

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 17, 1992

Called to order by Chairman Keith Mumby at 12:30 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Jim Bonella
Kathy Hall
Karen Madsen
Bob Manfred
Keith Mumby

Members not present:

Frank Dunn
Dr. Lynn James
Alan Workman

Staff present:

Don Hobbs, Acting Director
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY

A motion was made by Bob Manfred to approve the minutes for the month of May.

Seconded by Jim Bonella.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT - DR. JAMES

Dr. James was not at the meeting, but the June 16th report is attached.

Item 4

PARKS MASTER PLAN REPORT - KEITH MUMBY

Keith told the Board that the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee met on June 9, and the second public meeting was held on June 10 at Two Rivers Convention Center. He said the public meeting went well, and the study is coming along. Keith said the public had a lot of questions, such as how the projects will be prioritized and paid for.

Karen Madsen asked how many surveys we received. Keith said we had received about 365 so far. He said it was interesting that the first five items prioritized were identical. The people prioritized swimming pools, trails, teen center, senior facilities, and recreation centers.

Bob Manfred said a recreation district was brought up several times at the meeting. Keith said a recreation district has been voted down twice by the people.

Keith said he thinks we have one or two more public meetings in the future.

Item 5

SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH THE VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU REGARDING TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER

Don Hobbs told the Board that Kathy Hall, Bob Manfred, Keith Mumby and himself met with the VCB (Barbara Bowman, Steve Hilliard, Norm Cook) last week to go over the reservation policy at Two Rivers Convention Center. The VCB told them they would like to book some conventions at Two Rivers Convention Center, but it is always booked with other events. They asked if there was any way to work around those other events, because these conventions would bring a lot of business to Grand Junction.

They also wanted the food policy changed so people could bring in food or cook their own. Don and the Board said the food policy is not negotiable, but they may work something out with them, such as

take a loss on the food for the benefit of the community.

Don told the VCB they would have to communicate with Theresa Bouley, Manager at Two Rivers Convention Center, to see if events can be rearranged for an important convention.

Keith said it's great that Two Rivers Convention Center is so popular and booked. He said Terry and her staff are doing a great job.

Item 6

REVIEW DOWNTOWN RESTROOM PROJECT

Don told the Board the "conceptual idea" for the restroom facility is completed. Frank Wagner and Ed Chamberlain donated their time and put the design together.

The facility is proposed to be behind Woolworths in the parking lot. It will take up 3-4 of the existing parking spaces, and will be open year round. Don said it won't be big enough to service a big event such as October Fest or Cinco De Mayo, but will help the smaller events.

Bob Manfred asked where the funds would come from to build the facility. Don told him the City has committed \$40,000 if the Downtown Restroom Committee will come up with the rest of the dollars. The total project is estimated at \$90,000.

Item 7

OLDER AMERICAN CENTER UPDATE - GAME ROOM ADDITION

Lynda Lovern told the Board we broke ground on Monday.

Jim Bonella asked if the seniors are happy. Lynda told him they were.

Lynda said we would be shut down for two weeks beginning June 19. East Middle School was available for them to use during this time, but the seniors decided to take a break. Lynda said the Grey Gourmet people will relocate to other sites.

Item 8

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE BOARD - BOB MANFRED, DR. LYNN JAMES

Keith Mumby thanked Bob Manfred for his dedication and hard work. He said he was sure he spoke for the Board and Staff, when saying he is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

Keith said it would be nice to recruit a younger person who is more involved in our programs to be a new Board Member.

Keith said Dr. James is hopefully eligible for another term because he only served one year on his first term, because he took someone else's place. He said he wrote a letter to the City Council asking that Dr. James be reappointed. Keith said another important factor is that Dr. James is our representative on the Riverfront Commission.

Item 9

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Keith told the Board that Ted asked him to continue to chair the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee. It was a consensus of the Board that Keith should also be the Chairman this year due to the Parks Master Plan.

A motion was made by Jim Bonella to re-elect Keith Mumby as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
Seconded by Karen Madsen.
Approved: Yes 4 No 0

The Board asked Karen Madsen if she would like to be the Vice Chairman. Karen said she wouldn't mind, but she didn't think she had been on the Board long enough.

A motion was made by Bob Manfred to elect Karen Madsen as Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Keith asked Karen if that was alright. Karen said it was fine.
Seconded by Kathy Hall.
Approved: Yes 4 No 0

New Business

NATIONAL QUALIFIER MEN'S 'C' FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Ray Coca told the Board that the National Qualifier Men's 'C' Fast Pitch Softball Tournament will be held June 27 & 28, 1992. Ray said we have 16-18 teams from all over the country to participate in the double elimination tournament. The winner will automatically qualify for the National Tournament in Virginia.

New Business

LINCOLN PARK HORSESHOE PIT C.I.P. SELF HELP PROJECT

Don Hobbs told the Board that a the horseshoe group is reorganizing and will be asking the Board for C.I.P. Self Help funds to repair the horseshoe pits at Lincoln Park.

Bob Manfred asked how much it will cost. Don told him he estimated \$4,000.00 or under. Don said the group will fill out an application and present it to the Board.

It was a consensus of the Board to approve the project right away.

A motion was made by Bob Manfred to fund the repairs of the horseshoe pits at Lincoln Park as long as the project did not exceed \$5,000.00.

Seconded by Kathy Hall.
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

New Business

Keith Mumby told the Board he went to the new recreation center in Boulder. He said if anyone has a chance to see it they ought to.

Kathy Hall said she was approached by Dan Thurlow, owner of the Grand Junction Athletic Club, the other day and he is concerned that a recreation center will put him out of business. Kathy told him that we have heard a recreation center benefits small businesses. Dan said we must have heard that from Boulder, and we should talk to the small businesses in Boulder.

Kathy said it might be a good idea for the Board to talk to him about this issue some day.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary