

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
January 18, 1999
Tiara Rado – Pinon Grill

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman Lena Elliott at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Lena Elliott
Katie Kaufmanis
Dennis King
John Gormley
Karen Madsen
R T Mantlo
Jamie Hamilton

Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Doug Jones, Golf Course Supt.
Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin Secretary

Council Present:

Jack Scott
Earl Payne

Item 2 Approval of Minutes

Jamie Hamilton moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to approve the November 19, 1998 minutes. (December 17, 1998 meeting canceled).

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

Representative: Linda Matticks, Westlake Park as a Children's Memorial Park

The Westlake area residents met and reviewed the revised plans for the Westlake Park development. Shawn Cooper has been modifying the original plans to incorporate a children's memorial section in the park. The Compassionate Friends Organization support the idea of having Westlake Park used for the children's memorials and need an official okay by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in order to solicit grant money for improvements. The Organization would like to have two funds established; 1) general improvement fund and, 2) memorial fund. The general improvement fund would be used for improvements to the grounds (sprinklers, turf, etc) and the memorial fund would be for trees, flowers, shelters, etc.

The Compassionate Friends Organization would like a commitment from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the improvement of the west end of the park and need a written agreement for the children's' theme.

Originally, the Skate Park was to be constructed at the South Sherwood Park site. The neighbors opposed the development of the Skate Park while the Westlake neighborhood welcomed the idea of the skate facility. The area was then designated as park land (originally was city owned drainage area) and the Skate Park was constructed. The intent of the Compassionate Friends Organization and the Westlake neighborhood residents is to see the park landscaped.

Katie Kaufmanis moved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board dedicate a portion of Westlake Park as a children's memorial.

Jamie Hamilton stated that it was not that easy, the park may need infrastructure, and the funds are not available. It could also be a problem if grants are solicited and the grants require matching funds, which are unavailable.

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Jamie Hamilton stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has agreed that this is an appropriate location for a children's memorial park and its development.

Item 4 Trust for Public Lands Information and Discussion on Possible Survey

The Trust for Public Lands organization will conduct a local survey on the viability of a bond issue for the continued development of parks and open space. The cost for the survey is shared 50/50 with TPL and the City of Grand Junction's portion would be \$5,000.

Jamie Hamilton moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to request \$5,000 from the City Council for Trust for Public Lands survey, which will be matched by TPL.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 5 Minutes – Other Agencies

No Comments

Item 6 Monthly Staff Reports

No comments.

Item 7 Correspondence

No comments.

Item 8 Other

A. Golf Course Contract

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board heard proposals from potential golf course operators. The proposals and interview sessions went well. Classic Golf was the front runner with Mike Bicker and Joe Perdue as alternates.

Jamie Hamilton moved and R T Mantlo seconded a motion recommending that the Director negotiate a contract with Classic Golf and forward the recommendation to City Council.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

B. Mesa County is compiling an East Grand Valley parks master plan with input from residents. There were comments made at a public meeting which stated that Mesa County used all of their parks improvement dollars went to Canyon View Park. Mesa County did contribute \$75,000 toward the \$6.3 million Phase I construction of Canyon View Park. Mesa County's contribution was specifically for the restroom facility at the soccer fields. In 1998, \$100,000 was contributed through JUCO toward the \$1 million dollar baseball facility in Canyon View.

Item 9 Next Meeting – February 18, 1999

Item 10 Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee
Senior Administrative Secretary
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