

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

August 16, 2001

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

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tillie Bishop
 Bob Cron
 Lena Elliott
 Bernie Goss
 Nora Hughes
 R.T. Mantlo
 Dennis Derreix

City Council Members Present: Harry Butler

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

Item 1 Welcome Board Members

Tillie started the meeting by welcoming Dennis Derreix to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and congratulating Nora Hughes and R.T. Mantlo for being re-appointed. Tillie also presented Jamie Hamilton a plaque on behalf of the Board, and a letter from Grand Junction City Council commending him for nine years of dedicated, outstanding, and unselfish service to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Item 2 Election of Officers

Lena Elliott moved to elect Tillie Bishop as Board Chairman and Bob Cron as Vice-Chairman, in hopes to keep the board moving at the speed and in the direction they have been for the last year. Bernie Goss seconded this motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 Approve Minutes

Tillie moved to approve the July 5, 2001 minutes, after changing “candidate” to “manager” in item 4, and striking the suggestion to meet a second time with the Grand Valley Transit. Bob Cron seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Item 4 Recreation Center Vote Update

Tillie introduced Jack Scott, who gave a brief overview on the ballot effort and handed out the brochure they have been using to promote the recreation center. The committee had three weeks to get 1493 signatures on the petition. They finished with 2,150. Jack said overall, it was a great experience, a lot of residents outside of city limits were excited about the idea and wanted to be involved, and he added there were very few negative responses but that was to be expected. He was confident they would get on the November ballot.

Tillie then introduced Paul Wisecup, who is also heading up the Recreation Center effort. Paul has been involved in community efforts of this nature before and knows what it takes to get a project of this size off the ground. Paul is very interested in recreation facilities and believes this will be a two phase effort, one to get the issue on the ballot and two, garnering support from voters. Paul believes there should be a lot of support, and they are planning an informative and straightforward campaign.

R.T. mentioned maybe adding “senior” to the name of the Center, Jack replied, saying they have met on that issue and prefer using “community” because it encompasses everyone.

Bob asked if the committee had mapped out step three. Paul said they plan to refresh past studies and work closely with the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department and Parks Advisory Board on needs and design. Paul also added they would like to get a citizen group together to get their input, since they are paying the bill.

Lena raised the question if the vote goes through will the City of Grand Junction agree to put the recreation center in Matchett park? Joe explained that once the question is placed on the ballot, the Matchett site would be part of the ballot question. The City of Grand Junction would also operate the center.

Jack also added that the ballot issue would include building the entire park project, including park space, recreation center, outdoor swimming pool/waterslide, etc. all in one phase.

Item 5 Two Rivers Update

Shawn Cooper gave a brief update on the Two Rivers Renovation Project, starting with an overview of the color scheme for the outside of the building and carpet/tile/wall coverings for the inside. He then went over the plans for the outdoor walking plaza, which will be located on 2nd Street between Main St. and Colorado Ave. The plaza will have textured concrete, elevated planters that will double as benches and the sculpture purchased by the Commission Arts and Culture will probably be placed at the south end of the plaza.

Joe expressed his intentions to meet with the Parks Board in September, on Two Rivers policies and recommendations for permanent displays. He also invited the Board to the reception for the Two Rivers Convention Center Manager candidates, so everyone has a chance to meet the finalists.

Item 6 Capital Improvement Projects

Joe highlighted some of the larger projects the Parks and Recreation Department has planned over the next ten years, and welcomed the Board to read over the entire CIP plan and raise any recommendations they might have at the September meeting.

Item 5 Staff Reports

A. Participation Updates

1. Recreation reports presented by Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent.
 - Lincoln Park Pool numbers are down because of weather.

Item 7 Adjourn

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Constable
Administrative Specialist