

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 19, 1992

Called to order by Chairman Keith Mumby at 12:15 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Bonella
Frank Dunn
Kathy Hall
Dr. Lynn James
Karen Madsen
Bob Manfred
Keith Mumby
Alan Workman

Members not present:

n/a

Staff present:

Ted Novack, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Bennett Boeschstein
Community Development Director

Parks Master Plan:

Mark Soden, Design Workshop
Kathy Pinson, School District 51
John Leane, Mesa County

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY

The minutes for January were approved with one correction.

Item 8 - Final Tiara Rado Construction Report

Paragraph 2 states we took occupancy of the Clubhouse on August 7, 1992. It should state August 7, 1991.

Item 3

RIVERFRONT UPDATE

Dr. James told the Board he is continually amazed at all of the activity going on with the Riverfront.

The Watson Island Trail Dedication will be held on May 1, 1992. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is invited.

Earth Day will be held at Lincoln Park on April 22, 1992. The Riverfront Commission is hosting a junk art sculpture contest. The contest will have various levels of competition, and prize money is donated by the Riverfront Foundation. Zita Lynn of the Energy Office and Jim Spehar of the Riverfront Commission will be organizing the event.

Dr. James said Brad Loucks would like to speak to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Police Department, and Mesa County Sheriffs Department about security issues on the Riverfront.

State Parks talked to the Riverfront Commission about the Connected Lakes Development. They plan to have a warm fish lake which will be approximately 100 acres.

Dr. James asked Ted if he would like him to type up his report from now on. Ted said that would be helpful.

Item 4

INTRODUCE MESA STATE COLLEGE INTERN - KAREN REDDICK

Don Hobbs introduced Mesa State College intern Karen Reddick. Karen is working towards a Parks and Recreation major, and would like to work in the Parks area.

Item 5

MESA COUNTY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION - SELF HELP REQUEST

Robert Thomason, President of the Mesa County Softball Association, told the Board of the need to fix the fences at Columbine and Kronkright Softball Complexes.

This would be a major renovation and upgrading of the Complexes. The primary reasons for the project are safety for the players, compliance with ASA and CHSAA standards, and aesthetics.

They received a proposal from Taylor Fence which totals \$9,315.00. The Softball Board can pay \$5,000.00 of the project, and would like \$4,315.00 from the C.I.P. Self Help fund.

A motion was made by Bob Manfred to approve the request of \$4,315.00 from the C.I.P. Self Help Fund for the fencing project at Columbine and Kronkright Softball Complexes.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 6

REVIEW 1992 SOFTBALL BIDS

We have been awarded nine State softball tournaments this year. Following is a list:

Men's Class 'C' Fast Pitch National Qualifier-June 26,27,28. (Winner gets an automatic berth into National Tournament.)

Girls Fast Pitch Junior Olympic Youth State Tournament- July 24, 25, 26. Age categories are 18 and under, 16 and under, 14 and under, and 12 and under.

Women's State 'C' Slow Pitch Tournament-August 21, 22, 23.

Women's State 'D' Slow Pitch Tournament-August 21, 22, 23.

Coed State 'B' Slow Pitch Tournament-August 21, 22, 23.

Men's Major Fast Pitch Regional Tournament-August 2, 30. (This is the highest classification in softball.)

Tana Fowlds of the Softball Association told the Board they are trying to build up a Girl's Junior Olympic team on the Western Slope.

The Board was pleased that we were awarded this many tournaments. Keith told Robert to let them know if they need any help.

Item 7

REVIEW PARKS MASTER PLAN

Mark Soden of Design Workshop told the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee that their job is to work with the consultation team. They will be reviewing information compiled by Design Workshop, and working with the public. Mark told the Committee to get involved with the public by going to luncheons, meetings, etc.

The firm is working on inventory of existing facilities, school facilities, State and Federal areas, private facilities, natural and cultural resources, and land use and transportation.

The next steps will be to conduct a public survey and determine long range goals.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 to interview potential recreation center and park users. Mark told the Board this will be the larger groups on the list of potentially affected individuals.

Bob Manfred asked Mark why we aren't interviewing the small groups also. Mark told Bob we would get input from these groups from the survey. Bob was not satisfied with this and said we really should contact all of the groups. Mark told Bob we could put the smaller

groups on a mailing list. A newsletter with updates on the Parks Master Plan will be sent out frequently to the people on the mailing list.

Bob asked why we would meet with these big groups so early before the public meeting. Mark asked if it would help to move the meeting to March 23. It was a consensus of the Board to move the next meeting to this date. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in our office.

Bennett told Bob we will also have public meetings and open houses which will address the smaller groups.

Ted told Mark it will be important to relay the information Design Workshop compiles to the public and special interest groups.

Mark gave the Committee a list of the Parks Master Plan Issues and asked them to rate each issue high, medium or low and add any issues if needed. Mark asked them to get this to the office, so we can fax it to him.

Mark also gave the Committee the goal statement and policies for the Parks Master Plan, and asked them to read over and write comments on them.

John Leane asked the Committee to consider the land the Airport Authority has for a park and/or recreation site. They just acquired water rights, and would be willing to negotiate. Ted told John this is on the Parks Master Plan issues.

Mark showed the Committee a preliminary drawing of the study area (Persigo) and the number of parks, type of parks, etc. He will be refining this map as the plan progresses.

Keith asked if the Sommerville Ranch will be included in the plan. Ted told Keith it will be added.

Item 8

DOWNTOWN RESTROOM UPDATE

Barbara Creasman of the Downtown Development Authority told the Board they met with the City Council C.I.P. Committee yesterday. The City has budgeted \$40,000.00 for the project and it will cost approximately \$83,000.00. The Council has challenged the Downtown Restroom Committee to raise the remainder of the funds.

The Committee sent out a survey to the Downtown business asking if they support the restroom facility and if they have a restroom which will be accessible to the public. They received 127 responses and 115 said yes, 7 said no and 5 didn't know. Only Quincy's Bar said they would be willing to offer their restroom to the public.

Keith asked Barbara if the new restroom facility would relieve the businesses from the responsibility of offering a public restroom. Barbara told Keith that most of the business are so small they are not required to do so. The businesses that are large enough will still be required to provide them.

Keith asked if they have found a location. Barbara told him they were looking at Woolworth's parking lot.

Ted asked Barbara if they have surveyed the restrooms available at Two Rivers Convention Center, Mesa County Public Library and the Museum of Western Colorado. Barbara said they haven't yet, but these restrooms are too far from the shopping area.

Dr. James asked if they would look at the need for restrooms on the 7th street corridor. Don told Dr. James the landscape plan for the 7th street corridor has porta potties included in the design.

The Board thanked Barbara for the update.

Item 9

OLDER AMERICAN CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

Lynda told the Board the architect is working on the design for the mechanical systems. The project is going well

New Business

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Joe Skinner of the DDA Board told the Board they have purchased some land south east of Two Rivers Convention Center. Part of the land would be used for parking and/or pedestrian facilities. They have sent out a proposal to entice a hotel to build there.

Bob Manfred asked Joe if they were talking about including Two River's Convention Center in the deal with a hotel. Joe said that could be a possibility.

Joe told the Board they would keep them informed of their progress.

New Business

DOLPHIN'S

Lynda Lovern received a letter from the Dolphins expressing their appreciation to the staff and Board for their support on the Snow Flake Swim Meet held at Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool on January 24, 26, 26, 1992.

A motion was made by Kathy Hall to adjourn at 1:57.

Seconded by Jim Bonella.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary