approximately 20 minutes early (meeting not scheduled to begin until 12:00p), Mr. Hamilton revisited what had been discussed since the meeting had been called to order then continued with the discussion.

Lena Elliott stated that she wasn't sure whether the new golf pro should be like Jack or as Joe's letter suggested. The Board discussed the expertise of Jeff Beaudry and thought that his knowledge would be essential in determining the needs and wants of the City of Grand Junction. Tillie Bishop asked Doug Jones if it would be possible to contact Jeff Beaudry about setting up a workshop for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board gave Mr. Jones several potential dates that they would be available for a workshop. Mr. Jones contacted Jeff Beaudry at that time and Mr. Beaudry stated that he would be happy to conduct a workshop for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on November 1, 1999. The Board agreed that this would work for everyone.

Tillie Bishop motioned that a committee not be created at this time however the subject should be revisited and discussed after having a workshop with Jeff Beaudry to narrow down the criteria of hiring a new Golf Professional. Lena Elliott seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved: Yes 6 No 0

Lena Elliott asked that a letter be sent to the committee members who had presented the proposal to form a Golf Liaison Committee, letting them know what the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had decided.

## **Item 6 Staff Reports**

### Two Rivers Convention Center

Michael Varnum, Two Rivers Convention Center Manager, announced that the City was in the process of negotiating the final draft of the contract with the Architects. The City and the Architect have tentatively agreed on fees and the Parks Department hopes to have the award from City Council the first part of November.

No questions.

## **Item 6 Other Business**

### Eagle Rim Park

Don Hobbs asked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board if they would like to have a "ground moving" ceremony or something along those lines at Eagle Rim Park as the ground breaking has already occurred. Bob Cron stated that a "ground moving" ceremony at this time might be a bit anti-climactic and the Board agreed. The Board decided to wait until a grand opening could be coordinated.

### Budget

Lena Elliott inquired as to the status of the Parks and Recreation Budget. Mrs. Elliott and Bob Cron asked if they still had time to review it, specifically any CIP projects, before it was finalized and when final approval would be given. Don Hobbs stated that final approval was in December. Mr. Hobbs stated that we would get a copy of our CIP budget out to them for immediate review.

Little Park Reserve

Bob Cron informed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that the land use plan for Little Park Preserve (1,200+/- acres) has been completed. The Board requested that staff invite Katherine Robertson to make a brief presentation at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Cron also stated that there was a 30+/- acre parcel that the City might want to think about acquiring. Hopefully Ms. Robertson will be able to expound on that area as well.

**Item 7 Adjourn**

Karen Madsen moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob Cron seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika L. Doyle  
Administrative Specialist