

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 18, 1992

Called to order by Chairman Keith Mumby at 12:20 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

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

Members not present:

Bob Manfred

Staff present:

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

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY

A motion was made by Frank Dunn to approve the minutes for the month of February.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT

Dr. James told the Board a meeting is scheduled for March 26, 1992, 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room with Brad Loucks of the Riverfront Commission. Dr. James will not be able to attend, so he would like another Board Member to make the meeting. They will be discussing maintenance and security issues.

The Commission has found an administrative assistant. Her name is Stephanie Schmidt.

The Lion's will present a check for \$33,000.00 to the City to complete Watson Park. The presentation will be on Friday, May 1 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The trail dedication will take place as well. They would like the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to attend. Lunch will be provided by the Lion's Club.

The Riverfront Commission told Dr. James they would like to be included in the Parks Master Plan process. Dr. James told them he was sure they would be contacted. Ted told Dr. James we interviewed Ken Nesbit and Kathy Portner on March 9th.

The Commission had a question about the City owned property and the Ethington property. Don told Dr. James the Ethington property is City owned and identified as potential parkland.

Dr. James said there were other reports at the meeting on State Trails and a pedestrian bridge. There was some concern about Mesa College students and the Colorado Lung Association removing tires from Watson Island. The Board of Realtors and the Girl Scouts are also scheduled to help clean up prior to the opening of Watson Island.

The 1992 Colorado Trail Symposium will be held in Grand Junction April 30 to May 2.

Item 4

PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE - KEITH MUMBY AND STAFF

The meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23 was cancelled.

A public forum/open house has been scheduled on April 6, 7:00 p.m. at Two Rivers Convention Center. We will put an ad in the Daily Sentinel with a public survey.

The next Parks Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting will be held on April 14, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Fire Department's training room.

Item 5

COLUMBINE SOFTBALL CONCESSION/RESTROOM DEDICATION
MAY 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.

Ray Coca told the Board we will officially dedicate the new concession/restroom building at Columbine Park on May 11th at 7:00 p.m. We will try to have a 3 inning, 1 pitch softball game for the news media. Colorado Lottery may be there to provide refreshments.

Item 6

SELF HELP REQUEST - KRONKRIGHT SHADE CANOPIES

Ray Coca told the Board that the Mesa County Softball Association would like to request funds from the C.I.P. Self Help Program to put shade canopies at Kronkright Softball Complex. Kronkright is used for the High School Fast Pitch games, and the canopies would also be helpful as a safety measure for foul balls.

Ray received an estimate from Taylor Fence for \$7,755.80 to cover the 2 bleachers and between the fields. Ray said the Softball Board had not made a firm commitment on what they can pay, and Ray will approach the School District also.

Ted asked Ray if he had any more estimates. Ray said he would have to get at least two more.

A motion was made by Jim Bonella to finance 50% of the Kronkright shade canopies from the C.I.P. Self Help Fund.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 7

LINCOLN PARK-MOYER POOL UPDATE

Lynda Lovern told the Board that the City Council approved the sole source request for High Country Pools to re-plaster and find the leak at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool.

The old plaster will be removed and new plaster put on. The project will take two weeks to complete.

They may have found the leak in the gutters on both sides of the pool. The lines seem to be freezing, because they are not at an angle. We borrowed a special camera from Public Works that will take pictures in the lines.

Keith Mumby asked how serious the leak is. Lynda told him we are loosing 1/2 inch of water a day.

Frank Dunn asked Lynda the cost of the plaster. She told him \$65,000.00. Frank asked how long it would last. Lynda told him 5 to 10 years. Frank said it's too bad we will have to spend that kind of money every 5 to 10 years. Don Hobbs told Frank that since the pool is outdoors it takes a lot more wear and tear, especially during the winter months when water isn't circulating.

Item 8

STOCKER STADIUM SCOREBOARD UPDATE

Don Hobbs has been approached by a couple of vendors in the past to put up new scoreboards on the football and baseball side of the Stadium. Both of these offers have fallen through. College football now requires a 25 second clock, so we need to purchase new scoreboards.

Don has contacted both Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola to see if they are interested in purchasing the new scoreboards. Coca Cola was not interested at all. Pepsi Cola is interested and is contacting their home office for approval. The scoreboards will cost \$30,000.00. Pepsi will require that they are the sole softdrink sold at the Stadium.

We will have to pay for the installation which is \$36,000.00, and

\$5,500.00 for electric. In order to accommodate the new scoreboards the electric service will have to be upgraded at cost of \$13,500.00. The total cost is \$55,000.00 for the City. Don said this does not include a computerized message system which would cost \$37,000.00, but it can be added later.

Keith asked why Mesa College isn't paying for this. Don told him that Mesa College paid money for the additional seating, sound system, track, etc. through PIAB. A lot of these things they will never use, but they paid part of them anyway.

Dr. James asked how many years Pepsi would have to be served at the Stadium. Don said they haven't talked about that yet.

Don said the existing scoreboard were installed in the 70's and are having some mechanical problems.

The Board asked if we could put just one new scoreboard on the football side for now. Don said we can do that, but will have to upgrade the electric for both anyway.

The project is not budgeted and the funds may come from Self Help, Lottery, or general fund contingency. Ted and Don will appear before the Council C.I.P. Committee and will be back to the Board for a firm recommendation.

Old Business

MASTERS AT TIARA RADO

Ted and Doug had several meetings with Tom Burke, Larry Johnson and Ken Nesbitt of the Masters Development at Tiara Rado and negotiated a trade. We will receive approximately 3,200 square feet of land, and will give them 1,700 square feet. Ted went to Council workshop on Monday and the Council will make a resolution tonight.

New Business

ORCHARD MESA SPORTS COMPLEX

Ted told the Board that Penny Heuscher represented the Orchard Mesa Middle School Sports Complex Committee at the Council Workshop on Monday. She was requesting funds from the C.I.P. Self Help Fund. Ted told the Board this group has been to PIAB and obtained \$5,000.00 seed money. He told the Board that this request does not fit the guidelines we established for our Self Help Program, because it's not our property.

This group will probably be at our meeting next month.

New Business

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REQUEST

The Mesa County Softball Association has been asked to consider a reduced fee for a Premier Ambulance/Partners Benefit Softball Tournament. This reduced fee is set up in the Fees/Charges Policy and is \$75.00 per day instead of \$100.00. The Softball Association is willing to cosponsor the tournament.

Ray Coca asked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to approve the tournament.

Ted asked how many the Softball Board were cosponsoring this year. Ray said this is only the second. Ted told Ray he would like the Softball Board to put together a list of tournaments, and the Board will review at the next meeting.

New Business

TENNIS COURTS CLOSED

Lynda Lovern told the Board the tennis courts will be closed April 13 - 15 to clean and fill the cracks.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey

Parks and Recreation Board Secretary