

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
May 15, 2003**

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Bernie Goss at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Dennis Derrieux

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Bob Cron moved to approve the April 17, 2003 minutes. Lena Elliott seconded the motion.

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

Item 3: Discussion on Continued Development of Canyon View Park

Joe Stevens reported on the City Council Agenda handout (See attached), which lists the base bids received for alternates A – F. The lowest bid, Sorter Construction, Inc., included all 5 alternates for approximately \$1.4 million. Joe Stevens stated there is a current total of \$1.7 million available and the current expenses (including all 5 alternates) are \$1.844 million, which leaves a shortage of approximately \$93,000.

Mr. Stevens discussed the “foot note” in the packet regarding the Amore Arcieri estate. On May 9, 2003, the City of Grand Junction received confirmation from the estate of Amore Arcieri that \$77,863 may be expended for development of Canyon View Park. The only stipulation is that \$750 of this amount must go toward a memorial on behalf of Amore Arcieri.

The purpose of the alternatives is to allow a great deal of flexibility for City Council consideration. Alternatives 1 – 5 (See attached) were individually discussed, as well as the history of funds spent on past improvements at Darla Jean Park and Paradise Hills Park; to date, approximately \$63,000 has been spent on Darla Jean Park and \$88,000 on Paradise Hills Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the multiple options available. David Detwiler moved that the Board recommend alternative #2 as their preferred option. (Alternative #2: \$1,402,727 - Deferring the continued development of Darla Jean and Paradise Hills improvements until 2004, and including all add-alternates.) Bob Cron seconded the motion.

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

Joe Stevens reported that City Council has requested the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to review the 2002 – 2012 strategic plan in order to reaffirm the priorities. Listed in priority order, they are as follows: 1) complete development of Canyon View Park, 2) develop neighborhood park sites, 3) improve existing park sites, 4) improve existing school/park sites and 5) canal trails development/use. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed the above priorities are still correct.

Item 4: Overview of Department's Summer Activity Guide

Mari Steinbach announced the May 10, 2003 release of the Summer Activity Guide. There are numerous new programs offered in the guide, particularly a large amount of senior programs, including Senior Softball and the "Trekkers" hiking group. The youth sports programs have also been expanded this season. In addition to the activities, the Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool is scheduled to open and the Orchard Mesa Community Pool begins its summer operation on May 24, 2003.

Item 5: Summary Report on SouthWest Arbor Fest

Mari Steinbach reported on the successful SouthWest Arbor Fest, held on April 19, 2003. A written and financial summary was included in the May 2003 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board packets. Approximately \$4,500 was transferred into the scholarship program. The event was considered a huge success with approximately 7,000 – 10,000 people in attendance. The change of venue, from Downtown to the park site, appears to have made a difference. Lena Elliott stated she had received positive feedback from numerous people, including Cindy Enos-Martinez. Bob Cron stated he was very pleased with the attendance. Mari Steinbach stated the Parks & Recreation Department is already working to identify areas of improvement for the 2004 event, including some logistic concerns.

Item 6: Correspondence

Shawn Cooper presented the current plan for the Long property, which is being developed by Mesa County. Dr. Long stated in his will that he wanted the property to be a park, similar to Hawthorne Park, with shrubs, flowers, trees, walking trails, shelters and activities for families. The will also states the park must be under construction before 2005 and substantially complete before 2010 or the property will revert back to the estate of the family. Mr. Cooper has been serving on the advisory sub-committee for the Long family for close to a year. The committee has had two public meetings and has had approximately 5 original design schemes. Shawn Cooper showed the final design selection to the Board members, which consists of primarily (6) soccer / multipurpose fields, a softball field, a skate park, playgrounds, a covered pavilion, basketball courts, and horseshoe pits.

The park is intended to be a neighborhood park with most of the access being off of E ½ Road. In efforts to mitigate some traffic problems, the small sub-street will be eliminated and 31 Road will be relocated to allow access to I-70.

About half way through the planning process, Ted Ciavonne was contacted by the Volleyball Association who stated they were willing to contribute funds to build an indoor volleyball court that could also double as a basketball facility. The existing plan allows space for such a facility should the funding become available, however, at this time, the facility has not been approved by the County Commissioners.

Lena Elliott questioned whether or not a public swimming pool was being included in the plans. Mr. Cooper replied a swimming pool is not part of the plan due to the costs involved.

Most of the funding for the park is coming from the County's share of dedicated lottery revenues. The County plans to contract for the maintenance of the park as they do not have their own maintenance crews.

Item 7: Other Business

Joe Stevens briefly reported on the status of the Gold Medal Award video. The final version of the video will be shown at the, June 19, 2003, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Bernie Goss reported he had been receiving phone calls regarding problems with the three-lane 24 Road entrance at Canyon View Park. Apparently cars have been parking in the right turn lane, including a limousine service. Currently there are not any parking sign posted, however, Shawn Cooper stated he would review the situation and signs as needed. Joe Stevens stated he would request more active enforcement and park patrol will start in early June, which can help address the issue as well.

Chairman Goss recently had the fact that there is not a flag at the Canyon View Park baseball field brought to his attention. Joe Stevens stated the Parks & Recreation Department would try to get one donated or would request the Parks Improvement Advisory Board considering funding the improvement.

Bernie Goss also discussed concerns regarding the traffic flow in the Canyon View Park softball parking lot. Shawn Cooper said he would pass along the concerns to the original designer, who is currently involved with Canyon View Park - East, and see what can be done.

Item 8: Adjourn

Bernie Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale Hollingsworth moved and Lena Elliott seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist