

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes October 1, 2009

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Lenna Watson at 12:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Lenna Watson
Reford Theobald
Dr. William Findlay
Tawny Espinoza
David McInay
Yvette Carnine
Bruce Hill (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Jack Scott

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Guadalupe Hernandez, Leisure Services Representative
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Yvette Carnine moved to approve the September 3, 2009 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. David McInay seconded.

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

Item 3: Melrose Park Update

Mike Vendegna reported on a recent setback at Melrose Park regarding the electrical, stating staff has to order a replacement disconnect panel due to a new code that was passed “after” installation. Staff is in the process of obtaining costs for replacing the disconnect panel and hopes to have it installed next week. To date, all other project elements remain on schedule. (Construction pictures attached) Mr. Vendegna commended the contractor (P.N.C.I. Contractors), discussing how great the contractor has been to work with on the park project. Rob Schoeber reported the City will be doing a change order for the same contractor to relocate the rocket. The contractor plans to remove the rocket with a crane, repaint it, and install it on the new pedestal. Mr. Schoeber also reported on the playground RFP’s that were sent out approximately two months ago, consisting of five very specific requirements: 1) boundless playground with handicap accessibility, 2) rocket theme, 3) safety aspect, 4) tot lot, and 5) fun. The contractors were also asked to incorporate a “pour in place” surface, allowing for wheelchair accessibility. The City received a total of seven responses, which have since been narrowed down to three finalists. A public survey was then held, resulting in nearly an even “tie” for all three finalists. The City then took the playground selection process to the next level by asking staff to review the finalists based on critical elements, such as installation. The Director of Mesa County Development Services was included in the process, who provided great insight for the “practical” aspects versus just relaying the

standard guidelines. Discussion ensued regarding the various designs along with potential “rocket” themed additions. Rob Schoeber stated the final design and the proposed name change (“Rocket” Park) will be presented to City Council on Monday, October 19, 2009. Tawny Espinoza shared pictures of potential exercise equipment for the park and discussed the instructional signs that will be posted near all of the equipment. Traci Wieland reported the City received a total of two proposals for the outdoor equipment.

Item 4: Tiara Rado Update

Rob Schoeber reported City Council approved phase I of the irrigation project at Tiara Rado Golf Course. Construction of the \$1.6 million project will begin in October and the back nine will be closing in November and reopening in April. All other work will be completed around the existing golfers. Approximately \$800,000 of the project funds were for piping and are going to a local company. (Grand Junction Pipe and Supply) The second phase will consist of the dirt work, reconfiguration of tee boxes, and installation of the new ponds, is scheduled to be presented to City Council on October 19, 2009. The new system will consist of high density polyethylen pipe (fused together rather than glued) that has a 100 year life expectancy.

Item 5: Project Updates

Mike Vendegna reported on the status of phase III of Canyon View Park, stating the City is still pursuing a chip seal gravel parking lot. The approximate cost of the project is \$175,000 and would essentially finish Canyon View Park. The parking lot is scheduled to be complete in two weeks. In addition, parks crews will be planting 73 trees in the area.

Parks staff is also currently working on landscaping the entrance of the City Shop building. Parks staff is also still moving forward with plans to relocate to the Parkway Building.

Bruce Hill asked for an update regarding the RC track request for Canyon View Park. Traci Wieland responded the track is not being pursued at this time, due to one of the RC group’s main organizers moving to California.

Traci Wieland said the Recreation staff recently completed a wrap up meeting with the Town of Palisade, who stated they were very happy with the City’s Management of the facility.

Item 6: Other Business

Lenna Watson discussed an article she recently read in the Parks and Recreation magazine (“What the Future Holds” by Ken Burns). Mrs. Watson suggested the Board members read the article.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist











