

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

7:00 COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

7:10 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7:15 REVIEW FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS [Attach W-1](#)

7:20 REVIEW WEDNESDAY COUNCIL AGENDA

7:30 INTRODUCE NEW CITY EMPLOYEES [Attach W-2](#)

8:00 MEET WITH THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:
Discussion on the adopted comprehensive Parks and Recreation
Master Plan, partnerships with other governmental entities and the
resident discount program along with trends in recreation program
participation. [Attach W-3](#)

8:40 METHAMPHETAMINE TASK FORCE REPORT [Attach W-4](#)

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FUTURE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDAS

(26 January 2006)

FEBRUARY 2006

Date To Be Decided:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:
Meet with the Board of Directors



↪ **FEBRUARY 13, MONDAY 11:30 AM** at **Two Rivers Convention Center**
11:30 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

↪ **FEBRUARY 13, MONDAY 7:00PM**

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
- 7:35 JARVIS REDEVELOPMENT
- 8:10 GJFD AMBULANCE PROVIDER PROPOSAL UPDATE



↪ **FEBRUARY 27, MONDAY 11:30 AM** in the Administration Conference Room
11:30 OPEN

↪ **FEBRUARY 27, MONDAY 7:00PM**

- 7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS
- 7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 7:30 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
- 7:45 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY: Phase 2 update



MARCH 2006



↪ **MARCH 13, MONDAY 11:30 AM** in the **Police Dept. Training Room** (1st Floor)

11:30 POLICE DEPARTMENT: Tour the Crime Lab



↪ **MARCH 13, MONDAY 7:00PM**

7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS

7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7:30 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

7:35 IRRIGATION LATERAL 135 BOARD

8:10 NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM UPDATE

APRIL 2006

↪ **APRIL 3, MONDAY 11:30 AM** in the Administration Conference Room

11:30 OPEN

↪ ~~**APRIL 3, MONDAY 7:00PM**~~ CANCELED for the NCAA Basket Ball Tournament



↪ **APRIL 17, MONDAY 11:30 AM**

11:30 OPEN

↪ **APRIL 17, MONDAY 7:00PM**

7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS

7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7:30 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

7:35 OPEN

↪ BIN LIST ↪

1. North Avenue Corridor Plan (March?)
2. Monthly Legislative Update: January Through May
3. Lunch with the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (SEE NEXT PAGE)

2006 Department Presentations to City Council

1. Administrative Services? (GIS) *Geographic Information System* _____
2. Public Works: Water Treatment Plant
3. Parks & Recreation: Cemetery (May?)
4. Visitor & Convention Bureau: Visitor Center

From: Kelly Arnold
To: Ann Driggers
Date: 1/23/06 2:50:51 PM
Subject: Re: Lunch with Council/GJEP Exec

Hi Ann - we'll take your request to Council next Monday night and ask them for some dates;

Stephanie - please put this e-mail into Council's packet.

Thanks - KA

>>> "Ann Driggers" <Ann@gjep.org> 1/23/2006 2:45 PM >>>

Kelly and Sheryl: As you will remember in the past we have hosted a lunch for City Council, sort of an annual basis, to update them on what we're doing, receive feedback, etc. We would like to get back on track with that, and especially so given the more formal relationship we now have. Could I ask Amanda to get with Sue and see if we might get that scheduled sometime in the next couple of months? Thanks
Ann

Ann Driggers President & CEO
Grand Junction Economic Partnership
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Grand Junction, CO 81506
970-245-4335
1-800-621-6683

CC: Sheryl Trent; Stephanie Tuin

**Attach W-2
Introduce New City Employees**

**The City Council received a list of
new City employees under separate cover.**

(Council - see separate file or hard copy in your box)

**Attach W-3
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Discussion**



Memorandum

TO: Grand Junction City Council and Kelly Arnold, City Manager
FROM: Joe Stevens, Director of Parks & Recreation
DATE: January 26, 2006
SUBJECT: Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Accompanying this memorandum please find material that may assist City Council in discussions with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on January 30, 2006. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would appreciate Council's perspective and direction on:

- 1) The adopted comprehensive parks and recreation master plan and specifically areas that may need more or less attention.
- 2) Partnerships with other governmental entities (i.e.: Mesa County School District 51, Mesa State College, Mesa County).
- 3) The resident discount program and trends in recreation program participation.

- Encl:
- a. excerpts from the 2001 comprehensive parks and recreation master plan.
 - b. report from 2005 on resident discount program.
 - c. graph on recreation program registration trends.
 - d. graph on adult sports recreation program trends.
 - e. draft Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes from 1/19/06.

RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE - ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST

City of Grand Junction
Winston Associates, Inc., RRC Associates & Ballard/King.

Note: Inflation adjustment assume 4% per year inflation rate.

Priority Item / Year

	Quantity	Unit	Cost Per/unit	Subtotal
Funded Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)				
01-04 ROW / Highway Landscaping	1	LS	\$595,000.00	\$595,000
01-09 Parkland Acquisition (8 Neighborhood Parks @ +/-8 ac ea)	62.33	ACRE	\$15,000.00	\$935,000
01 Canyon View Park Baseball Field Construction	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
01-09 Minor Park Improvements	1	LS	\$1,875,000.00	\$1,875,000
Lincoln Park Improvements				
03-08 -- Resurface Tennis Courts	1	LS	\$320,000.00	
01 -- Sprinkler System Improvements	1	LS	\$44,500.00	
01 & 08 -- Resurface Lincoln Park Track	1	LS	\$241,000.00	
01 -- Cast Iron Main Replacement	1	LS	\$27,000.00	
			\$632,500.00	\$632,500
Stadium Improvements				
05 -- Replace Outdoor Sign	1	LS	\$120,000.00	
06 -- Asphalt Overlay and Sealcoat	1	LS	\$16,000.00	
01-03 -- Light Shields for Football and Softball Fields	1	LS	\$76,700.00	
03 -- Upgrade Press Box	1	LS	\$31,000.00	
05 -- Renovate Football Field	1	LS	\$23,000.00	
02 & 07 -- Repaint Stands	1	LS	\$149,000.00	
			\$415,700.00	\$415,700
Trail Improvements				
08 -- Riverfront Trail Connection	1	LS	\$150,000.00	
03 & 08 -- Sealcoat Existing Trails	1	LS	\$44,500.00	
01 -- Cast Iron Main Replacement	1	LS	\$27,000.00	
			\$221,500.00	\$221,500
02-09 Refurbish Existing Restrooms in Parks	1	LS	\$1,076,500.00	\$1,076,500
01-02 Backflow Prevention	1	LS	\$43,500.00	\$43,500
04 & 09 Basketball Court Resurfacing	1	LS	\$64,500.00	\$64,500
01-09 Playground Protective Surfacing	1	LS	\$108,000.00	\$108,000
Neighborhood / Mini Park Improvements				
07 -- Riverside Park Renovation	1	LS	\$95,000.00	
04 -- Duck Pond Park Path and Sidewalk	1	LS	\$100,000.00	
04 & 09 -- Resurface Ridges Tennis Courts	1	LS	\$65,000.00	
03 -- Darla Jean Park Improvements	1	LS	\$28,000.00	
			\$288,000.00	\$288,000

New Neighborhood Park Construction					
02	-- Paradise Hills Park (1 acre)	1	LS	\$65,000.00	
06	-- Westlake Park	1	LS	\$800,000.00	
07	-- Wingate Park	1	LS	\$620,000.00	
07	-- Pine Ridge Park	1	LS	\$180,000.00	
08	-- Horizon Park (5 acres)	1	LS	\$500,000.00	
				\$2,165,000.00	\$2,165,000
New Community Park Construction					
02	-- Los Colonias Park	1	LS	\$900,000.00	
08	-- Sacomanno Park	1	LS	\$2,500,000.00	
				\$3,400,000.00	\$3,400,000
CIP Total					\$11,920,200
TIER I IMPROVEMENTS					
1	Finish Canyon View Park				
	Develop remainder of park (excludes tennis complex below)	22	LS	\$100,000.00	\$2,200,000
	Utility Allowance	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
	12 post-tensioned tennis courts (tennis complex 6.0 ac)	12	EA	\$80,000.00	\$960,000
	Tennis pro shop and restrooms	2,000	SF	\$150.00	\$300,000
	Landscaping and walks at tennis complex	1	LS	\$110,000.00	\$110,000
	Sub - Total				\$3,670,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$36,700
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$330,300
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$550,500
	TOTAL COST				\$4,587,500
2	Undeveloped Neighborhood Parks				
	Ridges School Site	6.37	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$637,000
	Sub - Total				\$637,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$6,370
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$57,330
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$95,550
	TOTAL COST				\$796,250
3	Allowance for Improving Existing Parks				
	(shelters, play equipment, landscaping walks, HC access, etc.)				
	Improve 5 existing neighborhood parks				
	-- Melrose	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Paradise Hills	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Pine Ridge	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Shadow Lake	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Spring Valley II	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	Improve 3 existing mini parks				
	-- Cottonwood	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	-- Hillcrest	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	-- St. Mary's	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	Little Park Preserve (trail heads, parking, etc.)	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
	Sub - Total				\$430,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$4,300
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$38,700
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$64,500
	TOTAL COST				\$537,500

4 Allowance for Improving Existing School/Parks

(shelters, play equipment, picnic facilities.)

Improve 4 existing school / park sites

– Tope Elementary	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
– Scenic Elementary	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
– Broadway Elementary	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
– Redlands Middle School	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
Sub - Total				\$400,000
Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$4,000
Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$36,000
Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$60,000
TOTAL COST				\$500,000

5 Canal Trail Development

One Mile of Trail in 2005	1	PER MILE	\$225,000.00	\$225,000
Bridges over Canals	2	EA	\$75,000.00	\$150,000
Sub - Total				\$375,000
Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$3,710
Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$33,390
Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$56,250
TOTAL COST				\$468,350

TIER I IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL

\$6,889,600

TIER II IMPROVEMENTS

6 Recreation / Senior Center

Site Work	75,000	SF	\$14.00	\$1,050,000
75,000 SF Building (assumes standard foundations)	75,000	SF	\$150.00	\$11,250,000
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment @ 6.5%	1	LS		\$871,975
Sub - Total				\$13,171,975
Permits and Fees @ 2.0% (higher permits/fees for buildings)	1	LS		\$246,000
Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$1,107,000
Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$1,845,000
TOTAL COST				\$16,369,975

7 Phase I of Matchett Park

Allowance to Extend Utility Lines Into Site from Patterson (2000 LF)	1	LS	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
32' access Road into site (1800 LF)	1800	LF	\$90.00	\$162,000
Accel/Decel Lanes	1	LS	\$60,000.00	\$60,000
Irrigation (pumps, pump house, 2 ac pond and 10 ac under irrigation)	1	LS	\$485,000.00	\$485,000
7 acres of park development	7	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$700,000
Parking	100	EA SPACE	\$1,200.00	\$120,000
Outdoor Pool & small outdoor water park	1	LF	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000
8' Walking Path around park (5" concrete)	13,000	LF	\$24.00	\$312,000
Maintenance building and yard	1	LS	\$750,000.00	\$750,000
Sub - Total				\$5,339,000
Permits and Fees @ 2.0% (higher permits/fees for buildings)	1	LS		\$106,780
Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$480,510
Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$800,850
TOTAL COST				\$6,727,140

8	Undeveloped Neighborhood Parks				
	Finish Horizon Park	7.3	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$730,000
	Burkey Park (50% by City 50% by County)	17.4	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$3,480,000
	New neighborhood parks in developing areas of city (5 @ 7.5 ac ea)	37.5	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$3,750,000
	Sub - Total				\$7,960,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$79,600
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$716,400
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$1,194,000
	TOTAL COST				\$9,950,000
9	Community Parks				
	Finish Saccomanno Park	5	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$500,000
	Phase II of Los Colonias	25	PER AC	\$100,000.00	\$2,500,000
	Satellite maintenance building and yard for Los Colonias	1	LS	\$750,000.00	\$750,000
	TOTAL COST				\$3,750,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$37,500
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$337,500
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$562,500
	TOTAL COST				\$4,687,500
10	Allowance for Improving Existing Parks				
	(shelters, play equipment, landscaping walks, HC access, etc.)				
	Improve 6 existing neighborhood parks				
	-- Duck Pond (Orchard Mesa)	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Columbine	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Pine Ridge	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Junior Service League Park	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Hawthorne	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Whitman	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	Improve 3 existing mini parks				
	-- Duck Pond (Ridges)	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	-- St. Mary's	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	-- Williams	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	Sub - Total				\$480,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$4,800
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$43,200
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$72,000
	TOTAL COST				\$600,000
11	Allowance for Improving Existing School/Parks				
	(shelters, play equipment, picnic facilities.)				
	Improve 4 existing school / park sites				
	-- East Middle School (Washington Park)	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
	-- Fruitvale Elementary	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
	-- Mesa View Elementary	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
	Sub - Total				\$300,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$3,000
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$27,000
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$45,000
	TOTAL COST				\$375,000

12	Expand Parks Administrative Offices				
	Expand Parks Administrative Offices	1	LS	\$165,000.00	\$165,000
	TOTAL COST				\$165,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$1,650
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$14,850
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$24,750
	TOTAL COST				\$206,250
13	Canal Trail Development / Riverside Trail				
	One Mile of Trail per year	5	PER MILE	\$225,000.00	\$1,125,000
	Bridges over Canals	2	EA	\$75,000.00	\$150,000
	Riverside Trail	1	LS	\$270,000.00	\$270,000
	Sub - Total				\$1,545,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$15,434
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$138,902
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$231,750
	TOTAL COST				\$1,931,085
14	Suplizio Baseball / Stocker Stadium				
	Outfield Renovation (City's portion 50% of \$350,000)	1	LS	\$175,000.00	\$175,000
	"Field Turf" system for stadium turf (City's portion 50% of \$750,000)	1	LS	\$375,000.00	\$375,000
	Sub - Total				\$550,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$5,500
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$49,500
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$82,500
	TOTAL COST				\$687,500
	TIER II IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				\$41,534,450
	TIER III IMPROVEMENTS				
15	Allowance for Improving Existing Parks				
	(shelters, play equipment, landscaping walks, HC access, etc.)				
	Lincoln Park (Parking lot to code, curb/gutter and pave entry drive)	1	LS	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000
	Satellite maintenance building and yard for Lincoln Park	1	LS	\$750,000.00	\$750,000
	Improve 4 existing neighborhood parks				
	-- Emerson	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Pomona	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Sherwood	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	-- Spring Valley II	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$65,000
	Improve 2 existing mini parks				
	-- Ridges Tot Lot	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	-- St. Mary's	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
	Sub - Total				\$2,070,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$20,700
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$186,300
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$310,500
	TOTAL COST				\$2,587,500

16	Amphitheater				
	Earthwork Allowance	1	LS	\$150,000.00	\$150,000
	Fixed seating for 1,000 w/ lawn seating for 2,000	1	LS	\$500,000.00	\$500,000
	Support facilities (restrooms, concessions, stage, back-of-house, etc.)	1	LS	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000
	Cultural Building	18,000	SF	\$100.00	\$1,800,000
	Paved Parking for 1,500 cars	1,500	EA SPACE	\$1,200.00	\$1,800,000
	Utility Allowance	1	LS	\$200,000.00	\$200,000
	Landscape Allowance	1	LS	\$80,000.00	\$80,000
	Sub - Total				\$5,530,000
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$55,300
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$497,700
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$829,500
	TOTAL COST				\$6,912,500
17	Canal Trail Development				
	One Mile of Trail per year	5	PER MILE	\$225,000.00	\$1,125,000
	Bridges over Canals	2	EA	\$75,000.00	\$150,000
	Watson Island Trail Project	1	LS	\$44,725.00	\$44,725
	Sub - Total				\$1,319,725
	Permits and Fees @ 1.0%	1	LS		\$13,197
	Design and Engineering Fees @ 9%	1	LS		\$118,775
	Estimating and Construction Contingency (15%)				\$197,959
	TOTAL COST				\$1,649,656
	TIER III IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				\$11,149,656
	GRAND TOTAL				\$71,493,906

PARKS & RECREATION

Budget Issue – Parks and Recreation Department Fee Structure

Evaluate and consider implementing a one fee and charge structure for recreation programs, pools and golf by consolidating the non-resident and resident discount fees.

The resident discount is a public relations nightmare for the front office staff, seasonal pool staff, and at the golf courses. It is not as much of a problem at the Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool because it does not exist, but explaining why there is are resident / non-resident fees at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool and not at the Orchard Mesa Pool is cumbersome. Differential fees are not a problem at Two Rivers Convention Center, Avalon Theatre, or the cemetery because they do not exist.

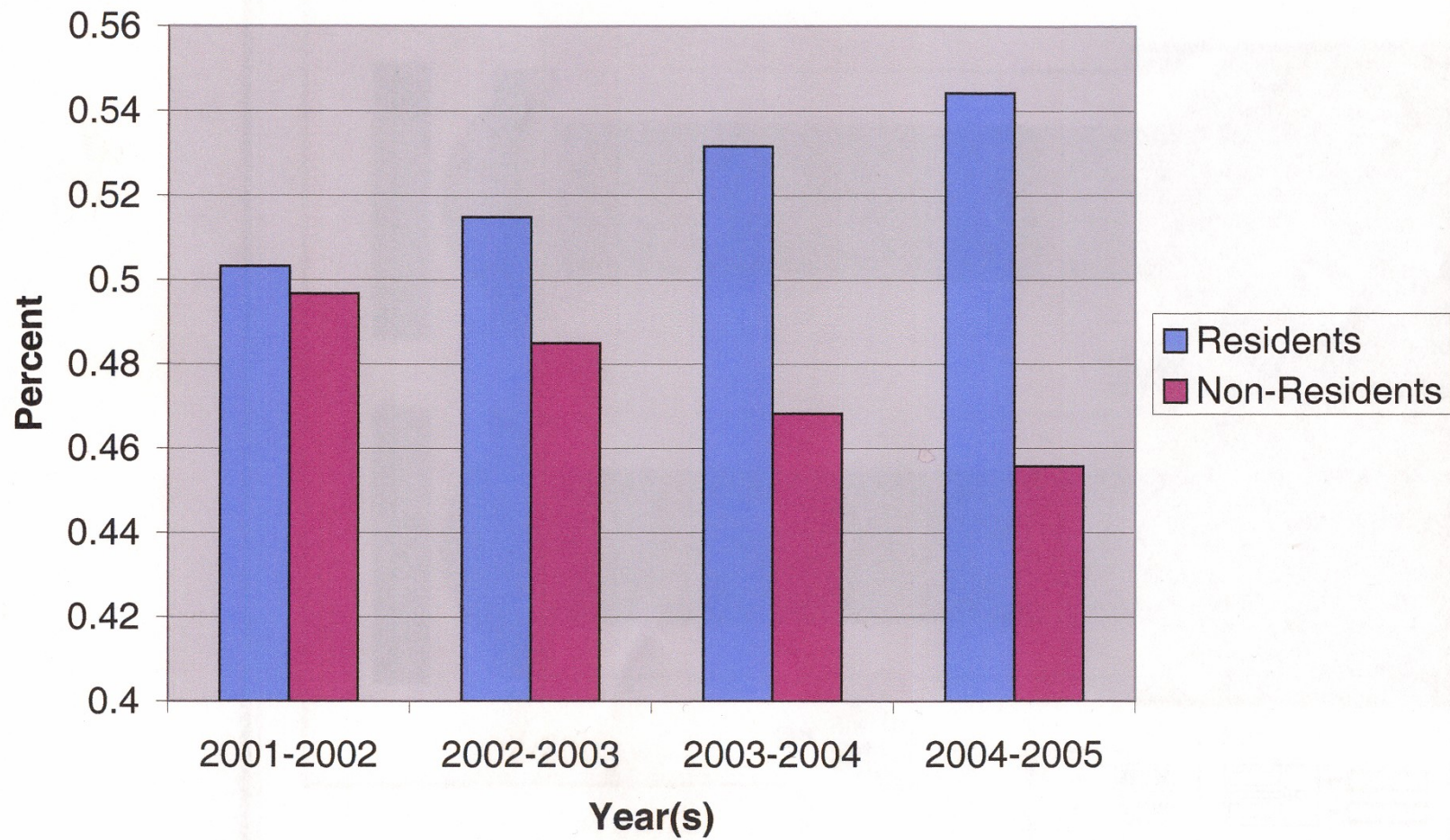
Staff is confronted almost daily by non-residents who own businesses in Grand Junction proper and are part of the non-resident group paying the vast majority of sales tax the City collects. But then again, the City owns and administers the facilities and programs. Additionally, while it's hard to imagine we have actually caught persons giving staff City limit addresses when in actuality they do not live in the City. While some are caught, it is suspected more get away with it than not. The extraordinary amount of staff time spent verifying the resident / non-resident status of team sport participants, in order that the correct fee can be charged, would be eliminated with the implementation of a single fee.

Annexations have impacted the amount of revenue we collect. When the resident / non-resident fee structure was implemented in the mid 80's approximately 40% of the revenues was from residents and 60% from non-residents. Four to five years ago that had shifted to 50 % of recreation revenue coming from residents and 50% from non-residents. Today, roughly 54% comes from residents and 46% comes from non-residents. Over time this shift has had a direct impact on the revenue base and the ability of the recreation division to recover the targeted 70-80 % direct and indirect cost.

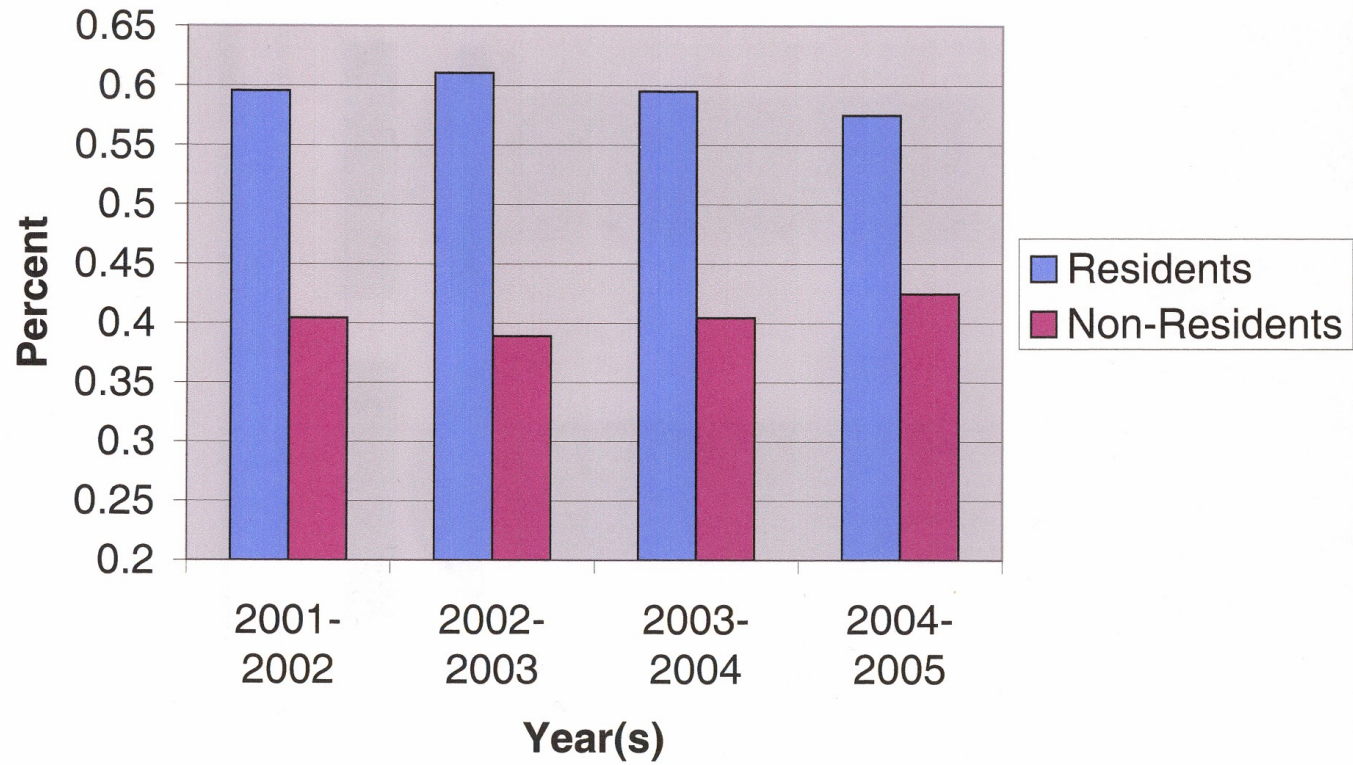
Melding the fees into one fee will undoubtedly get some negative feed back from residents because their fees will go up and some non-resident fees may go down. The result in golf for example, is the 2006 golf fee might be set at \$324 for unlimited play for everyone. That compares to a 2005 resident unlimited pass of \$282 and a non-resident unlimited fee of \$347. Assuming the same number of season pass sales an additional \$12,800 would be collected under the single fee structure. This scenario would be similar for recreation programs and activities.

In essence it is the philosophy that is perhaps more important than the exact fee because the city has fee ranges based on policy, and the department ties actual fees to programs and activities depending on for example, whether sports league participants want one official, two officials, or want to make their own calls, whether or not it's a four week or a six week class, and whether or not the department supplies materials or participants bring their own, etc.

Program Registrations (excluding Aquatics)



Adult Sport Registrations



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

January 19, 2006

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Dixon at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tom Dixon
Bernie Goss
Jack Neckels
Reford Theobold
David Detwiler
Dennis Teeters
Dennis Derrieux
Doug Thomason (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent:

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Joe Stevens, Director
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist
Traci Altergott, Recreation Superintendent
Shawn Cooper, Parks Planner
Kelly Arnold, City Manager

Guests: Melody Maitland, City Youth Council

Bernie Goss requested a correction be made to page four of the December 15, 2005 minutes, as there appears to have been a printing error. Bernie Goss moved to approve the December 15, 2005 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes once the correction has been made. Reford Theobold seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3: Introduction of City Youth Council Representative

Traci Altergott introduced Melody Maitland, who is the new City Youth Council representative, who will be attending the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings on a regular basis. Ms. Maitland is currently a Junior at Central High School. Melody Maitland reported on the successful New Year's Eve dance at Two Rivers Convention Center, in which there were over 300 kids in attendance. The event raised over \$1,700

for the Parks & Recreation scholarship fund. Ms. Maitland also reported the City Youth Council is currently trying to promote “Teen Night”, which is held the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Bistro, located in downtown Grand Junction.

Item 4: Parks Master Plan

Chairman Tom Dixon opened the floor for Board member comments and/or suggestions regarding the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. Kelly Arnold briefly discussed the upcoming joint meeting with City Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, suggesting today’s meeting pertain to the context of what the Board wants to discuss at the joint meeting. Tom Dixon stated the intent of today’s Board meeting was to conduct an informal periodic review in order to make sure the Board is following the guidelines of the Master Plan. Joe Stevens discussed growth in the Grand Valley, along with the “tier one” facilities the comprehensive plan addresses, stating the Parks & Recreation Department has done a good job supporting varied development. Mr. Stevens discussed Canyon View Park development, stating much of the park’s growth has resulted from having to “follow the money”. Joe Stevens reported, due to the successful partnerships with GMYSA, JUCO, and Mesa County Jr. Football Association, the Parks and Recreation Department has recently been approached by the Grand Valley Volleyball Association who is requesting competitive volleyball courts at Canyon View Park. The volleyball courts would be less expensive than the currently planned water park, and would provide opportunities for large volleyball tournaments similar to the ones being held in Vail, Aspen, Boulder, etc. Mr. Stevens said the volleyball tournaments would take place in early spring and/or late fall, and would not directly conflict with the soccer or football seasons. Shawn Cooper reported David Ludlam, with the Grand Valley Volleyball Association, has stated he is positive they could bring in several volleyball tournaments per year, especially due to the milder weather in Grand Junction. The proposal consists of six volleyball courts, (possible two of them lighted), with an estimated total cost of \$70,000 - \$85,000. Shawn Cooper reported the volleyball option would cost considerably less than the splashground, including the completion of the parking lots, stating the small parking lot to the East would cost approximately \$130,000 - \$150,000 and the large lot to the South would cost approximately \$270,000 - \$290,000. Joe Stevens expressed the volleyball courts could be a nice addition to Canyon View Park, driving the park’s focus as a “competitive sports complex”. The additional volleyball courts would allow the volleyball group to consolidate their games and potentially increase the membership of their organization. Joe Stevens also stated the planned water park could easily be scaled back in size and relocated west of the current play structure, in front of the large shelter. Mr. Stevens briefly discussed the possibility of expanding the aquatics area at Lincoln Park, which could include a lazy river, etc. Mr. Stevens stated the volleyball option would require a revision to the Canyon View Master Plan, and could possibly be tied into tier one, allowing the Department to apply for GOCO grant money. Bernie Goss expressed the Parks & Recreation Department should really strive to “finish” projects (i.e.: Canyon View Park) before starting new projects. Tom Dixon agreed with Bernie Goss, expressing the importance of the City showing the public they are able to complete parks before building new ones. Chairman Dixon stated he would prefer to see Canyon View Park finished, even if it means altering the park’s master plan. David Detwiler disagreed with Mr. Dixon and Mr. Goss, stating the Parks & Recreation Department needs to spend money somewhere else in the community other than at Canyon View Park. Mr. Detwiler stated many people in the community do not live around or visit Canyon View Park; therefore, the City should be trying to find a better balance by

spending money in other areas. Bernie Goss disagreed with Mr. Detwiler, stating the City has been spending funds in other areas, including the new agreement for a gymnasium at Bookcliff Middle School. Dennis Derrieux stated he likes the volleyball concept, and asked what type of courts the group preferred. Traci Altergott responded the group is requesting sand courts for the competitive teams, while the noncompetitive teams will be able to play on the multipurpose fields. Reford Theobald asked what it would cost to complete Canyon View Park. Shawn Cooper responded it would cost approximately \$240,000-\$250,000 to finish the tennis courts, another \$400,000 to finish the parking lots, and an additional \$100,000 to complete the landscaping (a total estimated cost of \$750,000). Dennis Teeters expressed his concern regarding the already overcrowded parking lots at Canyon View Park, stating there is currently a large amount of people parking in no parking zones. Tom Dixon stated many people are parking in nonparking lot areas just to be closer to their event, regardless of the fact that there are designated parking spaces available. Shawn Cooper stated the plan allows for an additional 106 spaces in the large parking lot, plus an additional 37 spaces in the small parking lot. Tom Dixon stated if the volleyball courts option is pursued, at some point, the City will need to consider additional concession stands. Shawn Cooper briefly discussed the possibility of pouring small concrete pads, which would allow for concession trailers, etc., and also mentioned the possibility of the organizations using the shelter for concessions. Jack Neckels asked if the time has come to amend the master plan for Canyon View Park. David Detwiler stated if the volleyball option were implemented, it would make one entire side of the park a "sports only" complex, and asked if the community would support such a change. Joe Stevens said, at this time, the Board is just throwing out ideas for future discussions, and may possibly need to invite public comment. Tom Dixon expressed that from a "land use" standpoint, Canyon View Park is an ideal location for the competitive sports component, due to the interstate access. Tom Dixon said the Board had not had an extensive discussion regarding Canyon View Park in quite some time, and said that he appreciates the new information. Chairman Dixon requested Joe Stevens invite representatives from the volleyball organization to attend the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Kelly Arnold voiced his concern about the Board members not discussing their plans for the joint meeting discussion with City Council and also recommended the Board be prepared to discuss the "resident/non-resident" issue at the joint meeting, stating City Council is expressing their interest to move forward with a one rate fee structure. Tom Dixon expressed his desire for City Council to take the initiative to discuss the elimination of the resident-nonresident issue, stating the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board had a very thorough discussion on the fees at the November 17, 2005 meeting, at which time they reached a unanimous vote. Joe Stevens discussed the current administrative nightmare with regards to the two tier fee structure. Mr. Stevens also discussed the potential difficulties of changing the fee structure, as the "resident" rate will have to be raised or the subsidy increased. Tom Dixon stated if the City is considering heading in the direction of a one fee structure, it might be a good time to go ahead and do so. Doug Thomason discussed recent figures presented to City Council by City Finance Director Ron Lappi, which indicate the sales tax revenues received from County residents are much higher than those from City residents.

Jack Neckels said the Comprehensive Master Plan appears to be very good; however, he felt there are some fairly serious areas that needed to be addressed, such as the riverfront areas. Mr. Neckels also expressed concern regarding the resident/nonresident fee structure, stating the bigger issue that needs to be addressed is the fact that the two government entities (City and County) are not working together with regards to recreational activities. Dennis Derrieux said the Parks & Recreation Department has been very good at using the master plan as a guide, but realizes the plan is not set in stone, and has made sure to take advantage of some great opportunities. Tom Dixon briefly discussed the implementation of the master plan projects, stating he feels the City, Department, and Board have all worked really well together towards meeting their objectives and goals.

Discussion ensued regarding the future of the Botanical Gardens, and the potential effect the facility may have on the Las Colonias Master Plan.

Shawn Cooper reported the Urban Trails Committee has requested to present information regarding a pilot program at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Item 5: Future Meetings Agenda

Grand Valley Volleyball Organization
Urban Trails Committee

Item 6: Adjourn

Chairman Dixon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie Goss moved and Reford Theobald seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist

**Attach W-4
Methamphetamine Task Force**

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