

Parks Improvement Advisory Board Regular Meeting – April 1, 2014

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Bruce Hill at 12:10 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Park Tower – Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

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

Guests: Jo Carole Haxel, Fairgrounds Manager

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Sam Susuras moved to approve the January 7, 2014 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Lena Elliott seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

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

Item 3: Old Business

Track Throwing Area Update: Rob Schoeber stated the Lincoln Park track throwing area equipment has been installed. The staff would now like to install fencing around the throwing area in effort to protect the equipment while also ensuring public safety (See attached photos and cost estimate). The screened split rail fence will be kept locked except for designated uses and will have a double gate that can be opened for special events and/or over flow parking. In addition to the fence, a walking path connecting North Avenue to the park will be created and will have gates that can be closed during special events. At this time, staff is requesting to use the remaining funds (\$6,324.00) from the originally approved \$60,000 to go towards the fencing project. The cost difference will be made up from a recent tennis grant and additional City funds.

Lena Elliott moved to allow the City to use the remaining balance of \$6,324.00 to complete the fencing project at the Lincoln Park track throwing area. Sam Susuras seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

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

Las Colonias Update: Rob Schoeber reported the Las Colonias grant partner match has been increased by \$56,000, resulting in a much more appealing grant application. If approved, the addition of restrooms and parking will help tremendously in the area, as the park is becoming more popular every day. Mr. Schoeber also reported on a recent \$180,000 mineral extraction grant application through DOLA, which, if approved, will be used to begin the design phase of the \$240,000 amphitheater. Walt Bergman discussed the potential for the Colorado Discover Ability program to consolidate to a new building for their adaptive equipment that would be adjacent to the trails. The hope is to provide a state of the art facility that provides safer ADA access to trails without the users having to cross Riverside Parkway.

Item 4: Financial Report

Jay Valentine provided a copy of the updated financial report, which reflects the \$60,000 pending transfer for the Lincoln Park track throwing area improvements (See attached).

Item 5: New Business

Funding Request From Mesa County: Joe Carol Haxel discussed the County's \$48,000 contribution request for the BMX grand stand and provided a brief background on the proposal. The project will include the relocation of the BMX facility (top in the state for the last seven years), which is currently landlocked and is unable to host big events. The County recently received a proposal from USA BMX with the opportunity for Grand Valley BMX to host national events in 2015 and 2016, including some international qualifiers for the Olympics. These large scale events are predicted to bring thousands of people to Grand Junction, as well as the likelihood of national television coverage for Grand Junction.

The County Commissioners recently re-prioritized CIP projects in order to seize this opportunity. The County intends to take a very minimalist approach to the project, knowing it will be a very bare bones venue to begin with, including temporary office buildings and port-a-potties. Additional portable bleachers will have to be brought in for larger events, but the proposed grand stand will accommodate the existing attendance during weekly races. Joe Carol Haxel discussed the excellent public/private partnership involved, stating Grand Valley BMX will be building the track itself and the County has committed to building a new entrance road into the facility. The County has begun actively seeking grant funding opportunities from multiple sources.

The project will go out to bid in the fall of 2014 and is scheduled for completion in May 2015, hosting events by July or August 2015. The County is asking for a financial commitment only at this time, as the bleachers will not have to be purchased until early 2015. The County members stated the "timing is critical", in order to be considered for the Olympic qualifiers.

Discussion ensued regarding the PIAB funding balances and whether or not there were any other obligations to consider at this time.

John Justman moved to approve the \$48,000 contribution request from the County to build a grand stand for the BMX track, contingent upon the project moving forward. Sam Susuras seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

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

Matchett Park Master Plan Update: Rob Schoeber discussed the Matchett Park Master Plan, reporting there have been a total of three public meetings held, with nearly 200 people in attendance at each meeting, including a very high involvement from the surrounding neighborhood. The public comments and suggestions were used to develop a conceptual plan that will be presented to City Council for adoption in June or early July. The proposed plan consists of a variety of amenities, including, two school facilities, a recreation center, an outdoor aquatic center, two ponds for recreation and irrigation purposes, 1,800 paved parking spaces, trail systems, a dog park, multipurpose fields, and a skate parks.

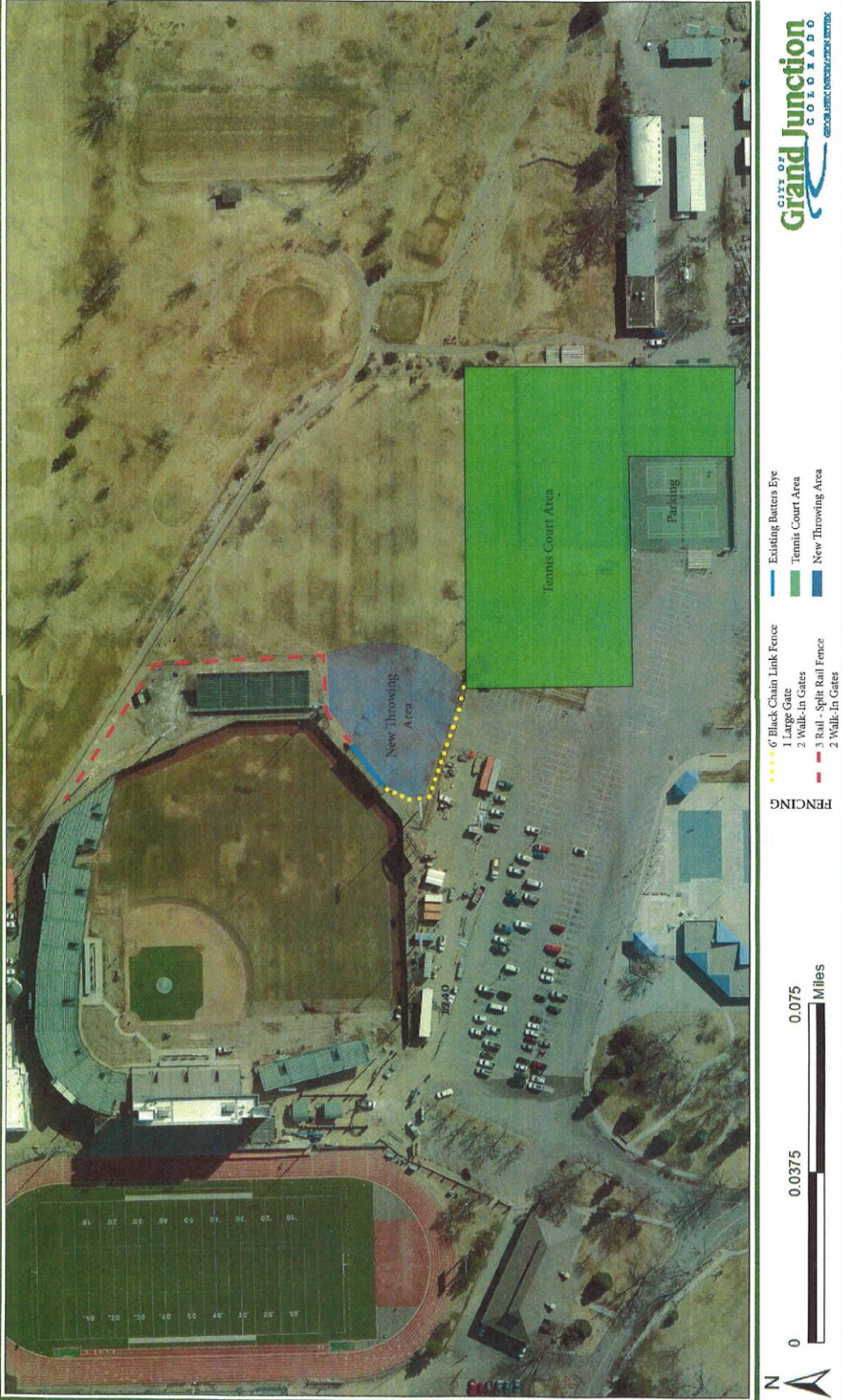
The Board members reviewed the plan and discussed the various amenities, expressing their concern regarding the location of the schools. Lena Elliott stated the location would cause the traffic along Patterson to back up and expressed her concern for the safety of the children walking to school. Discussion ensued whether or not the School District had been involved in the plans and the possibility of relocating the schools away from Patterson Road. Parking was also discussed in detail, with the Board members expressing concern that additional parking needs to be built to accommodate such a large park.

Item 6: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist

Lincoln Park - Practice Field Fence Project





Lincoln Park Throwing Area Renovation	
Throwing Area	
Project Estimate (approved by PIAB)	\$60,000.00
Actual Cost	\$53,676.00
Materials \$38,697	
Labor \$14,979	
Remaining Balance	\$6,324.00
Fencing	
Taylor Fence*	\$7,444.00
J & S Fence	\$9,198.00
Split Rail	\$6,750.00
Total Cost (*low bid + split rail)	\$14,194.00

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As of 3/18/14

	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual Amount	Percentage Used w/o Encumbrances
Revenue	(113,715)	(113,715)	(77,000)	67.71%
Charges for Service	(43,000.00)	(43,000.00)	0.00	0.00%
Marketing Services Revenue	(43,000.00)	(43,000.00)	0.00	0.00%
Interest	(715.00)	(715.00)	0.00	0.00%
Interest Income	(715.00)	(715.00)	0.00	0.00%
Intergovernmental	(56,000.00)	(56,000.00)	(56,000.00)	100.00%
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_School Dist Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
PIAB Contrib_CMU Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
Other	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(21,000.00)	150.00%
Donations	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(21,000.00)	150.00%
Expenses	33,010	33,010	-	0.00%
Operating	33,010.00	33,010.00	0.00	0.00%
Charges/Fees_Filing	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00%
Contract Svcs	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Grand Total	(80,705)	(80,705)	(77,000)	95.41%

Beginning Funds Available (Unaudited)	130,471.08
Net Source (Use) of Funds	<u>77,000.00</u>
	207,471.08
Pending Transfer	<u>60,000.00</u>
Ending Funds Available	147,471.08



Mesa County Fairgrounds at Veterans Memorial Park

March 17, 2014

Mesa County Request to PIAB for BMX Bleachers

The Mesa County Fairgrounds is requesting funding from the Parks Improvement Advisory Board to supply bleachers for a brand new BMX venue. The new facility represents a strong community partnership between Mesa County and Grand Valley BMX. The track will be a dual-service track which accommodates all riders, from beginners to experts and those training for national or international competition. The new facility will be designed to accommodate the fast growing all-age sport along with large crowds of friends, family and spectators.

Mesa County and Grand Valley BMX are seizing an opportunity to bring large national and Olympic-qualifying BMX events to Grand Junction during 2015 and 2016. USA BMX, the national sanctioning organization for the sport, has offered Grand Valley BMX a chance to host these amazing events if we are able to complete construction of the new facility in time.

Grand Valley BMX will be responsible for the cost of constructing the track and all track fixtures, estimated at approximately \$606,330. Mesa County has agreed to construct the infrastructure, venue, staging areas, and spectator accommodations, estimated at \$1,330,087. In order to accommodate the project in the necessary time frame, Mesa County is adjusting its CIP programmed expenditures.

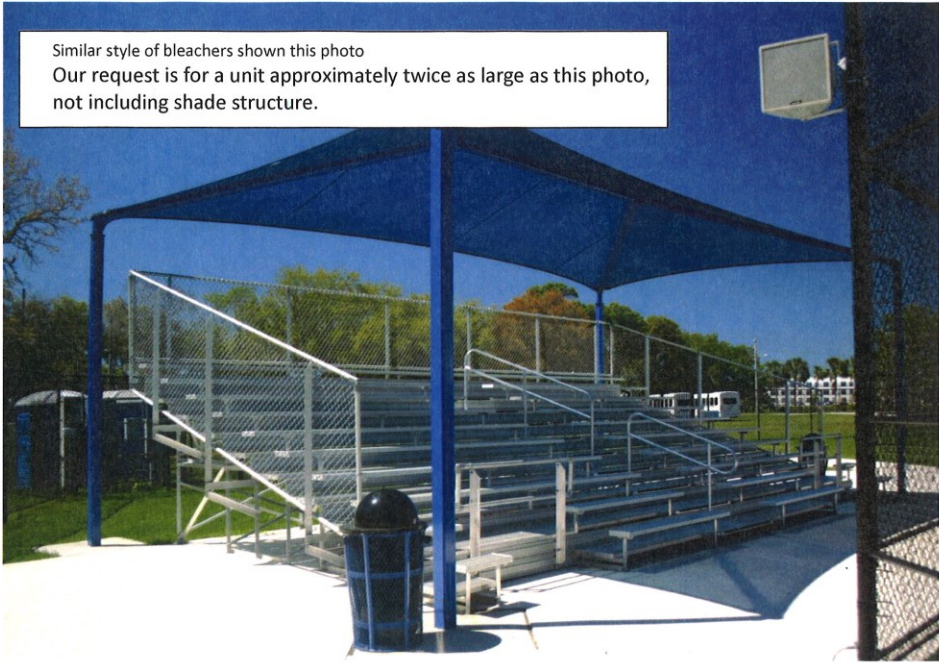
We are requesting **\$48,000** from PIAB to cover the cost of "fixed" spectator seating for 500 people. These bleachers will accommodate weekly BMX use and will help dramatically in preparing for the large events. The Fairgrounds will also provide portable bleachers to supplement those events.

Other project information:

- Grand Valley BMX currently has a highly successful track and program operating at the Mesa County Fairgrounds.
 - This track has been the top ranking track in the State of Colorado for 7 years, and is among the top 10-15 in the nation annually.
 - Grand Valley BMX currently has 500 members, and averages 100 riders twice weekly from March through November.
- The current track is located in the back of the property, hidden behind the arboretum. It is a very small space, and land-locked with no ability to grow in its current location. The design will move the track to a high-visibility location where it can grow, attract even more riders, accommodate large crowds, and continue to thrive.
- The new track will feature an "Olympic Hill" which means this track could serve as a training facility for national and international athletes.
- In a community known for bicycle activity, Grand Valley BMX serves a vital function of teaching kids to ride in a safe environment before tackling mountains and dangerous back-country trails.
- A trend-setting BMX facility has the ability to draw national and international, and Olympic-level events of significant magnitude, positively impacting the community in a multitude of ways. Similar facilities have proven to draw many thousands of visitors annually.
- The current Grand Valley BMX track is estimated to contribute \$129,600 annually to the local economy from weekly racing, and another \$265,500 annually from only 3 regional and statewide events. A new facility will generate growth and the likelihood of more state or national events coming to the Grand Valley.



Proposed Site Plan



Proposed Bleachers: 10 rows high x 93' wide. Actual size shown below (back view).



From: Nick Adams <nick@grandvalleybmx.com>
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

To the PIAB Board:

Thank you for considering a PIAB Grant to assist Grand Valley BMX and the Mesa County Fairgrounds. As we undertake a project that will bring a new facility and allow a new and larger event to return to Grand Junction, additional seating is required.

BMX (Bicycle Motocross) has been a part of Grand Junction since the late 70's and a part of the Fairgrounds since the 80's. In 2006, the track underwent some major changes and has evolved into one of the premier programs in the United States. The track has produced national level riders, state champions, a national champion, and a world champion. In 2009 a national level event was held at the facility and the facility has annually held the Colorado State Championship Finals since 2008. We are now in a position to host even larger events.

USA BMX is the sanctioning body for the sport of bicycle motocross racing in the United States. They work with USA Cycling and the United States Olympic Committee to help promote and govern the sport of BMX in the United States. Additionally, they manage and run all UCI BMX races and Olympic Trials held in the United States. USA BMX manages and promotes a 27 race national series that includes 13 professional / UCI recognized events. These events are on the international calendar for the UCI and are awarded points for Olympic and World BMX qualification.

With the advent of the new facility, Grand Valley BMX will be placed on the UCI calendar and be one of the stops on the USA BMX Pro Series for 2015 and 2016. While the USOC and USA Cycling have not released the criteria for 2016 Olympic qualification, we believe that the stops with the Olympic starting hills will be featured in the qualification process. Regardless, the new facility will have Olympic qualification ramifications for riders from around the globe.

As an alternative to the traditional stick and ball sports, BMX serves the youth and cycling community of Mesa County as well a surrounding communities. Weekly races draw from around Colorado and Utah and the new facility will do the same. In addition, it will serve as a training ground for past and future Olympians. While the amateur component of the track will remain the staple, the addition of the Olympic hill and the high elevation of Grand Junction will certainly attract BMX Olympic athletes from many locations.

Grand Valley BMX has relied heavily on community support for the development of facilities. The existing facilities have been built with private funding and the new facility will rely on the same. In order to meet the seating requirements to host an international event, additional bleachers will be needed. We support the Mesa County Fairgrounds request for funding to help add additional bleachers to the BMX Facility.

We are truly excited to be able to bring a world class venue and world class event to Grand Junction. The opportunity is one that will have an immediate economic impact on the community and one that will showcase our community to the World.

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