

## **Parks Improvement Advisory Board Regular Meeting – January 7, 2014**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Bruce Hill at 12:05 p.m.**

Location: Lincoln Park Tower – Hospitality Suite

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Bruce Hill  
Lena Elliott  
Sam Susuras  
Greg Mikolai

Board Members Absent: John Justman

Alternate Members Present: Walt Bergman  
Paul Cain  
Donna Ross  
Tom Spicer  
Barbara Traylor Smith

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist

City Staff Present: Jay Valentine, Financial Operations

*Donna Ross served as the voting member in place of John Justman.*

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Lena Elliott moved to approve the October 1, 2013 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Sam Susuras seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

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

### **Item 3: Welcome Barbara Traylor Smith and Greg Mikolai**

The Board members welcomed Barbara Traylor Smith and Greg Mikolai, with introductions taking place around the table.

### **Item 4: Track and Field Improvement Request**

Lena Elliott requested a financial contribution for the Lincoln Park track and field improvements to the throwing area that would include the shot put, discus, and hammer. To date, City staff has received only one bid for the project and is going back to request additional bids. The estimated cost is \$50,000-\$60,000 to complete this area before the spring track season. Lena Elliott briefly discussed the need for a steeple chase and said CMU will pursue the addition in the future, as the majority of universities have one. The layout for the throwing area would be very similar to the existing layout, with a few minor adjustments. The proposed cage consists of heavy aluminum and would be adjustable; the shot put area would be designed with two rings. Sam Susuras questioned

whether or not CMU had any reports on the potential economic impact the project would have for the community. Tom Spicer stated the RMAC men's and women's track and field meet in spring of 2016 could potentially bring 1,000 people to Grand Junction.

The Board members expressed concern regarding the high price, with Lena Elliott stating the bid was for the entire throwing area as a "full package"; the equipment only is estimated at \$32,000 (fencing, netting, pads, sleeves). City staff intends to hire a contractor for installation, preferably a local installer to help reduce the overall cost. The pad and cage must consist of certain specifications in order to meet liability standards and, once completed, should have a 12-15 year life. Lena Elliott said the slowest part of the project will be securing the material, stating the installation phase should go fairly quickly.

The Board members questioned what will happen if CMU's contribution request is denied. Rob Schoeber responded that no changes will be made and the old throwing area equipment will be put back in place. Discussion ensued regarding the fund balance along with what would need to happen if the bid comes in less than the awarded financial contribution.

Lena Elliott moved to allocate up to \$60,000 for the Lincoln Park throwing area project, which includes the discus, shot-put, and hammer. The actual cost of the project will be transferred directly to the contractor. Sam Susuras seconded.

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

The Board briefly discussed the steeple chase, questioning whether or not the event could be held off site. Tom Spicer stated the NCAA frown on offsite steeple chases, stating the majority of the track athletes complete in multiple events, which it makes it very difficult for them to have enough time to travel back and forth between sites. Mr. Spicer said most likely CMU would have to hold the steeple chase events on a separate day from the other track and field events if they are unable to raise the money to put one at Lincoln Park.

#### **Item 5: Las Colonias Phase I Request**

Rob Schoeber provided a brief update on the Las Colonias Master Plan that City Council adopted about six months ago. The plan consists of 12 different phases, with the first priority being the development of the west end near the Botanical Gardens. Due to the Botanical Gardens recently installing a fence to control access to their property, the trail users no longer have access to the public restroom adjacent to their building. Phase I of the development will consist of a new public restroom and parking lot.

Rob Schoeber reported the Disc Golf Association has been extremely active in the development of the new course, and the park has received a lot more use in the area, especially with all of the golfers. The 2013 GOCO grant application for \$350,000 was not successful, with the City ranking 15 out of 48 applications. Of the 48 applications, only 10 were funded, and four of those were on their second or third application submittal. The Las Colonias stakeholder's group has since met and unanimously decided to reapply for the GOCO grant in the spring. Feedback regarding the grant denial included the application needed to have a stronger display of partners on board showing their support for the project. Rob Schoeber requested PIAB make a financial contribution of \$1,000 to help solidify the spring grant application. In addition, the Lion's Club has now committed \$300,000 over the next six years for the project.

Lena Elliott moved to allocate \$1,000 towards the Las Colonias Master Plan to show PIAB's support for the GOCO grant application. Sam Susuras seconded.

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

Donna Ross reported Mesa County also intends to apply for the same spring GOCO cycle for the Fair Grounds project and stated there is a very good chance that Mesa County will be making a similar request in the near future. Discussion ensued regarding the possible need for a special vote and/or meeting, as the County would have to have an answer prior to the April 2014 PIAB meeting.

**Item 6: George A. Crawford Mausoleum Preservation**

Bruce Hill provided an update on the Crawford Tomb project located near the water treatment plant, stating he is heading a donation campaign using PIAB as a 501c3 to collect the donations. All payments are being made directly through the project account. At this time, there have been \$19,000 in commitments for the \$30,000 clean-up project. Mr. Hill stated the project is long overdue and is scheduled for completion on July 27, 2014.

**Item 7: Financial Report**

Jay Valentine reviewed the current financial report (See attached). Once the 2014 PIAB contribution invoices are generated, the funds will show as revenue.

**Item 8: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist

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As of 12/18/13

	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual Amount	Percentage Used w/o Encumbrances
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>(113,900)</b>	<b>(113,900)</b>	<b>(119,664)</b>	<b>105.06%</b>
<b>Charges for Service</b>	<b>(43,000.00)</b>	<b>(43,000.00)</b>	<b>(42,300.00)</b>	<b>98.37%</b>
Marketing Services Revenue	(43,000.00)	(43,000.00)	(42,300.00)	98.37%
<b>Interest</b>	<b>(900.00)</b>	<b>(900.00)</b>	<b>(1,364.35)</b>	<b>151.59%</b>
Dividend Income	0.00	0.00	(693.72)	
Interest Income	(900.00)	(900.00)	(670.63)	74.51%
<b>Intergovernmental</b>	<b>(56,000.00)</b>	<b>(56,000.00)</b>	<b>(56,000.00)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
PIAB Contrib_City General	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
PIAB Contrib_Mesa County Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
PIAB Contrib_Mesa County Stadium	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PIAB Contrib_School Dist Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
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PIAB Contrib_CMU Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
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<b>Other</b>	<b>(14,000.00)</b>	<b>(14,000.00)</b>	<b>(20,000.00)</b>	<b>142.86%</b>
Donations	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(20,000.00)	142.86%
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>91,010</b>	<b>118,297</b>	<b>110,081</b>	<b>93.05%</b>
<b>Operating</b>	<b>91,010.00</b>	<b>118,297.00</b>	<b>110,080.88</b>	<b>93.05%</b>
Charges/Fees_Filing	10.00	10.00	10.00	100.00%
Comm Participat	58,000.00	85,287.00	85,786.63	100.59%
Contract Svcs	33,000.00	33,000.00	24,284.25	73.59%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(22,890)</b>	<b>4,397</b>	<b>(9,583)</b>	<b>-217.95%</b>

Beginning Funds Available	125,014.77
Net Source (Use) of Funds	9,583.47
Ending Funds Available	<b>134,598.24</b>

