

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes November 15, 2001

Item 1 Meeting Called to Order by Vice-Chairman Bob Cron at 11:55 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tillie Bishop
 Nora Hughes
 Bernie Goss
 Bob Cron

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Joe Stevens, Director
 Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
 Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner
 Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
 Tracy Constable, Administrative Specialist

Item 1 Scheduled Guest, Cheryl Collins

Joe introduced Cheryl Collins, Executive Director of Grand Junction United Way, she was in attendance to receive a donation check from the Recreation Staff. Eddie Mort thanked the United Way for all they do for the community and for their special efforts in raising money for the September 11th fund. Then explained that the Recreation Staff choose to make the 2nd Annual Halloween Softball Tournament a benefit tournament where all profits would go to the United Way September 11th Fund. Eddie presented Cheryl with a check for \$1,500. Cheryl thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and assured the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that the monies would be sent directly to the National United Way September 11th Fund.

Item 2 Approve Minutes

Bernie moved to approve the October 18, 2001 minutes. Bob seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3 Scheduled Guest, Kelly Arnold

Kelly Arnold, Grand Junction City Manager, proposed that the current Two Rivers Convention Center Sub-Committee stay active, meet as often as needed, and serve as a liaison Advisory Committee to City Council and himself. He also suggested adding Debbie Kovalik, VCB, and Dave Varely, Asst. City Manager to the existing committee. Joe Stevens and Mike Brophy will

oversee all general operations, and Kelly Arnold and the advisory sub-committee would assist with other issues as they arise.

Kelly asked for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's consent to turn over Two Rivers Convention Center advisory duties to the sub-committee.

Bob Cron asked that two members of the sub-committee be Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members, to keep the Board informed on major happenings.

Bob moved to accept and support Kelly Arnold's proposal to keep the Two Rivers Convention Center Sub-Committee and relinquish the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's oversight of Two Rivers Convention Center. Nora seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 4 yes 0 no

Regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) letter the Board sent to City Council, Kelly explained that Monday, November 19th there would be a Media Briefing where City Council would be talking about the City's priorities for the upcoming 2002-2003 budget period. They plan to acknowledge that the Parks and Recreation 10-year plan is not on track or high on the priority list, but the Council believes there is a definite need. They also hope to educate the community on the Tabor issue and how it limits many City projects.

Tillie expressed the need to educate the citizens of Grand Junction that we are in a good place right now with our city parks, but Grand Junction is growing rapidly and if the City stops building new parks and facilities and following the new plan, the city will again fall short of needed parks space and facilities.

Joe explained that the current CIP at best wasn't going to accomplish the Master Plan. Parks has always had to strategize because there has never been enough money in the CIP to cover major parks projects.

Tillie reiterated that he just wanted City Council to understand the Board's concerns of where the Board is and wants to be.

Item 4 Budget Presentation and Fees and Charges

Joe gave a Power Point presentation, prepared for City Council, covering the 2002-2003 budget. Most fees and charge policies for 2002-2003 don't have dramatic changes. The golf courses will still be under market average on fees and are in line with the 10-year plan. The Department is projecting a 2003 fee increase for Suplizio Field, to, in part, encourage greater usage of the Canyon View Baseball Field.

Bob moved to except and adopt the proposed fees and charges for 2002-2003 as presented. Bernie seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 4 yes 0 no

Item 5 Correspondence

Tillie asked that the Board to look at renaming a few of the park facilities, mainly softball fields, after members of the community who have contributed time and efforts to Parks and Recreation in Grand Junction.

To officially name fields or facilities the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would need to determine a name(s) and make a recommendation to City Council.

Tillie asked that Bernie and Nora facilitate that project, by getting information and names together for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss and take further action.

Item 6 Adjourn

Bernie moved to adjourn the meeting, and Bob seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 4 yes 0 no

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Constable
Administrative Specialist