

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
February 5, 2018 – Noticed Agenda Attached

Meeting Convened: 5:02 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

City Council Members present: Councilmembers Boeschstein, Kennedy, McArthur, Norris, Traylor Smith, Wortmann, and Mayor Taggart.

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, Allen, Schoeber, Wieland, LeBlanc, Watkins, Prall, Portner, and Winkelmann.

Mayor Taggart called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Introduction of the New Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Executive Director

Angela Padalecki, the new director of the Grand Junction Regional Airport, will be introduced at the March 5 Workshop.

Agenda Topic 2. Discussion Topics

Riverfront Update: Former Jarvis Property Conceptual Plan, RIO Developments at Riverside Park and Bicycle Playground

City Manager Caton introduced the item.

Community Development Director Tamra Allen reviewed a map of the property. The City acquired the approximately 60-acre property formerly owned by the Jarvis family in 1990. The property is located on the north bank of the Colorado River between the Highway 50/railroad bridge and the Riverside neighborhood. Since that time, the property has been cleared, the Riverfront Trail extended, and a backwater pond for endangered fish was created between the trail and River. The developable acreage was purchased with the intent of future redevelopment.

The concept plan includes a road network and identifies development pods with specific types of uses, including parks and open space, commercial/industrial and mixed use. The stakeholder group is also recommending naming the future project area as the Riverfront at Dos Rios.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The use of the property and the opportunities and challenges involved
- Live-work situations
- Flood plain issues
- Overhead power lines
- Potential future amenities

Rob Schoeber, Parks & Recreation Director, noted the objectives of these projects are to enhance the riverfront and enhance the amenities at the riverside. He stated that RIO is a local planning effort funded by the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Inspire Initiative aimed at nurturing a lifelong connection to the outdoors for underserved youth.

Traci Weiland, Recreation Superintendent, reported that the City received an initial \$75,000 planning grant to work with a coalition of nine organizations. This planning effort resulted in an implementation application that was ultimately not funded by GOCO. The unfunded program and pathways portions of the Inspire Initiative are being addressed by Riverside Educational Center, and the unfunded place improvements at James M. Robb River State Park – Connected Lakes Section are being addressed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The remaining unfunded place improvements are on City owned property and include Riverside Park and the former Jarvis property.

Options for additional funding were presented, such as grants and reducing costs by eliminating amenities.

Lunch Loop Trail and Trailhead Update

Trent Prall, Public Works Director, discussed the Lunch Loop Trail. In September of 2017, GOCO awarded the City of Grand Junction \$1.5 million through its Connect Initiative to construct the 1.5-mile Lunch Loop Trail that connects the No Thoroughfare Trail to the Lunch Loop Trailhead. Upon completion, this project will connect the Riverfront Trail, downtown Grand Junction, area neighborhoods including Riverside, James M. Robb River State Park - Connected Lakes Section, the Audubon Trail, Lunch Loop, and Three Sisters open space.

The trail will provide a connection to one of the most popular trail systems in Mesa County, Lunch Loop/Tabeguache, with 120,000 families, youth, residents, and visitors using the area each year. This proposed path will extend approximately 1.5 miles from D Road and Monument Road, where the No Thoroughfare Trail connector ends, south to the Three Sisters and along No Thoroughfare Wash to the Lunch Loop trailhead, bike park, and parking area.

Mr. Prall reviewed possible future phases and grades on the trails for ADA accessibility.

Agenda Topic 3. Next Workshop Topics

Next Workshop Topics - March 5, 2018:

- a. Invocation Discussion
- b. Lodging Tax

Other Business

None

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

**PRE-MEETING (DINNER) 4:30 P.M. ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
WORKSHOP, 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

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- 1. Introduction of the New Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Executive Director**
- 2. Discussion Topics**
 - a. Riverfront Update
 - i. Former Jarvis Property Conceptual Plan
 - ii. RIO Developments at Riverside Park and Bicycle Playground
 - b. Lunch Loop Trail and Trailhead Update
- 3. Next Workshop Topics - March 5, 2018**
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- 4. Other Business**

What is the purpose of a Workshop?

The purpose of a Workshop is for the presenter to provide information to City Council about an item or topic that they may be discussing at a future meeting. The less formal setting of a Workshop is intended to facilitate an interactive discussion among Councilmembers.

How can I provide my input about a topic on tonight's Workshop agenda?

Individuals wishing to provide input about Workshop topics can:

1. Send an email (addresses found here www.gjcity.org/city-government/) or call one or more members of City Council (970-244-1504);
 2. Provide information to the City Manager (citymanager@gjcity.org) for dissemination to the City Council. If your information is submitted prior to 3 p.m. on the date of the Workshop, copies will be provided to Council that evening. Information provided after 3 p.m. will be disseminated the next business day.
 3. Attend a Regular Council Meeting (generally held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall) and provide comments during "Citizen Comments."
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