

REGULAR MEETING

GRAND JUNCTION PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday - July 26, 1967 - 8:00 A. M.

Members Present: Mr. James Golden, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Grace Smith, Mr. Richard Stranger, Mr. Harry O. Colescott, and Mr. Richard Youngerman

Others Present: Mr. Richard Gray, City Manager, Mr. Paul Walker, Regional Planning Director, Mr. Gus Byrom, Traffic Manager, and Mr. Don Warner, Development Director

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 28, 1967 meeting were approved as mailed.

II. DISCUSSION OF FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

A. SECTION VII - PARKS

The Lincoln Park Pool heating installation was discussed. Mr. Stranger asked if the proposed Mesa College pool would be open to the public. Mrs. Smith said she had attended a previous meeting where the College had said they would open the pool to the public when possible.

Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Warner if he had discussed future plans for West Lake Park with Mr. Ralph Stocker, Parks Director. Mr. Warner said he had and that Mr. Stocker agreed with the Commission that it should be kept a natural park.

Mr. Gray said County Commissioner Lamb, who meets with PIAB, believes that if ratio is to remain the same, the County must start setting aside land for park development before area is annexed.

Mr. Youngerman asked if there is a plan for the proposed softball fields. Mr. Gray said they would like to use the Burkey property, but it would be very expensive to develop it the way they want to.

Mr. Warner felt the Burkey property should be developed as the City reaches this area. Security for this park would become a problem because of distance.

Mr. Stranger asked about Lincoln Park Auditorium accural.

Mr. Gray said there was definitely a need for a new building, but the Fine Arts Building at the College could possibly be used in the future for shows and demonstrations.

B. SECTION IV - BUILDINGS

Location of the third fire station was discussed. This location will be determined by Mountain States Inspection Bureau.

C. SECTION II - TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Gus Byrom made the presentation to the Commission on this section.

Mr. Byrom discussed the advantages and disadvantages of one-way streets.

Mr. Byrom showed several traffic plans and discussed them with the Commission. The plan which is liked best by the Staff would have north bound traffic on Fifth Street and south bound traffic on Fourth Street

Mr. Byrom explained a second plan to the Commission. This plan left Fifth Street a two-way street with Fourth and Sixth Streets carrying the north and south bound traffic. This plan would be more expensive as it would require additional traffic lights.

Mr. Colescott asked if the Planning Commission and the City Council were going to push for another river crossing at 12th Street. Mr. Byrom felt it was definitely needed.

The Commission agreed that Rood Avenue and Colorado Avenue be one-way streets - direction to be determined by the Staff.

Mr. Gray asked the Planning Commission if they had a recommendation to present to Council.

The Commission agreed that one-way streets should be part of the plan, but no decision on which streets or direction of one-way streets was reached.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Development Director