

Lena questioned what the Art Center wanted from the City of Grand Junction. Joe clarified that the City could pattern a long-term lease agreement for land, something similar to the agreement with the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, also located on city property. Lena also stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board needs to be in agreement that they are not going to partner in the project until it is bought to the Board and those arrangements are made and agreed upon. Bob explained that the Art Center is aware they will have to come up with the funds for the project and the only thing the City of Grand Junction has mentioned possibly assisting with is the parking lot. Tillie interjected that there was no plan to spend any capital monies on this project.

B. Orchard Mesa Middle School Agreement (Bernie Goss & Nora Hughes)

Tillie asked that there be a letter drafted to School District 51 to inform them where the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board feels this project needs to be heading. At this time, because of the cost of the Orchard Mesa Middle School Project, and it not being in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan or budget, Bernie stated that at this time the ball was in the School District's court and there was nothing else to report at this time.

Item 4 Two Rivers Convention Center Update

Joe reported that at this time the project is approximately two weeks behind schedule but Shaw Construction anticipates being back on schedule soon. There have been a few surprises thus far. The roof, over the kitchen for one, has had drain problems since the 1980's, which will cost more than expected. The copper in the vent stacks in the restrooms is rusted out, and an extra \$38,000 will be added to the total cost of the project for asbestos removal in the parking lot.

Lena questioned where the City was with the management issue. Joe explained that a report was completed and presented to City Council by Dave Varley, Assistant City Manager. Dave is working with Mari and Human Resources to develop a division head/superintendent position that would report to the Parks and Recreation Director. The Convention Manager would be housed in the Two Rivers Convention Center building, and would coordinate with the VCB on marketing. Joe also stated that he would like to have the manager on staff six weeks prior to the re-opening.

Joe brought the Board up to date on the plans to curtail the significant subsidy for community group's luncheons. There will be one fee structure, but the level of service will be evaluated and enhanced. A number of changes will be put into effect the day Two Rivers Convention Center re-opens. Tillie questioned if the community groups had been sent letters to explain the new policy. Joe said discussions have been on going but once decided by council, additional information about the fee schedule will need to be communicated.

Item 5 Staff Reports

A. Participation Updates

1. Recreation reports presented by Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent.

- May numbers have doubled for 2001 from 2000
- June numbers were also up
- New programs are doing great
- GMYSA fees from players are back up to the numbers from 1998

2. Aquatics

- Admission numbers, and Learn to Swim numbers similar to 2000
- Wave Swim Meet participation doubled from 2000 and was held at Orchard Mesa Swimming Pool
- Dolphin Swim Meet, held July 6-10 at Lincoln Park Moyer Pool, was such a success they had to turn teams away.
- Participation at the “4th of July at the Pool” celebration was 2,350. Admission to the pool and slide was free for kids under 17 and \$2.25 for adults, celebrating 225 years of independence.

Mari finished with saying programs are going really well, the Recreation Staff is doing a great job, and they plan to keep adding new events and bettering existing programs. Lena commended the recreation staff on a job well done, and she appreciates that she hasn't received complaint calls recently. Bernie also added how impressed he has been with the crack down on foul language at the softball parks, “it is, again, a nice place to take the family for a ball game.”

3. Golf

- Number of rounds for 2001 has increased at Tiara Rado, and remained stable at Lincoln Park
- Use of Driving ranges at both courses is up
- Men's club is up to 140 participants on Thursdays.
- Ladies Club has close to the same numbers as 2000
- Evening Ladies has increased phenomenally from 16 per night in 2000 to 60 per night this year

Travis Bunkelman, Golf Pro, concluded by talking about the Jr. Golf program, Ace Golf Foundation, is doing great, participation is high, and results have been satisfactory. Travis would also like to start a new program on Tuesdays to increase numbers, because it is their slow day.

Item 6 Correspondence

Joe announced the projected date of completion of the median on 7th Street to be July 13th. This project will level the medians, add new flowers, and new landscaping.

Bernie questioned where Jack Scott is with the Recreation Center plan. Tillie answered by saying no one really knew at this point where the plan was heading and the Board should have Jack at the next board meeting in August.

Item 7 Adjourn

Bernie Goss moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Cron seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. to tour Two Rivers Convention Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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