

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes July 18, 2002

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Director Joe Stevens at 12:03 p.m. Joe Stevens served as the Acting-Chairperson until the new Chairperson was elected later in the meeting.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Bernie Goss
Bob Cron
Dennis Derrieux
Dale Hollingsworth
Tom Dixon
Lena Elliott
Tillie Bishop

Board Members Absent:

Nora Hughes

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist

Invited Guests:

Ted Ciavonne, President of Ciavonne & Assoc.

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Lena Elliott moved to approve the June 20, 2002 minutes. Bob Cron seconded the motion.

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

Item 3: Introduction of Tom Dixon

Joe Stevens introduced Tom Dixon, the newest Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member. Tom Dixon provided the Board with a brief description of his history, including the fact that he has three sons who are year-round users of our City parks and facilities. Mr. Dixon also stated he has lived in other cities with very strong parks programs and intends to provide a perspective as both a parent and a board member.

The Board members then introduced themselves and briefly provided Tom Dixon with their backgrounds.

Item 4: Recognition of Tillie Bishop

Joe Stevens presented Tillie Bishop with a plaque and a Tiara Rado shirt, recognizing Mr. Bishop for his service as a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member from 1999 – 2002. Joe Stevens also acknowledged Tillie Bishop’s involvement with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Mr. Bishop thanked the Board for the recognition and expressed his appreciation for being given the opportunity to serve as a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member. He stated he hopes the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board continues to remain active in the community. Tillie Bishop expressed the importance of the role of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and wished them “Good Luck”. He concluded by expressing his appreciation to the Parks & Recreation staff for all of their hard work and dedication.

Item 5: Election of Officers

Joe Stevens opened the floor for nominations of Chairperson. Dale Hollingsworth reported that prior to the expiration of Tillie Bishop’s term, Chairperson Bishop had assigned Lena Elliott and Dale Hollingsworth as a “nominating” committee. Lena Elliott reported that she and Dale Hollingsworth had agreed to the following nominations:

Bernie Goss as Chairperson

Dennis Derrieux as Vice-Chairperson

Joe Stevens opened the floor for any further nominations. No other nominations were made. Dale Hollingsworth moved to elect Bernie Goss as Chairperson and Dennis Derrieux as Vice-Chairperson. Lena Elliott seconded the motion.

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

Joe Stevens congratulated Bernie Goss and Dennis Derrieux upon their election as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively and turned the meeting over to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson, Bernie Goss.

Item 6: Canyon View Park

Joe Stevens distributed handouts of the revised plans for Canyon View Park Phase II (See attached) and introduced Ted Ciavonne, President of Ciavonne & Associates.

Dale Hollingsworth briefly updated the Board regarding the decisions made by the Canyon View Park sub-committee. Out of the three original proposals submitted, the sub-committee favored the plan Ted Ciavonne was at the meeting to present. Lena Elliott reported that the sub-committee gave careful consideration to the financial aspects of each proposal before making a final decision.

Ted Ciavonne began by stating one of the reasons the plan was chosen is due to the multiple ways to reduce costs, which include one less building and keeping the infrastructure to the East side. The revised plan will include piping of a portion of the Kochran Wash. Research concluded it would cost the same to pipe the wash as it would to build a bridge over it. Other decisions include the entrance being located further South on the property, an additional 300 parking spaces in the North parking lot and an expansion of the maintenance yard.

Discussion ensued regarding the plan listing the fields as “football” fields. The Board agreed that future plans should list the fields as “multi-use” or “multi-purpose” fields.

Also discussed was the current amount of seating at the baseball park. Joe Stevens reported the goal is to obtain 420-450 maximum seating. Canyon View’s baseball field is not intended to ever have similar seating capacity to Suplizio Field. Currently the portable bleachers will seat approximately 300 people.

Whether or not to provide more shaded areas was another topic of discussion. Joe Stevens reported that many of our program participants have requested additional shaded areas, however several JUCO participants expressed concern about the compatibility of the small “shade shelters” with baseball. Discussion ensued and the Board members agreed with the plan for shaded areas in proximity to the baseball field.

Lena Elliott questioned the distance between the plan’s trees on the south end of the conceptual plan and the tennis courts. She stated she does not want trees located close to the tennis courts due to the mess involved. Ted Ciavonne responded that the proposed trees are all pine trees that will provide a noise barrier for the local subdivision and will cause very little mess. Discussion also ensued regarding the effect of the tennis courts being located so closely to the residential area. Their location was carefully reviewed and multiple things are being done to limit any disturbance, which include the pine tree barrier and lower light poles with lighting that points down versus outwards.

Bernie Goss questioned whether or not there was enough restrooms located close enough to the multi-purpose fields. Mr. Ciavonne responded that restrooms are a high dollar item and due to the expense, other than the restrooms in the plan, additional restrooms are not foreseen at this time. Dennis Derrieux recommended moving the tennis court restrooms to the west side of the property, which would provide a more central location.

Ted Ciavonne stated the current plan includes the separation of the numerous sport areas to help with the noise levels. Example: The tennis courts are not located directly next to the baseball field.

Lena Elliott requested a time frame for the project. Mr. Ciavonne replied he is currently waiting to see what the projected costs will be and then needs the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to determine what the priorities should be. He reminded the Board that infrastructure costs will have to come first. Ted Ciavonne even went as far as saying he would help pay for the project if he happens to win the PowerBall.

Bob Cron moved that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board endorse the current plans. Dennis Derrieux seconded the motion with the condition of the lower tennis lights being installed to avoid unnecessary disturbance of the residential area.

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

Joe Stevens questioned the Board as to whether or not they want to hold a second Open House for the public to view the revised park plan. This would allow the public to comment on the Board’s recommended plan. Lena Elliott disagreed with his recommendation, stating that she

felt the Board should take their chances and move forward without holding a second Open House.

Dale Hollingsworth suggested the plan be made available by displaying it in public view. He suggested a sign be posted with the plan requesting suggestions and/or comments be submitted to the Board in writing. Bob Cron responded that the Board should remain concerned about the public's opinion and that they possibly could seek different avenues of obtaining the public's approval versus a second Open House. The suggestion was made to also include the plan in an upcoming City Newsletter. Joe Stevens recommended the plan receive as much exposure as possible in hopes to avoid conflicts in the 11th hour.

Tom Dixon agreed there was a need to let the public know what the proposed final plan is. He suggested using the approach of "Here's what is coming next...". Bernie Goss asked Joe Stevens to request a location at City Hall to display the plan, as well as a slot in the City Newsletter. The plan is consistent with the original park plan with very few modifications.

Based on the Board's recommendation, Joe Stevens will ask City Manager, Kelly Arnold to include the Canyon View Park Phase II plan on an upcoming City Council workshop agenda. Concurrently, Ted Ciavonne's team will continue with the process to "keep the ball rolling". Mr. Ciavonne reported that he should be able to obtain the projected costs and present them at the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting on August 15, 2002.

Item 7: Other Business

Joe Stevens reported that the swimming pools are currently setting attendance records, while the golf courses are struggling due to the heat. Lena Elliott passed along a complaint she received regarding the long admission lines at Lincoln Park Pool. She suggested the pool open earlier or have additional staff available for ticket sales to avoid the long lines. Joe Stevens responded the pool is not available to open earlier due to morning programs and swimming lessons. Don Hobbs added that the building only has space for two cashiers.

Joe Stevens requested the Board's opinion regarding the recent recommendation made to formally recognize Harold Elam in some way at Tiara Rado Golf Course. Lena Elliott made a motion to endorse and support the efforts to recognize Harold Elam. Dale Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Lena Elliott expressed her appreciation to the Recreation staff for all of their continued hard work and dedication. She has received numerous comments on the programs being offered and the excellent organization of such programs.

Dale Hollingsworth reported that on Tuesday, August 13 at 1:15 p.m. there will be a sculptured bust unveiling to recognize Joe Lacey, former City Manager, for his involvement in Operation Foresight. The ceremony will be held on Main Street in front of AG Edwards. Mr. Hollingsworth briefly provided the Board with information regarding Joe Lacey's involvement in multiple organizations over the years, including many that were struggling during the City's economically challenging times.

Bob Cron reminded the Board of the June 20, 2002 minutes stating the Riverfront Commission would be invited to the August Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Cron requested clarification as to who should attend. Bernie Goss responded that the Co-Chairpersons for the Riverfront Commission would be sufficient.

Item 8: Adjourn

Bernie Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Derrieux moved, Lena Elliott seconded and the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist