

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – May 1, 2014

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Scott McBrayer at 12:06 p.m.

Meeting Location: Stadium Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Coleman
Dr. Scott McBrayer
Bob Wiig
Gary Schroen
Kristy Emerson
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: David McInay
Marc Litzen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Scott Coleman moved to approve the March 6, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Gary Schroen seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

A revision will be made to show Bob Wiig was present at the March 6, 2014 meeting.

Item 3: Park Hours

Rob Schoeber discussed the potential need to review the park hours, stating the current resolution will classify Matchett Park as a “regional” park. Reviewing the policy now could eliminate frustrations down the line while creating a more consistent policy city wide. The Board discussed the current policy (See attached), specifically related to the proximity of the surrounding neighborhoods, as well as the occasions when a park would need to be open longer than the posted hours (special events, etc.) The enforcement of the hours will largely be complaint driven, and the policy will have to be written to allow for exceptions for permitted events. Rob Schoeber asked the Board to review the existing policy and be prepared to discuss it further at a future meeting.

Item 4: Whitman Park

Rob Schoeber stated that, about six months ago, the City Manager created a vagrancy committee whose mission is to make small changes to help the community, including dealing with topics such as the pan handling ordinance and loitering. Whitman Park is one of the areas primarily being discussed and the committee is wide open for suggestions. The Park’s current condition is very dire, and hopes are to pursue some drastic improvements, including infrastructure for trails, a fitness element throughout the park, new

restrooms, parking, pedestrian lighting, etc. Police and Fire Departments are very interested in an outdoor crossfit training/exercise course, which would require very minimal maintenance. Whitman Park is seen by many as an ideal park that has the potential to draw activity from Main Street. Rob Schoeber reported there have also been discussions regarding turning Whitman Park into more of a “festival” area with a stage that could host a variety of events including concerts, and the Farmer’s Market; however, there is major concern regarding the high volume of traffic on Ute and Pitkin Avenues.

Item 5: Matchett Park Update

Traci Wieland reported Colorado State Parks and Wildlife and the Audubon Society have been meeting with staff to discuss the eastern section of Matchett Park. Both groups recently toured the area and have expressed interest in partnering to tackle the tamarisk issue.

The Indian Creek subdivision has approached the City to discuss a small piece of property located off of Navajo Way. The property is owned by the heirs of the developer and was originally supposed to be deeded over to the HOA. The heirs are now interested in deeding the property to the City, although, the HOA has not yet reached a consensus.

City staff has been involved in several meetings regarding the irrigation rights, as the Matchett Park property is currently served by two different irrigation companies. Both companies have been very cooperative and supportive in the master plan efforts, expressing they want to see the property succeed.

Traci Wieland and Ted Ciavonne conducted a Matchett Park open house at Senior Recreation Center today, although much of the discussion revolved around the SRC members’ desire for a community recreation center to be built at Matchett Park. They discussed moving forward with an organized effort in hopes of making a proposal to City Council for financial support.

Meetings have also taken place with Grand Valley Rural Power to discuss the possibility of a solar and geo thermal farm on the property. They have reviewed the master plan and have expressed their excitement for a partnership. They have also expressed their interest in pursuing geo thermal or solar for the proposed recreation center.

Traci Wieland discussed the numerous phases for developing Matchett Park, stating the project would have to be broken down into much smaller areas. An example of the proposed phases was distributed for review and comments/suggestions (See attached). Design Workshop is currently working on cost estimates, while Mike Vendegna is putting together the maintenance cost estimates. Once all of the information has been gathered, the package will be presented to City Council for approval.

Item 6: Project Updates

The Parks and Recreation Department is in “full swing” with maintenance and spring activities. Mike Vendegna reported quite a bit of plant material has to be replaced, as it was lost due to the cold winter. The track throwing area is almost complete, with the fencing scheduled for installation in the next couple of weeks. The Canyon View dog park is scheduled to receive some improvements in the near future, which will include a crushed granite soft trail around the perimeter and reseeding of a large section inside the fenced area. Mike also reported the Riverfront Trail has already flooded and the new design is working great. The area is being monitored daily, but so far all is looking good.

Traci Wieland reported the new tennis and pickleball complex originally opened last fall. The USTA grant recently came through, allowing staff to finally finish the project. A small celebration is scheduled for

Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6:15 p.m., which will include pickleball and QuickStart tennis demonstrations. The Board members were encouraged to attend the overdue celebration.

Staff reported on the bi-annual user group meeting that includes representatives of the major athletic users at Canyon View and Long Family Memorial Parks. The meetings consist of at least 12 user groups, who are all expressing concern that there is no longer enough space to accommodate all of their needs. Traci Wieland reported both regional parks are completely maxed and said the athletic organizations have been presented with the option to change their schedules to include week nights.

Item 7: For the Good of the Community

No items were discussed.

Item 8: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist

RESOLUTION NO. 103-03

A RESOLUTION SETTING HOURS OF USAGE FOR THE CITY'S PARKS BASED ON A NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.

Recitals.

City Code § 26-51 authorizes the City Council to adopt its resolution that sets the hours of usage, and therefore the hours in which public use and access to City parks is prohibited, for all City parks, open spaces and cemeteries, whether developed or not. Riverfront trails and the associated open spaces and adjacent lands are governed by the Riverfront Trails Regulations, Appendix C of the City Code. The current Riverfront Trails Regulations prohibit public access to and use of the Riverfront trails between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

For many years, City parks and open spaces have been closed between midnight and 5 a.m. More recently, vandalism and similar concerns have forced Parks staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the City Council to revisit the question of when City parks should be closed. During those discussions it became apparent that having one rule for all of the City's parks is not the best solution. Depending on the recent history of problems, proximity to alert neighbors and users, and similar factors, it makes sense for the City Manager to be able to differentiate the various parks, and therefore to apply different hours of public access and usage to the several City parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

- 1) The City Council of the City of Grand Junction hereby establishes the following classifications and hours of prohibited park use for each classification.
 - A. Midnight – 5:00 a.m. – Community, regional and neighborhood parks with formal programmable sports facilities.
 - B. 10:30 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. - Neighborhood and mini parks
 - C. 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. - Open space and undeveloped parks and properties
 - D. 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. - Cemeteries
- 2) The City Council of the City of Grand Junction hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to classify each City park to one of the approved classifications at the time of acquisition, or development, when the principle use or function of the park changes, or as needed to address vandalism or similar operational concerns. The City Manager may defer any such classification decision to the City Council as he deems necessary.
- 3) The attached classification system is hereby approved. The City Manager is hereby delegated the power and duty to amend the classification system as he deems necessary from time-to-time, by administrative regulation. The City Manager may defer any changes to the attached classification system to the City Council as he deems necessary.
- 4) "Community," "regional," "neighborhood," "mini" parks are defined or distinguished by reference to the current City adopted Parks Master Plan.

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- 4) This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption, however, no criminal charges shall be issued or filed based on any changes from prior practices until adequate notice is posted on the park, open space, cemetery or other site.

ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2003.

Jim Spehar

/s/: Jim Spehar
President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin
Stephanie Tuin
City Clerk

Exhibit to Resolution No. 103-03

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION
PARKS CLASSIFICATION
October, 2003

**Classification of each City Park
and Hours During Which
Public Use or Access is Prohibited.¹**

Midnight – 5:00 a.m. - Community / Regional & Neighborhood Parks with formal programmable sports facilities

Park	Acres
Canyon View	111.2
Lincoln	42.60
Pomona	16.97
Columbine	11.95

10:30 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. - Neighborhood and Mini Parks

<u>Park</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sherwood	18.00
Pineridge	9.95
Eagle Rim	9.50
Westlake Park, including Skate Park	9.50
Duck Pond	4.21
Hawthorne	3.50
Emerson	3.08
Spring Valley I	3.08
Desert Vista	2.98
Duck Pond	2.82
Spring Valley II	2.72
Whitman	2.70
Melrose	2.63
Dixson	2.00
Paradise Hills	2.00
St. Mary's	1.90
Lilac	1.70
Tot Lot – Ridges	1.70
Riverside	1.50
Darla Jean	1.25
Hidden Valley	1.00
Cottonwood Meadows	0.95
Autumn Ridge	0.81
Shadow Lake	0.50
Boy Scout – Ridges	0.36
Hillcrest Manor	0.34
W. Middle Basketball/Volleyball	0.30
Williams	0.30

10:00p.m. - 5:00a.m. - Open Spaces and Undeveloped Parks

Open Space	Acres
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¹ Regulations pertaining to the Riverfront Trails are codified in Appendix C of the City Code. The current regulations close the Riverfront trails and adjacent open spaces and lands to public access and use from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Ridges Open Space	86.80
Undeveloped	
Matchett	207.00
Las Colonias	107.00
Sacomanno – 26 ½ & H Road	30.00
Burkey – 30 Road	14.54
Horizon – 27 Road	13.00
Burkey – Orchard Mesa	10.00
School Site - Ridges	6.37
Wingate	5.00
Flint Ridge – 2960 ½ D Rd	3.30

10:00p.m. – 6:00a.m. – Cemeteries

<u>Site</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Municipal Cemeteries (Orchard Mesa)	150.00
Crown Point Cemetery	10.00

The Southern Phase

- South Pond Irrigation (A, B)
- South Pond Pavilion and Boardwalk (A, B)
- Skatepark (A, B)
- Pickleball (A, B)
- Volleyball (A, B)
- Community Gardens (B)
- Basketball (A, B)
- Tennis (A, B)
- Recreation Center Parking (A, B)

The Eastern Edge

- Vegetation Control/Restoration and Wildlife Management
- Nature Trails
- Disc Golf
- Dog Park
- Bicycle Park
- Eastern Parking Lots (E)

The Center

- Extension of 28 ¼ Rd from Roundabout to Hawthorn (A)
- North Pond Irrigation (A, B, C, G, I)
- Playing Fields/Great Lawn (A, B, C)
- South Parking (A, B, C)
- North Parking (A, B, C, G)
- Main Pavilion/Splash Pad (A, B, C)
- Shaded Pedestrian Promenade (A, B)
- Western Landscape Buffer (B)
- Panoramic Walk
- Extension of Ridge Dr. to West Parking Court (B)
- Overlook

The Recreation Center

- Recreation Center & Aquatic Center (A, B, C, D, F)

Infrastructure

- A. Extension of Hawthorne to 28¼ Rd.
- B. GVWUA Irrigation Pipe Relocation
- C. Stormwater Detention Piping and Ponds
- D. Patterson Rd. to 28 ¼ Rd. Connection
- E. Indian Wash to 29 Rd. (F½ Rd Connection)
- F. Sewer/Water Stubs from Patterson Rd.
- G. Extension of Cortland Ave. to Roundabout
- H. Vehicular Bridge over Indian Wash
- I. North Pond Parking
- J. Solar Garden Opportunities
- K. Hammerhead at 28 3/4 Rd.
- L. Navajo Way Trailhead
- M. Maintenance Yard Relocation

Notes

- Although Items A and B are somewhat stand alone and can occur in advance of any other items, they are critical to achieving many of the other items/phases.
- Construction of the Charter School will require B and C and partially D and F.
- Relocation of the maintenance yard (M) will be mandatory to allow construction of the elementary school.
- Items H, J, K, and L are independent and triggered by other reasons.