

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

February 18, 1999

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman Lena Elliott at 12:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Lena Elliott
Katie Kaufmanis
R T Mantlo
John Gormley

Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Asst. Director
Mari Steinbach, Rec. Superintendent
Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin Secretary
Jenny Naughton, Parks Intern

Guest:

Bob Cron

Item 2 Approval of Minutes

John Gormley moved and RT Mantlo seconded a motion to approve the January 18, 1999 minutes. Approved:
Yes 4 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

A. Healthy Community 2000 – Canceled.

Item 4 American Cancer Society – Request for Fee Waiver

Canceled. American Cancer Society will find a sponsor for the activity and will not be requesting a fee waiver.

Item 5 Park Project Update

A. Legacy Project(s) Update

The City of Grand Junction continues to evaluate possible funding sources for the numerous parks/trail projects. The goal is to leverage current CIP projects and dollars with additional Legacy funding. In the latest grant request (deadline for project submittals was February 8, 1999), we asked for \$609,000 for 1999-2000. If approved, this would allow the City to complete Eagle Rim Park. In addition, we have asked for \$900,000 for Las Colonias; Jarvis Trail may have a \$40,000 shortfall and the department is attempting to leverage resources enabling additional funding consideration.

One aspect of the proposal includes Watson Island and a whitewater course within the city limits. Communities such as Boulder, Steamboat and Golden have whitewater courses. The current proposal is an opportunity to develop three areas: Grand Junction, Palisade and Fruita.

Joe Stevens stated that Bob Cron has done a great job with the grant writing process.

Joe Stevens informed the Board that Mayor Janet Terry submitted a letter to GOCO on behalf of the City of Grand Junction regarding the recent denial of funding for the playground at Westlake and for the restroom facility at Canyon View. GOCO's current policy dictates that only current projects qualify for funding and past funding cannot be used. GOCO is contemplating raising the funding ceiling and allowing multi-year funding.

Item 6 Minutes – Other Agencies

No comments.

Item 7 Monthly Staff Reports

No comments.

Item 8 Correspondence

Item 9 Other Business

- The transition at Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado golf courses is moving along. Bo Bostrom is in Grand Junction and is currently interviewing staff for positions with Classic Golf. The contract is in its final stages with minor changes.
- Susan Childs, Trust for Public Lands, will be sending a proposal regarding the possible survey of the Grand Valley and its willingness to fund park projects, a recreation center, etc.
- Lights at Canyon View Park. Joe Stevens went to Louisville, Colorado last fall and looked at the light shields at their facility. The shields do help with the overflow light. The City will purchase and install the visors/baffles. City Council has authorized the purchase and the Purchasing Department is currently getting quotes. The shields should be installed before the summer softball season begins.
- The Grand Valley Kennel Club will be holding its annual show at Canyon View Park baseball field again this year. The event will be held on the same weekend as the Fruita Fall Festival which does rent the softball field for their tournament. The park will be full.
- City Council voted 5-2 to move the funding for Two Rivers Convention Center remodel project from 2002 to 2001.
- The City received 120+ applications for the Two Rivers Convention Center Manager position. Lena Elliott asked Joe to visit with Marriott Services at Mesa State College. Mr. Tracy Kelly, Marriott Food Services, has said he will do an evaluation of the current Two Rivers Convention Center operations. The assessment center will be held March 29, 9:00-3:00 at Two Rivers.
- The Department received a letter from Catherine Robertson, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the Bangs Canyon project. Keith Mumby is the ex-officio representative to the Bang's Canyon study committee.
- Katie Kaufmanis is moving to Denver and John Gormley stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should recognize her for her hard work while on the Board. Katie stated she would like to see another pool and the recreation center built.

Item 10 Next Meeting – March 18, 1999

Item 11 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee
Senior Administrative Secretary
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