

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes December 20, 2001

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Tillie Bishop at 11:50 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tillie Bishop
 Nora Hughes
 Bernie Goss
 Bob Cron
 Lena Elliott
 Dennis Derreux

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Joe Stevens, Director
 Tracy Constable, Administrative Specialist
 Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Bernie moved to approve the November 15, 2001 minutes with clerical corrections. Lena seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: Scheduled Guest, Kathy Holly

Bob Cron introduced Kathy Holly with the Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery program. Kathy is currently working on a backwater project at the Jarvis/Confluence Property to give endangered fish a safe hatching area. This is a collective effort with the City of Grand Junction, Bureau of Reclamation, Riverfront Commission, and the EPA.

Kathy distributed a hand out that outlined interpretive signage that will line the trail in the project area. Each sign will explain the history of the site, what has been done to restore the habitat, the effects humans have had on the river, the reasons species have become endangered, pollution problems, and the clean up effort.

Kathy explained the group will look to many different organizations to assist in completion of the project. Money for the project will come from the Division of Wildlife, Department of Energy, Riverfront Commission, Recovery Program, Legacy, and the City of Grand Junction. She asked that the Board offer any suggestions they might have for the signage effort.

Tillie suggested contacting the Department of Corrections to build the signs and opening a trust fund in order to use the interest to pay for the upkeep. He also feels that this is an important effort and needs to be taken seriously, not only for the good of the natural habitat but for the possible tourist attraction it will become.

Joe stated that vandalism is always a concern, and it will take vigilance to keep the signage looking nice.

Item 4: Staff Reports

Shawn Cooper reported that there will be \$770,000 in the 2002 budget for Canyon View Park phase II. He believes this will cover general infrastructure and will start the tennis complex. Construction will hopefully start in late summer or early fall. He also noted the track at Stocker Stadium will be resurfaced in 2002 between the track and football seasons.

Lena expressed that because School District 51 and Mesa State College are the most frequent users of the City's sports facilities they should be contributing more money towards these types of projects. She feels the money they add to the Parks and Recreation Improvement Advisory Board budget doesn't cover close to their fair share.

Item 5: Correspondence

The Two Rivers Convention Center Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for January 12, 2002 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the dedication, tours and refreshments (hot dogs, chips, soda and cake) until 2:00 p.m. Joe asked that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board be present for the dedication and assist with tours.

Tillie thanked Joe and the Parks and Recreation Department for another great year and said there is much the department has to be proud of!

Item 6: Adjourn

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

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Constable
Administrative Specialist