

**GRAND JUNCTION  
CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP  
SUMMARY**

**May 3, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 11:44 a.m. at the Senior Recreation Center, 550 Ouray to discuss workshop items. Those present were Councilmembers Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Bruce Hill, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Gregg Palmer and President of the Council Jim Spehar.

**Summaries and action on the following topics:**

1. **WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF SENIOR RECREATION CENTER FACILITY & PROGRAMS BY THE SENIOR RECREATION CENTER BOARD:** Parks and Recreation Director Joe Stevens, Recreation Supervisor Traci Altergott and Recreation Planner Stacy Pike presented an overview of the Senior Recreation Center, the history of the facility and highlighted some of the activities at the Center. The Board President of the Senior Recreation center, Don Opp, and other members of the board added to Staff's presentation and outlined some of their needs and desires for the Center. They also emphasized some important reasons for the existence of the Center.

**Action summary:** The City Council appreciated the information provided and said they would look into ways of helping the board find ways to meet some of the needs. Community Development Block Grant money and the local contractors association were two ideas mentioned.

2. **DISCUSSION OF LINCOLN PARK MASTER PLAN:** Parks and Recreation Director Joe Stevens introduced two members of the consulting team, Paul Kuhn of Winston and Associates, and Ted Ciavonne of Ciavonne and Associates. Mr. Stevens opened by saying that without a Master Plan, the Parks Department won't be ready when funding does become available. He gave Council several examples of that.

Paul Kuhn, Winston and Associates, advised that he worked on the 2001 Parks Master Plan and although that included Lincoln Park it was a very broad brush approach. Sink Combs Dehtlefs did the Stadium Master Plan and it is a good plan but did not look at the Park as a whole. Blythe Design & Company did the Facilities Master Plan but again did not look at the overall picture. The Lincoln Park Master Plan will incorporate all of these elements and look at the overall property.

Ted Ciavonne noted that he is a local and he knows personally of many of the problems at Lincoln Park including access and parking. A Master Plan will allow identification of phases and put cost estimates to different projects within the Plan. It will also allow the neighborhood to know what is coming. The development of a Master Plan will also be instrumental in securing grants.

Councilmembers voiced various concerns including not having the money secured to act on the Stadium Plan much less on any Master Plan for the entire park. Other concerns were the definite need for improvements at the Park, the high use and the community's affinity for this central park, the uncertainty in spending money on planned projects that may not be right or in the right place long term, including the tennis courts and the need for a new irrigation system. If changes are made to the golf course, the irrigation system will need to be redone.

**Action summary:** Council agreed that the final decision along with further discussion will take place at the meeting on Wednesday. Council President Spehar said he could support the contract to develop the Plan and then send the Plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for prioritization.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.**