

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes December 19, 2002**

## **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Bernie Goss at 12:00 p.m.**

### Roll Call

Board Members Present:                   Bernie Goss  
  Lena Elliott  
  Dennis Derrieux  
  Bob Cron  
  Tom Dixon  
  David Detwiler  
  Dale Hollingsworth

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

## **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Lena Elliott moved to approve the November 21, 2002 minutes.  
Bob Cron seconded the motion.

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

**Item 3:** Bernie Goss began the meeting by thanking the Board members and the staff for their participation at the last meeting. He expressed that he left the meeting with a really good feeling about what they were able to accomplish and the direction they were headed.

## **Item 4: Capital Improvements Update**

Joe Stevens started by providing a brief update on Canyon View Park. Based on the meeting with City Council, Parks and Recreation is moving forward with the \$1.7 million design. As requested by City Council, a preliminary list has been developed, by Winston Associates, of possible add alternatives. Lena Elliott expressed her concern that the process could be moving ahead of the Board members. Discussion ensued. Joe Stevens stated the list was initially prepared on December 17, 2002 and will be presented for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members to review and prioritize prior to making any final decisions. Mr. Stevens also reported that the GOCO decision date had been delayed to the end of January 2003 on the pending \$150,000 grant.

Shawn Cooper continued by sharing the following preliminary list of add alternates:

- Alternate A:** Two tennis courts
- Alternate B:** Pipe Cochran Wash from the E-W access road to the south (behind the maintenance building)
- Alternate C:** Irrigate and grass the fourth football field

- Alternate D:** Two tennis courts
- Alternate E:** Construct the trails in the southwest portion of the site with concrete, instead of the crusher fines.
- Alternate F:** Pipe the small irrigation ditch along 24.5 Road, south of the entrance and construct a landscaped berm between the tennis courts and 24.5 Rd.
- Alternate G:** Install pathway lighting along the trails near the west and south sides of the site

Discussion ensued regarding bidding the project high with deduction options versus bidding lower with add alternates. David Detwiler explained that normally it does cost less to do a deduct project, however, he has seen multiple projects, for political purposes, start with the low bid and have additions when the funds become available.

Tom Dixon started a discussion regarding the necessity of piping the Cochran Wash and questioned whether it should be a priority. Shawn Cooper responded that piping the wash is an important aspect because it connects the softball area to the multi-purpose fields and that it would cost nearly as much to install a bridge if the piping was not done. Therefore, it was determined the piping is pretty much a fixed cost. Mr. Cooper stated another benefit of the piping is that it would provide the opportunity for the junior size field to become a full size field in the future.

Bob Cron stated that he would like to see all “four” tennis courts combined as one package on the priority list. Lena Elliott commented she wants to make sure the outcome is visible to the public, something they can “see” rather than just doing the underground work.

The Board members requested that Paul Kuhn attend the January 16, 2002 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to provide a more detailed update.

Joe Stevens continued the Capital Improvements update by reporting that the restrooms at Riverside Park were out to bid. He also stated the tennis courts at Pine Ridge Park will be rebuilt with post-tension. In addition, the irrigation system at Lincoln Park Golf Course will have to be repaired, estimated at \$75,000 - \$80,000. The current system is 13 – 14 years old and was problematic throughout the summer. The intake manifold supporting 5 pumps rusted out and needs replaced. The pumps deliver water from the pond located between the #2 Fairway and the #3 Tee-box. A slow leak recently caused the ground around the pump-house to collapse and it created a crater in the ground. The system is now inoperable. Funds will have to be borrowed from another City fund as the golf course fund does not have a sufficient balance. The courses were basically out of business for several months this year with 2 ½ months of snow and several weeks of extremely hot weather and golf course revenues will not support a repair that may cost up to \$80,000. Discussion ensued regarding golf in general. Joe Stevens reported that golf across the nation is flat. He expressed that Lincoln Park is going to be troublesome as golfers now have other options they didn’t have 5-6 years ago. He suggested there may be a need to change to a two-tee fee schedule in 2003 year, in anticipation of, perhaps, encouraging more rounds at Lincoln Park. Bob Cron mentioned the possibility that Lincoln Park may not need a golf course at all. The Board members agreed that the plans for Lincoln Park needed to be reviewed at a future meeting. Lena Elliott added that she has not received a single complaint regarding the golf courses since they hired Travis Bunkleman.

Another unexpected project is the need for a new roof on the press box at Stocker Stadium and Suplizio Field. Don Hobbs reported that when the roof is replaced, new siding will be installed

too. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$13,000. The roofs on the dugouts have already been replaced and netting down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line has been installed.

Joe Stevens briefly discussed the future availability of Colorado Lottery dollars. Approximately \$485,000 a year is received from the Lottery. Currently Lottery proceeds are going towards payments for Matchett Park and Canyon View Park. However, in 2005 these loans will be paid off and the balance will be available for other park projects.

Dave Detwiler reported that he talked with Dan Wilson about potential conflicts of interests he might have as a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member. David Detwiler works for FCI Constructors who might bid on future contracts for Parks & Recreation; however, he will not have any influence over the bidding process.

Dale Hollingsworth, as a fairly new Board member, stated there were several projects he would like an update on. He requested information on projects such as Matchett Park, Lincoln Park, Lilac Park and the relationship and responsibilities of the Parks Improvement Advisory Board. Mr. Hollingsworth suggested all of the Board members make a list of projects they would like updates on and that approximately 10 minutes of each Board meeting be set aside for addressing the items on the lists.

Bernie Goss expressed he had the impression that City Council may still feel the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members do not value neighborhood parks. He requested it be noted in the minutes that the Board members are very familiar with the importance of neighborhood parks and how they affect the community.

#### **Item 4: Correspondence**

Joe Stevens distributed a “thank you” letter from Governor Bill Owens regarding the excellent service Two Rivers Convention Center provided during the Colorado Tourism Conference. (See attached)

#### **Item 5: Other Business**

Bob Cron provided an update on the interpretive signs for the Confluence site. There are now six, acceptably worded, signs ready to be produced by the Fish & Wildlife Services. At a past Board meeting, Joe Stevens had discussed the need for funds to be set aside to maintain the signs. Bob Cron reported that \$5,000 has been pledged to replace or maintain the signs.

Bob Cron reported that he and Shawn Cooper had been working on the dog park project. Recently the two of them spent an entire afternoon visiting potential sites. At this time, they have identified multiple sites, including an area along the Blue Heron Trail and an unoccupied area west of Las Colonias. Shawn Cooper is preparing the approximate costs that would be involved.

Bob Cron reported the Legacy Grant application was denied. Therefore, the 2005 Phase I of Las Colonias is not possible now. Steven Bradley, the new Director of the Arts Center, recently expressed an interest in continuing to work with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Although the Arts Center still wishes to relocate, they have more carefully analyzed their needs

and the costs involved and have determined the possibility of relocating is now further away than originally intended.

Lena Elliott commented on the “incredible” job Joe Stevens and Mike Brophy have done with Two Rivers Convention Center and the Avalon Theatre. Joe Stevens announced that Mike Brophy recently received the City’s “Supervisor of the Year” award. Congratulations Mike!

Joe Stevens gave each Board member a “Notable Trees of Colorado” calendar which features a picture taken by a Parks & Recreation employee for the month of April. Currently the Forestry Division is responsible for over 30,000 trees.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist