

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes November 3, 2011

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

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Coleman
 Dr. Scott McBrayer
 Dr. William Findlay
 Lenna Watson
 David McInay
 Bart Dickson
 Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Tawny Espinoza

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist
 Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
 Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Dr. William Findlay moved to approve the October 6, 2011 and October 17, 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Scott Coleman seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Item 3: Lincoln Park Renovation Project

Traci Wieland provided an update on the recent Lincoln Park renovation meetings, stating there were a total of 43 community members who attended between the two meetings. In addition, there was great representation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members, as well as Councilman Boeschstein who attended both meetings. Mrs. Wieland stated the community members were very enthusiastic about the improvements and were appreciative to have the opportunity to provide their ideas and suggestions. Staff will be compiling the suggestions over the next several weeks and will present several plan options at the December 1, 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The renovation plans will be developed based on both feasibility and financing. Dr. Scott McBrayer discussed the comments he had heard from the community members, including a strong emphasis on improving the tennis courts and creating designated pickleball courts, closing and/or changing the loop road to a soft trail that could be opened up for bus parking only, and a trail system throughout the park. Scott Coleman discussed comments he had received, including requests for a small playground, shelter, and restrooms near the tennis area, a permanent amphitheater facing south in the practice field, pickleball needs, the desire to improve the aesthetics of the shot put/discuss area, closure of the loop road, and the strong need to address the accessibility throughout the entire park. The Board members who attended the public meetings expressed there were some terrific ideas all around, and complimented the staff for their excellent work.

Traci Wieland discussed the opportunity to implement new quick start tennis courts during the renovation project, which are smaller courts designed for kids 10 and under. The courts would have blended lines providing multi-use, while promoting the sport for younger and/or beginner players. Potential funding opportunities that will be explored include grants, private donors, and assistance from the user groups, such as the tennis and pickleball organizations. Additional funding ideas included the local gardening organizations and businesses, as well as the possibility of pursuing grants utilizing the “developmental” aspect of the new tennis courts and/or from the “getting the kids outdoors” angle. The next Lincoln Park renovation community meeting will be held on December 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Park Barn.

Traci Wieland reported on recent emails she has received from relatives of Clinton Smith who are expressing they do not want his name to be removed from the Lincoln Park tennis courts. In addition, Lena Elliott has recently expressed that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should review their naming policy prior to requesting private donations for the renovation project. Mrs. Wieland distributed copies of the current “Guidelines for Naming and Renaming City Parks and Other City Parks and Recreation Facilities” and a copy of the recent “Honor and Recognition Committee Guidelines” Colorado Mesa University recently developed. (See attached) The Board members were asked to review the documents, which will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Item 4: Project Updates

Mike Vendegna provided a brief update on the rebuilding of the pump station at Canyon View Park. The project will result in approximately \$13,000 in excel energy rebates.

Traci Wieland reported on the Lincoln Park waterslide, stating they are still working with the legal department on resolving the issue. The City’s demand is to have the waterslide back up and running by May 15, 2012.

The Rockies baseball press conference has been rescheduled for 11:00 a.m. on November 15, 2011 at Alpine Bank.

Item 5: Adjourn

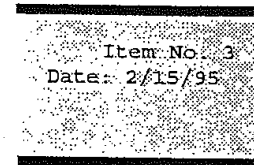
Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist

Item #4 3/15/95
 carried forward from 2/15/95

**PARKS AND RECREATION
 ADVISORY BOARD
 ACTION FORM**



SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR NAMING AND RENAMING CITY PARKS AND OTHER CITY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

BACKGROUND:

The City of Grand Junction may have occasion to name or rename City parks and other City Parks and Recreation facilities and it is appropriate to establish criteria and procedures for the official naming/renaming of City parks and other Parks and Recreation facilities. Based on this premise, the following criteria has been developed for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consideration:

The naming/renaming of City Parks and other City Parks and Recreation facilities shall be in accordance with the procedures and criteria set forth below. Once adopted, name changes should only occur on an exceptional basis.

The following criteria shall be considered:

- 1) Neighborhood or geographical identification.
- 2) Natural or geological features.
- 3) Historical or cultural significance.
- 4) The individual or entity who has donated substantial monies or land or has been otherwise instrumental in the acquisition of the property.
- 5) The articulated preference of residents of the neighborhood surrounding the public facility.
- 6) Facilities shall not be named for a living person; however, exceptions may be considered when a significant contribution of land or money is made and the donor stipulates naming the facility as a condition of the donation or when an unusually outstanding public service would so justify.

The following procedures shall be followed for naming/renaming of City parks and other City facilities:

- 1) The City shall solicit suggestions for names from organizations and individuals. All suggestions, whether solicited or independently offered, shall be acknowledged and recorded by the City.
- 2) The City Council, following review and recommendations and public meetings by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, shall determine the name for City parks and other City facilities.
- 3) There shall be a lapse of at least twelve (12) months between the date of the death of the person(s) or of the event commemorated and the issuance of the final Committee recommendation of the proposed park name.

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ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Adopt the proposed guidelines for naming and renaming Parks and other City Parks and Recreation facilities.
- 2) Adopt the proposed guidelines for naming and renaming Parks and other City Parks and Recreation facilities as amended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- 3) Refer the naming and renaming of Parks and Recreation facilities to a sub-committee, appointed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman, and bring a recommendation back to the full Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the March meeting.
- 4) Do not consider the adoption of guidelines for naming and renaming City Parks and other City Parks and Recreation facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board adopt alternative #3 referring the guidelines for naming and renaming City parks and other City Parks and Recreation facilities to a sub-committee, appointed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman, and report back to the full Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the March meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD ACTION:

Keith Mumby moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to accept alternative #3. (Refer the naming and renaming of Parks and Recreation facilities to a sub-committee, appointed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman, and bring a recommendation back to the full Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the March meeting).

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

**Colorado Mesa University
HONORS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE
GUIDELINES – Adopted May 2010**

MEMORIALS

Memorials at Colorado Mesa University are limited to:

- A. Scholarships – MSC Office of Development 970-248-1902
- B. Tree Memorial Program – MSC Office of Development 970-248-1902
- C. Memorial Brick Walk Program – MSC Office of Development 970-248-1902

All inquiries shall be directed to the Director of Development, (Position currently vacant in the interim Rick Taggart), 970-248-1902

HONORARY DEGREES:

Colorado Mesa University may award honorary degrees including but not limited to Doctor of Humane Letters, Doctor of Science, and Doctor of Public Service. Honorary Degrees will not be awarded to active staff members or governing board members. They are usually awarded in person at the spring commencement.

Criteria for selection: Degrees will be awarded to persons having earned unusual distinction in:

- A. Academic pursuits
- B. The arts and humanities
- C. Science and technology
- D. The professions
- E. Government
- F. Civic affairs
- G. Service to higher education in general
- H. Service to Colorado Mesa University in particular

No limit is set on the number of honorary degrees or distinguished service awards to be granted, but the number should never be so large as to diminish their significance.

Board Approval is required for such award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Distinguished Awards are conferred in recognition of outstanding achievement and continued service, or to those who have contributed in an exceptional way to the welfare and goals of Colorado Mesa University. Such an award is usually made in person at the spring commencement.

Criteria for selection:

- A. The outstanding achievement, continued service or exceptional contribution must have benefited Colorado Mesa University in an exceptional way.
- B. Distinguished Service Awards may be conferred on anyone inside or outside the College community.
- C. Candidates for the award, in addition to their direct qualifications, should display qualities of good citizenship.
- D. Monetary contributions or political success alone should not be considered sufficient to warrant consideration for the award.

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Nature of the Award:

- A. The award itself will be a plaque or other appropriate object, appropriately engraved and suitable for display in an office or home.
- B. The recipient's name and date of the award will be included along with other recipients on a permanent board to be displayed in a prominent place in the administrative office building.

Board approval is not required for such award.

NAMING RIGHTS

Board approval is required for all naming right awards.

Naming a University building, facility or academic unit is the highest honor the Colorado Mesa University Board of Trustees can bestow on an individual or organization.

Primary consideration for naming buildings, facilities and academic units shall be given in recognition of a substantial gift to the University. No commitment for naming shall be made to a prospective donor of a gift prior to Board of Trustees approval of the proposed name. However, in order to enhance negotiations with the prospective donor, tentative approval may be obtained from the President.

It is assumed that the naming of a building, facility or administrative unit will be retained for its useful life, unless: (a) a change is necessary to continue the appropriate recognition; (b) a major demolition has occurred; (c) a major renovation or addition is funded with significant support from another donor and it is appropriate to alter the name; (d) the terms of the name have been negotiated for a set period of time; (e) the individual or entity for whom the facility or administrative unit is named falls into disrepute; or (f) the Board of Trustees takes action to change the name in order to meet the best interests of Colorado Mesa University.

Under normal circumstances, naming rights will not be granted to more than one building, facility or administrative unit for the same individual or organization unless that individual or organization has provided substantial financial support or distinctive service to the University.

Consideration may also be given to naming buildings, facilities, or administrative units without a gift to the College if an individual or organization has achieved distinction in an academic, administrative, or other exceptional ways which have significantly contributed to the welfare of the University as to warrant recognition. Naming a project for a University employee shall not normally be made prior to one year prior to their departure from Colorado Mesa University, while the individual is still employed by the University, nor within one year after the person's death.

An Honors and Recognition Committee, shall advise and make recommendations to the President. The President, after reviewing the advice and recommendations of the Committee, will make the final recommendation to the Board of Trustees on naming all facilities and academic units.

All naming rights granted prior to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will attempt adhere to the policies set forth in the policy document.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

The procedure for the selection of recipients is as follows:

- A. Nominations may be made by anyone and submitted to the president by January 1st.
- B. Nominations must include a narrative specifying the nominee's achievement and a brief biography, plus additional documentation of awards or contributions from as many sources as available.
- C. The president will submit nominations to the Committee on Honors and Recognition. The Committee shall be composed of a person appointed by each of the following: Administrative, Faculty Senate, Associated Student Government, Alumni Association, Emeriti Association, Classified Staff Council.
- D. The president reviews the recommendations and makes the final selection(s). In the case of naming of campus buildings or issuance of honorary degrees the president's recommendations are forwarded to the Trustees for final approval.