

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Special Meeting – October 11, 2002

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Bernie Goss at 8:04 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Lena Elliott

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Joe Stevens, Director
 Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
 Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist

Item 2: WELCOME new board member David Detwiler.

The Board members welcomed David Detwiler to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with brief introductions.

Item 3: Canyon View Park

Tom Dixon reported on the results from the sub-committee's meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between the \$1.1 million and \$1.7 million proposals. Joe Stevens explained that the transfer of funds would be a trade off and that it should not create a hardship in the existing budget, although it is more difficult to find the funds due to the CIP budget being reduced from 13% to 8%. Tom Dixon reported that areas the Board might consider for to defer include park improvements at Paradise Hills Park, Darla Jean Park, light shield installation at Stocker Stadium, tennis court renovations in Lincoln Park, kitchen equipment and chairs for Two Rivers Convention Center and minor park improvements. Mr. Stevens stated that the "bottom line" was the money to complete the \$1.7 million plan could be found, but, unfortunately, it would come at a price.

Joe Stevens also reported he had met with the Parks Improvement Advisory Board (PIAB) who had originally wanted \$20,000 included to do a master plan for the sports complex at Stocker Stadium; PIAB has agreed to take \$15,000 from that for Canyon View Park. Joe Stevens expressed that the Parks & Recreation Department has focused on neighborhood parks in the past, including the completion of a new playground, infrastructure and maintenance at Paradise Hills Park and Darla Jean Park about 6 years ago. Recently a handicap accessible sidewalk was

installed at Paradise Hills Park and currently there is a possibility of new shade shelters at both parks.

A project list, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board sub-committee of Lena Elliott and Tom Dixon, dated 10/2/02, with potential cuts was distributed, listed in descending order. (See attached) The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members agreed that should funds be received from City Council, the projects that were cut would be placed back in the budget in the same order. Areas that are not being considered for a cut are the support for minor park improvements including picnic tables, annual flowering beds, basketball pads, drinking fountains, maintenance/repairs on existing trails, and maintenance on playground equipment, as well as new restrooms and screening for Columbine Park.

Bob Cron expressed his concern regarding postponing improvements to neighborhood parks and reported that the original Parks & Recreation Advisory Board master plan showed that neighborhood parks were a weakness. Discussion ensued regarding neighborhood parks and the possible perception of the improvements being postponed. Tom Dixon volunteered to approach the numerous home owners' associations that will be affected in hopes of explaining the circumstances and trying to obtain their support before approaching City Council. Joe Stevens agreed with Tom's suggestion and stated the staff would be happy to assist and attend the meetings. Don Hobbs will work with Tom Dixon to schedule the meetings.

Bob Cron moved that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board plan to complete the proposed \$1.7 million version of Canyon View Park using the budget cuts listed on the 10/2/02 document distributed earlier in the meeting and the Board continue to seek additional funds from the Mesa County Jr. Football League, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and from sales tax revenues. Tom Dixon seconded the motion with the addition that the 10 identified projects go back into the budget in the identified order, if, and when, the additional funds are raised.

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

A suggestion was made for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to schedule a breakfast or lunch meeting with City Council to provide them with an update. Bernie Goss will contact Mayor Martinez to request the meeting.

Item 3: 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 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist