

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting – January 8, 2015**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Scott McBrayer at 12:02 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Administration Conference Room

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Coleman  
Bob Wiig  
Gary Schroen  
Dr. Scott McBrayer  
Kristy Emerson  
Marc Litzen  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Kyle Emert

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Karen Peterson, Senior Administrative Assistant  
Mike Mendelson, Golf Pro

### **Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

There were a couple of corrections for the December 4, 2014 minutes, which included Gary Schroen not making the motion to approve the minutes and a date error for the Golf Course Open House. Bob Wiig moved to approve the December 4, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes with the discussed amendments. Gary Schroen seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

### **Item 3: School District 51 Letter**

The final draft of the letter to School District 51 has been completed and will be mailed this week.

### **Item 4: Whitman Park Survey**

Rob Schoeber presented the survey and gave an overview of the questions with all the options. Mr. Schoeber also showed a video from Facebook where a couple videotaped a dispute involving two people at Whitman Park. There was a discussion about what to do with the people if they are displaced. (See attached)

### **Item 5: Golf Open House Update**

Mike Mendelson gave a brief overview of the open house hosted December 15, 2014. Discussion topics included the golf course enterprise fund, fee structure, and pace of play. It was decided to change the limited pass to allow more flexibility for play and the maintenance staff will start trimming trees and lift up the lower branches at the bottom to allow golf balls to be easily found. Marc Litzen asked if golf is on the decline locally. Mike Mendelson responded that the course did lose players when the economy declined but has climbed somewhat with the rise of the economy; Golf rounds were up approximately 8% last year. Rob Schoeber gave a review of what golf personnel has done to introduce new programs and using the new golf app (921 uploads to mobile devices as of January, 2015) trying to target groups.

**Item 6: Project Updates**

Rob Schoeber presented an overview of the year ahead regarding the 2015 Capital Projects, which included the replacement of the south side sliding windows at Orchard Mesa Swimming Pool, as well as various projects taking place at the skate parks, cemetery, and Horizon Park (See attached).

Lincoln Park-Moyer Swimming Pool: The pool was not completed correctly with the original contractor, is now being completed by another contractor who has been hired to complete the ADA compliant projects, tile, and painting.

Las Colonias Park: The bid documents for phase I of the project will be out on the street sometime within the next month. Staff hopes to begin construction in March with completion by June 1, 2015. This phase includes; restrooms/shelter, lighting, trail extensions, and the native arboretum.

Rob Schoeber stated the contract with Colorado DiscoverAbility (CDA) is now finalized for them to build their new facility and that CDA has received a grant from the Lions Club.

Mr. Schoeber gave an update about the yellow-billed cuckoo, explaining that he and Jim Doody met with US Fish and Wildlife, who indicated this area is not a desirable habitat for the yellow-billed cuckoo, but did recommend the City refrain from requesting to have the lines re-drawn to exclude the majority of the park. The consensus, at this time, is to move forward with the park project as planned.

Two architects have been hired to help with the amphitheater design and the City has received a DOLA grant of \$180,000 for the design. The project team has hired an architect a facility architect to design the amphitheater and a landscape architect to do all the ground work around.

**Item 7: For the Good of the Community**

A brief discussion took place regarding the housing resources for developing of Whitman Park property.

**Item 8: Other Business:**

Rob Schoeber gave an update on the Midwest Regional Conference. Registration is now open and staff has begun soliciting sponsors. City Council recently approved to fund the registration costs for the current Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members.

**Item 9: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Peterson,  
Senior Administrative Assistant

<b>Whitman Park Questionnaire</b>
<p>Please rank the following options by dragging and dropping in order of your priorities. (#1 being the highest priority and #13 being the lowest priority)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional Park Features (playground, picnic tables, shelter, etc.)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arboretum (educational trail highlighting species of trees, flowers, shrubs, etc.)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As is (do nothing)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Recreation Space (gymnasiums, meeting rooms, senior facilities, etc.)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disc Golf Course</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dog Park</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fitness Trail / Walking Track</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food Truck Park (seasonal)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low Intensity Recreation (outdoor chess, table tennis, bocce ball, etc.)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor Exhibits (park could be leased to museum)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private Concessionaires (long-term leases with outdoor recreation operators i.e. miniature golf)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Event Plaza (fence entire space and utilize for special events and public gatherings)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skate Park</li></ul>
<p>There are a number of options available to increase parking in the downtown area. Please rank the following options by dragging and dropping in order of your priorities. ( #1 being the highest priority and #5 being the lowest priority)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-Street Parking (diagonal parking located on 4th Street and / or Ute Avenue)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Museum Parking (relocating current museum parking to Whitman Park space allowing expansion for museum)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce Park Size for Parking Spaces</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flow-Through Parking Lot on the East and West Sides of the Park Similar to Sherwood Park</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parking Garage</li></ul>

Would you support a sale, exchange, or long-term lease with this park property?

- Yes
- No

The City is moving forward with Las Colonias Park and Matchett Park developments. Please rank the Whitman Park renovation in terms of importance related to the other park developments.

- Much Higher
- Higher
- About the Same
- Slightly Lower
- Much Lower

Please use this space to include any general comments or suggestions you have.

# Grand Junction Parks and Recreation

## Capital Projects

2015

# Orchard Mesa Pool ~ Door Replacement



# Lincoln Park Pool Renovations

Paint

Tile

ADA Modifications

# Las Colonias Park ~ Phase 1



Restroom/Shelter

Parking / Lighting

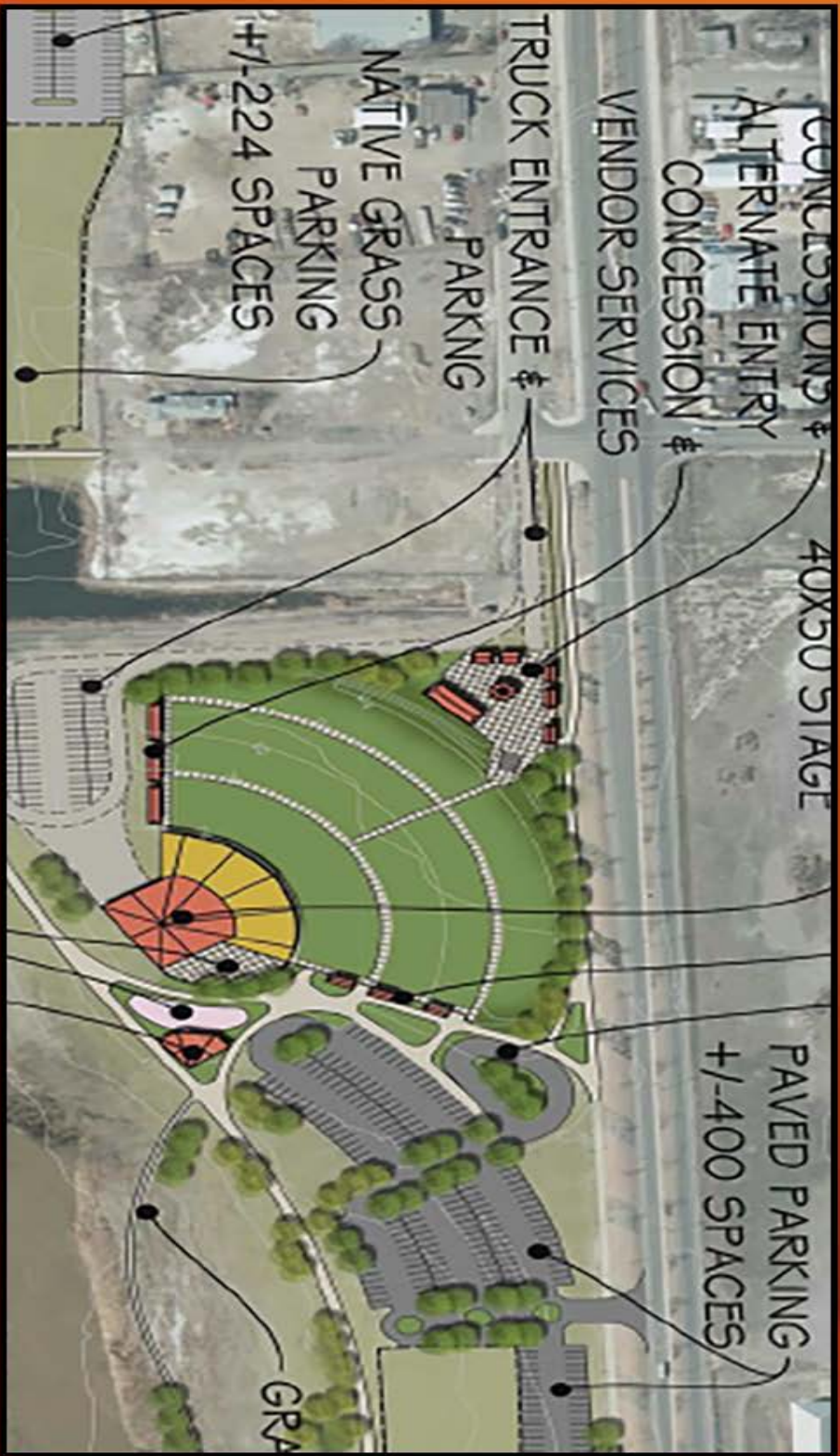
Trail Extensions

Natural Arboretum

Completion June 1



# Las Colonias Park Amphitheater Design



# Cemetery Irrigation System

- Upgrade 50 year old system
- \$25,000 Donation



# Skate Parks

- Paint Removal
- Concrete Upgrades
- Renovated Ramps



# Miscellaneous

Irrigation Pipe for Horizon Park

Trail Repairs

Whitman Park?

Whitewater Park Design

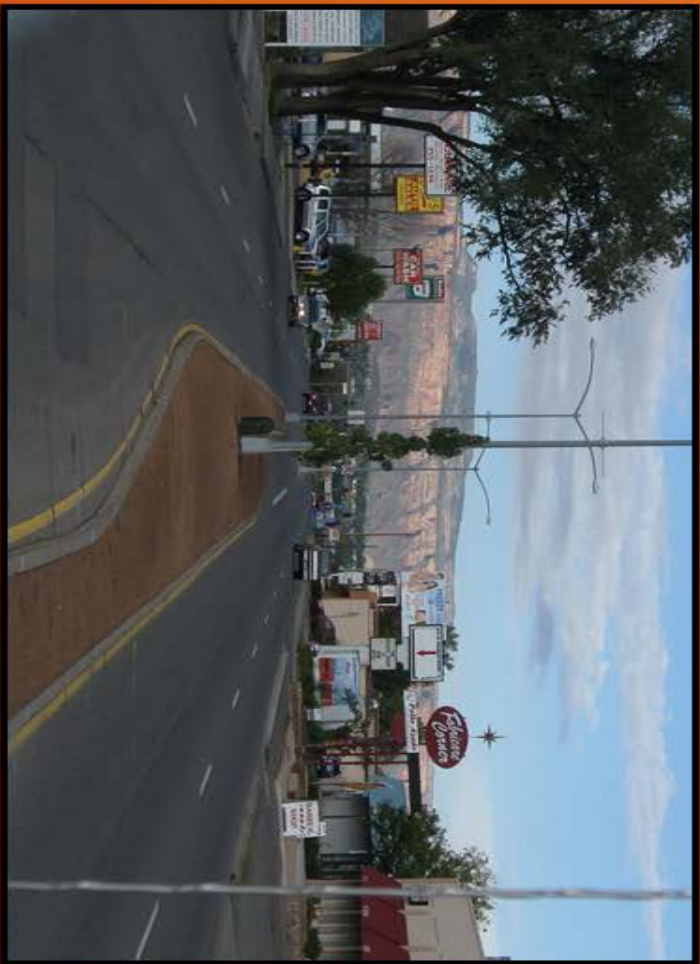
# Canyon View Playground

Funded by Play 2 Dream Foundation



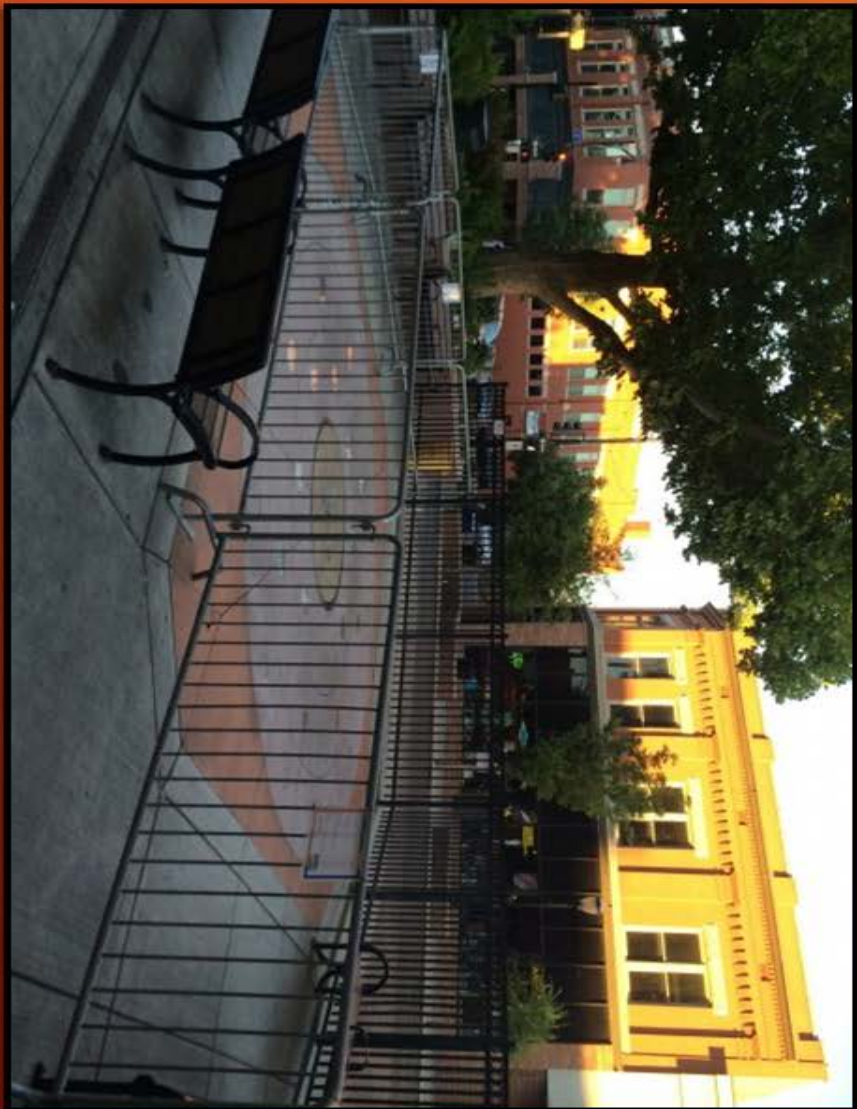
# North Avenue Medians

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 29 Road



# Downtown Splashpad Improvements

Funded by DDA



# Matchett / Las Colonias Development

- Potential Grant Applications

