

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
February 26, 2004**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Bernie Goss at 12:05 p.m.**

Roll Call

Board Members Present:                   Bernie Goss  
  Dennis Derrieux  
  Bob Cron  
  Dale Hollingsworth  
  Reford Theobold  
  Cindy Enos-Martinez (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent:                   David Detwiler

Staff Present:                             Don Hobbs, Assistant Director  
  Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
  Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Dennis Derrieux notified the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of the need for a correction under Item #5 in the January 19, 2004, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. The artwork selected for Canyon View Park is the only one in the “country”. Dennis Derrieux moved to approve the January 19, 2004 minutes after the above correction is made. Bob Cron seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:     Yes 5     No 0

**Please Note:** Subsequent research regarding the above Canyon View Park artwork statement determined that there currently is one other similar sculpture in existence in California.

**Item 3: Wingate Park Conceptual Plan**

Shawn Cooper gave a PowerPoint presentation on Wingate Park. (See attached) Mr. Cooper reported approximately 100 people attended the last community meeting. All of the public comments were recorded and a master plan was developed after reviewing the comments. Shawn Cooper reported he was contacted by an adjacent property owner, just prior to the creation of the conceptual plan, who was upset about the park. The gentleman had been told by his realtor that the property would remain open space; therefore, he was not happy the property was being developed into a neighborhood park. Based on the property owner’s concerns, the tennis courts will be relocated to an area further away from his property, in hopes of accommodating him as much as possible. Mr. Cooper reported the chain link fence between the park and Wingate School will be removed and that a meeting, with the School District’s Superintendent, is scheduled for March 3, 2004, in order to further discuss the park’s development. The hope is to establish an agreement between School District #51 and the City of Grand Junction, similar to the Pomona

agreement. (Parks & Recreation maintains the property in trade for the use of the property.) Mr. Cooper discussed the possibility of creating two separate playgrounds, one for toddlers and one for teenagers, in response to the multiple public comments regarding the teenagers not having anything to do. Another possibility is the installation of a bouldering wall, which is a climbing wall that doesn't require harnesses. Shawn Cooper reported a contract agreement is currently being entered into with American Civil Constructors (ACC).

Mr. Cooper reported February 25, 2004 was the kickoff for the Pear Park Study, stating the group has already held preliminary meetings regarding all of the properties involved. Reford Theobold stated there should be a way to partner with School District #51 prior to them purchasing additional properties, in order to develop plans for building parks alongside the new schools. (Mr. Theobold gave the following example: Parks & Recreation requesting School District #51 to buy 15 acres versus 10 acres, allowing the 5 additional acres to be set aside for a future park.) Cindy Enos-Martinez stated there was a recent meeting with City Council, Mesa County Commissioners and the School District #51, in which the City told the School District they wanted to partner with the schools, not only for property issues, but also for gymnasium use. Don Hobbs stated that many times the schools have to acquire sites outside of City limits, often resulting in the Parks & Recreation Department having to delay development in the areas until they are annexed. The delay then results in the District seeing the land as surplus and wanting to sell it. Reford Theobold stated the City needs to purchase sites adjacent to schools, regardless if they are outside of City limits, as the property will most likely be in City limits some day. Once the areas are considered to be within City limits, development could begin. This would allow the Parks & Recreation Department to be more "proactive" and would also prevent them from having to pay higher prices for the property.

Don Hobbs reported the Parks & Recreation Department applied for a \$200,000 GOCO grant, which would be used towards the restrooms, play areas and trail. Mr. Hobbs stated the application decisions will be made in June 2004.

Don Hobbs reported that City Council reviewed two Parks & Recreation items (1; Design portion of Wingate Park and 2; the resolution authorizing the GOCO grant applications) at the February 18, 2004 meeting. Don Hobbs asked the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to formally endorse the conceptual plan for Wingate Park. Bob Cron stated that he and Bernie Goss had reviewed the criteria and were very comfortable with the staff's recommendation for the contractor.

Dale Hollingsworth moved to approve the Wingate Park conceptual plan as is. Bob Cron seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:        Yes 5        No 0

**Item 4: Other Business**

Don Hobbs discussed Bob Cron's replacement at the Riverfront Commission. Mr. Cron has dedicated a lot of time with the Legacy program and will truly be missed.

Bernie Goss requested Cindy Enos-Martinez relay to the Mayor that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board would like to see a member of the City Youth Council start attending the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings.

Reford Theobold questioned the status of the work being done at Columbine Park. Don Hobbs responded that the protective nets, on the East and West fields, are being replaced. The project does not need to be completed until the start of softball season, and is moving at a slow pace due to the project crew leader being out on medical leave.

Shawn Cooper reported the contractor for the Pine Ridge tennis court projects (SRI Sports) recently filed Chapter 11 - Bankruptcy. To date, the Parks & Recreation Department has not paid anything to SRI Sports. Mr. Cooper said the tennis courts are currently on hold while the Parks & Recreation Department researches how to proceed.

Reford Theobold briefly discussed a recent letter in the Daily Sentinel regarding "Mesa Youth", which is a drama program run by Paula Muncy. Mr. Theobold reported he is a parent of one of the participants, and said that the Mesa Youth program is a very popular and successful program. Ms. Muncy's program allows "everyone" who auditions to receive a part. Reford Theobold stated he has been very happy with the program and does not recommend any changes.

Don Hobbs reported on the current status of the St. Mary's Park lease. The extended lease is due to expire on March 31, 2004. A meeting has been scheduled for March 9, 2004, to determine the possible extension of the lease.

Don Hobbs reported on the progress at Cottonwood Meadows. The new basketball court has been installed. The playground equipment has arrived and will be installed soon.

Don Hobbs reported on the status of the Lincoln Park Stadium sound system. A meeting has been scheduled, with JUCO, School District #51 and Mesa State College representatives, for Monday, March 1, 2004, to review and make recommendations for hiring the design firm. The hopes are to complete the installation before JUCO 2004; however, at this point, an installation date has not been set. Mr. Hobbs stated the design firm under consideration is a firm out of Denver and is not affiliated with any equipment manufacturers.

Shawn Cooper stated the Lincoln Park master plan proposals are due on February 26, 2004. Reford Theobold, Bob Cron and Bernie Goss volunteered to serve on the review panel. Mr. Cooper stated the interviews will take place in approximately 3 - 4 weeks.

**Item 5: Adjourn**

Bernie Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Cron moved and Dennis Derrieux seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist