

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**April 15, 2010**  
**Rocket Park**

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

Roll Call

Board Members Present:                   Lenna Watson  
  Reford Theobold  
  Dr. William Findlay  
  Jack Scott  
  Bruce Hill  
  Tawny Espinoza  
  David McInay

Board Members Absent:                   Yvette Carnine

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:   Rob Schoeber, Director  
  Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent  
  Darcy Austin-Settles, Leisure Services Representative

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Jack moved to approve the March 4, 2010 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Reford seconded.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: 7 Yes No

**Item 3: Rocket Park Grand Opening May 11**

Rob Schoeber – Handed out invitations for the Grand Opening of Rocket Park and sent out cards to 500 people in the neighborhood. At the Grand Opening we will unveil new art work, do a brief walk around the park and have a ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. The neighborhood has been very involved in this park re-development.

**Item 4: Rocket Park Tour**

Mike Vendegna – The concept started back in 2008, Rocket Park was chose because it was already scheduled to have the playground redone, so it seemed best to do both the shelter and playground together. Tile mosaic made by the art class at Orchard Avenue Elementary, space themed, will be put on the archway of the shelter. This project will include Grand Junctions first “Boundless” playground (handicapped accessible).

**Item 5: Adopt-A-Planter Program**

Rob Schoeber spoke about a new adopt a planter program and there is hope that it will turn into a commercial advertisement for the businesses that do this. It also takes some work off of the city parks crews. We believe it will spark in the future; right now we have the Lavender Society and Valley Grown Nursery. The organizations purchase their own shrubbery for their planters.

**Item 6: Parks Reorganization**

Rob Schoeber spoke about replacement of 6 employees by having people transferred into our division from departments that were eliminated. We eliminated “standby” pay by having the supervisors take over the weekend and evening calls, thus giving the department a huge savings. Also have done a lot of cross training and have an organization chart that depicts who can assist should we be short in our stadium crew or mowing crew, etc.

**Item 7: Project Updates**

Project at Tiara Rado is getting finished up; they are working frantically on the back 9 and hope to have done in 2 to 3 weeks.

Pro Shop – We have seen revenue decrease over the last few years so we looked into the reasoning behind it. We have put together a team to start making changes at both the pro shops to bring in more customers and bring the revenues back up.

Cemetery – They will be moving in Monday, April 19 but still have some landscaping to finish up. Kathy Portner will be coming to the next PRAB meeting to discuss the City Catalyst Project.

**Item 8: Arbor Day and Southwest Arbor Fest**

Tom Ziola couldn't be here today because he is out celebrating Arbor Day with the elementary schools. At 1:30 p.m. they will be going out to Thunder Mountain Elementary School to award the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of a contest celebrating Arbor Day. April 24<sup>th</sup> is the annual Southwest Arbor Fest celebration at Lincoln Park.

**Item 9: Future Meetings Agenda**

New building at Orchard Mesa Cemetery - May 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon

**Item 10: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin-Settles  
Leisure Services Representative