

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes February 15, 2001

Item 1 Called to Order by Chairman Tillie Bishop at 11:45 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Tillie Bishop
Bob Cron
Jamie Hamilton
Nora Hughes
R.T. Mantlo

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner
Erika Doyle, Administrative Specialist

Item 2 Approve Minutes

Jamie Hamilton moved to approve the January 18, 2000 minutes. R.T. Mantlo seconded the motion.

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

Item 3 Western Colorado Center for the Arts

Tillie Bishop introduced several people representing the Western Colorado Center for the Arts including Executive Director, Dan Patten, Board of Directors President, Cathy Pabst, and Performing Arts Conservancy Director, Glen Fortner.

Dan Patten began with a brief background of the Arts Center stating that since the conception of the Arts Center in the 1930's, the Arts Center had been housed in a little blue house. From there it had grown into it's own building, and then wings were added onto that building. Through the years the Arts Center has been able to tie in closely with the Performing Arts Conservancy and although pleased with the combined growth over the years, they are having difficulty accommodating current and future program expansion. Over a year ago, Mr. Patten stated that he had met with Joe Stevens regarding preliminary plans for Las Colonias Park and the possibility of bringing the asset of the Arts Center and Performing Arts Conservancy together with the City of Grand Junction's parks system. Mr. Patten stated that at this point he wanted to

let the City know that he and the Arts Center Board of Directors was interested in this possibility and wanted to know what the next step should be.

Bob Cron asked what size facility the Arts Center was thinking they would like to build. Dan Patten replied 30-40,000 square feet which would be much more accommodating than their current 17,000 square feet. Mr. Patten also stated that it would be necessary to have an area where there was room for future expansion. The Arts Center did not want to be landlocked as their current structure is.

Joe Stevens stated that Parks & Recreation Staff, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and the representatives from the Arts Center are in exploratory mode. Mr. Stevens stated that he felt this idea of relocating the Arts Center to Las Colonias Park would be a good tie-in to the City of Grand Junction's Master Plan and what is currently trying to be accomplished in that area (i.e. Botanical Gardens, Riverfront trail, Butterfly Pavilion, etc.) Shawn Cooper then presented a conceptual map of how Las Colonias Park "could" be developed.

Kathy Pabst stated that her Board of Directors has liked this idea because their understanding is that Las Colonias Park isn't planned to be a large "sports recreational area" like Canyon View Park and inquired as to whether she was correct in this statement. Shawn Cooper replied that she was correct. Mr. Cooper continued that although Las Colonias will include a small amount of sporting facilities along the lines of sandpit volleyball, the intent is to make this a cultural center focusing on activities taking citizens through the Botanical Gardens, watching performances at the amphitheater, walking along the Riverfront Trail, etc. Ms. Pabst also stated that they envision a place where people can view artists creating their art, an auditorium, and possibly a foundry for glass works. Ms. Pabst again reiterated that they must have a location where expansion is a possibility as they plan on still being around in 50 years.

Tillie Bishop suggested that representatives from the Arts Center, Botanical Gardens, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Bob Cron and Jamie Hamilton volunteered to represent the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board), and City Staff get together and explore possibilities as a group. Dan Patten offered to contact the different entities and arrange a meeting.

Item 4 Two Rivers Convention Center Update

Joe Stevens stated that the City Council will be reviewing "options" for Two Rivers renovation on April 16th and the construction should begin around the same time with mobilization starting around the first of April. Tillie Bishop added that the City Council seemed fairly excited about the possibility of a round-a-bout at the 2nd & Colorado intersection. Mr. Bishop wants to make sure that all the businesses in that area have been contacted and made aware of the benefits of this option.

Item 5 Other Business

Golf Courses

Travis Bunkelman relayed that he had been working with the Western Colorado Golf Foundation (WCGF) along with Harold Elam and he believes that Mr. Elam will be a major sponsor for the tournament. If everything is ironed out, Mr. Elam will be working with the WCGF in organizing and running the 2001 Rocky Mountain Open in accordance with the contract between the City of Grand Junction and the WCGF. Jamie Hamilton and Tillie Bishop thanked Mr. Bunkelman for working to resolve issues between the two parties.

Nora Hughes arrives at 12:35pm

Travis Bunkelman then presented the golf courses upcoming regulation system called “Pace-of-Play”. This system has been introduced due to slow play on the course. It is operated with a flagging system by the course rangers. Each player will receive a “Pace-of-Play” card telling him or her how long they have to play each hole. If a player is slowing down the pace, warnings will begin as follows:

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| 1 st Warning: Yellow Flag | Meaning: Pick up the pace |
| 2 nd Warning: Red Flag | Meaning: Pick-up your ball and move to where you should be |
| 3 rd Warning: Verbal | Meaning: Ranger contacting golf professional on duty |

Mr. Bunkelman hopes that once implemented in the spring, pace-of-play at both Tiara Rado and Lincoln Park will be much improved. Tillie Bishop inquired as to if this program had been used at other courses. Mr. Bunkelman reported that he has spoken to several courses in Denver and they have been very pleased with the outcome of this program. Mr. Bunkelman also reported that he is looking into ways to reward patrons for doing the “right” thing (i.e. keeping up pace-of-play, repairing divets, parking/driving carts in the right areas, etc.) This is a work-in-progress and has the support of respective men’s and women’s clubs at Tiara Rado and Lincoln Park golf courses.

Cinco de Mayo

Joe Stevens reminded the Board that the operators of the annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration had been notified on April 16, 2000 and again just this week that their celebration, if held in Riverside Park in 2001 and beyond, would be limited to a one-day event versus the previous three-day event due the fact that the program had become so successful it has outgrown Riverside Park.

Master Plan

The Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be formally presented on February 21, 2001 to the City Council for adoption. The plan has been revised to reflect changes as directed by Council. The Recreation/Senior Center has been moved from a Tier I improvement at Priority #1 to Tier II at Priority #6. The estimated cost is \$16,369,975 based on a 75,000

square foot facility at 2000/01 costs. The facility is not site specific and the option exists to build two smaller recreation centers rather than one large facility.

Phase I development of Matchett Park is now a new project located in Tier II at Priority #6. The cost of this development includes infrastructure, outdoor swimming/aquatic facilities and seven acres of park development at an estimated cost of \$6,727,140 based on 2000/01 costs.

Stocker Stadium/Suplizio Field Signage

Tillie Bishop asked if the verbiage for the signage at Stocker Stadium/Suplizio Field had been worked out? Joe Stevens answered that City Council has given staff clear direction on the wording for the permanent south entry sign into the Stocker/Suplizio complex. However, if JUCO wants to place temporary banners during the National Junior College World Series or permanent signage inside the stadium, it can be addressed in a manner consistent with PIAB's policies for signage within the confines of Suplizio Field.

Next Meeting

March 15, 2001. Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Building

Item 6 Adjourn

Bob Cron moved to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Hamilton seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 5 yes 0 no

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika L. Doyle
Administrative Specialist