

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes February 3, 2011**

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

### Roll Call

Board Members Present:                   Tawny Espinoza  
  Yvette Carnine  
  Lenna Watson  
  David McInay  
  Bart Dickson  
  Dr. William Findlay  
  Scott Coleman

Board Members Absent:                   Bruce Hill (Ex-Officio)

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:   Rob Schoeber, Director  
  Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
  Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent  
  Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
  Stacy Pike, Recreation Coordinator

Guests:                                       Representatives from The Bike Shop:  
  Brian Miick and Ashley Jordan  
  
  Josh Wussick

## **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Tawny Espinoza moved to approve the December 2, 2010 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Yvette Carnine seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Scott Coleman and Dr. William Findlay arrived after the minutes were approved.

## **Item 3: Outstanding Parks Partner Award Presentation**

Stacy Pike presented The Bike Shop with the Fall 2010 Outstanding Parks Partner award, thanking them for their numerous contributions to recreation programs and special events, including the Highline Hustle, Jingle Bell Run, and Matchett Trail Run. Ashley Jordan and Brian Miick accepted the award and stated The Bike Shop appreciates the opportunity to be involved and to partner with the City. They expressed the desire to continue making a good impact on the community and to assist in creating better recreational experiences.

#### **Item 4: Facility Guide**

Rob Schoeber discussed the Facility Guide that was previously mailed to the Board members, with the intent to have them review the document prior to printing. Discussion ensued, with a few corrections and some suggestions, including 1) a stronger emphasis on the Gold Medal award, 2) inserting a map to identify where each of the parks are located, and 3) suggestions of locations for distribution once the guide is completed. The Board members agreed the guide will be a very valuable resource to the community as a whole.

#### **Item 5: Mission Statement**

Rob Schoeber reported he had recently solicited a group of representatives from each division (Parks, Recreation, and Golf) to draft a mission statement for the Parks and Recreation Department. The top two proposals were being presented to the Board to determine which statement will be forwarded to City Council for approval. The following mission statement was selected: “Grand Junction Parks and Recreation is dedicated to providing all people quality recreation and leisure opportunities managed with integrity and professionalism.”

#### **Item 6: Parks Master Plan**

Rob Schoeber distributed a draft copy of the Parks Inventory and Future Needs Assessment, asking the Board members to review the document prior to next week’s workshop. At this time, not all of the sections were complete, yet the goal is to wrap it up in the next six weeks in order to present it to City Council for approval in March. Mr. Schoeber stated the City would normally hire a consultant for this type of document; however, the Department is completing the project in house to save money. The document is a working document for future use that will be utilized as a “road map” to help the Department, the Board, and City Council prioritize projects, should future money come available.

#### **Item 7: Project Updates**

Rob Schoeber and Larry Manchester recently attended an awards banquet in Denver to accept the Intermountain Tennis Association’s “Outstanding Tennis Organization” award. Rob Schoeber said there were many players involved in winning this award and that he had accepted the award on behalf of the entire community.

The restrooms at Hawthorne Park are now complete, with the exception of it being too cold to seal the concrete; the hope is to complete the final stage next week. Mike Vendegna reported the project is well under budget and technically ahead of schedule.

The Parks Operations maintenance shop has been relocated from Lincoln Park to 2529 High Country Court. This relocation has always been a goal for the department in order to address safety and congestion issues. Approximately 40 people and all of the maintenance equipment have now been relocated to the new building. The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held at the new location and will include a tour of the building.

Rob Schoeber reported on the stadium project, stating the current cost is approximately \$8.4 million, and that all but \$200,000 has already been committed through bonding or donations made directly to JUCO. The City may be an optional funding source for the \$200,000 shortfall, although any money not raised

will be made up by JUCO. The groundbreaking will take place the day after JUCO 2011. This project will allow for JUCO to sign a 25 year contract.

Rob Schoeber briefly discussed the recent situation regarding the RFP for Pinon Grill, stating the RFP had originally resulted in responses from only two private vendors. Very late in the process, Two Rivers Convention Center decided to also submit an application. Mr. Schoeber said, it was at that point, he decided to expand the selection committee to include a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and a private business owner, for a total of eight members. The selection process consisted of three phases, 1) the RFP, 2) a personal interviews/presentation, and 3) a food tasting. The committee members received rating sheets for all of the elements and made sure to withhold all discussions until after the scores were totaled. Rob Schoeber said, unfortunately, the process became controversial due to TRCC deciding to bid, along with a presumption of committee members changing their scores. At this point, TRCC is no longer permitted to bid, and a new RFP is going out tomorrow. In the meantime, TRCC will be the default until another contract is awarded. The new contract will ensure that golfers receive the first priority at the facility, and the only additional events that may be approved will be those that do not conflict with golf. Dave McInay and Scott Coleman offered to assist in the selection process if needed.

**Item 8: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist