

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 16, 1992

Called to order by Chairman Keith Mumby at 12:05 p.m.

Item 1 Roll Call

Board Members present: Jim Bonella
Frank Dunn
Kathy Hall
Jamie Hamilton
Dr. Lynn James
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby

Members not present: Alan Workman

Staff present: Ted Novack, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintend.
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent
Jack Sommers, Head Golf Pro
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER

A motion was made by Dr. James to approve the minutes for the month of November.
Seconded by Karen Madsen.
Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT - DR. JAMES

Dr. James did not attend last night's meeting, because of a previous engagement. He was told the meeting would be the Riverfront's Christmas party, and business would not be conducted.

Kathy Hall informed the Board that she attended a meeting about the Discovery Trail, which will connect the United States from east to west. The Riverfront will be part of the trail.

Item 4 BOYS STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT BID - DENNIS TEETERS

Dennis Teeters of School District 51 was present to tell the Board he submitted a bid for the 1994 State Golf Tournament. He plans to have the tournament at Bookcliff and Tiara Rado Golf Courses. The tournament is held the first weekend in October.

Montrose bid for the tournament also. Dennis may know who the bid is awarded to in April of 1993. He will let the Board know.

Item 5 HMO LEASE REQUEST, WES WHITE

Wes White of Rocky Mountain HMO was present to discuss the property west of HMO which is dedicated park land. HMO is very interested in the property, and would like to put in a park and parking. They have proposed three different options:

1. Develop the property and incur costs for:
 - a) closing in drainage ditch approximately 70' wide by 400' long
 - b) installing a soccer field (or other recreational field)
 - c) installing a concrete basketball court
 - d) installing lawn sprinkler system, picnic tables, trees, etc.
 - e) black top parking area for 50-60 vehicles.

Under this option they would incur the above costs with the condition that they could lease the parking area on a long term basis, for a nominal fee. HMO would maintain the parking area

and the Parks and Recreation Department would maintain the lawn/park area.

2. Lease the property to HMO on a long term basis and they would incur the costs for:
 - a) closing in drainage ditch approximately 70' wide by 400' long
 - b) installing lawn sprinkler system, picnic tables, trees, etc.
 - c) black top parking area for 50-60 vehicles.
3. They are interested in acquiring the property if it is listed for sale.

Ted told Wes we may have proposals from other individuals. Wes said he contacted the other party interested which is Western States - owners of Holiday Inn. They would like to purchase the property for a parking lot.

Keith Mumby asked Ted if it is fair to assume that HMO is the only party that wishes to make a park out of the property? Ted said that HMO really is mainly interested in the parking.

Wes said they did need parking desperately, but they would like to see a park on the property also. It would be an enhancement to the whole area.

Keith asked Wes who would maintain the property. Wes said they would maintain the parking area, but they would really like the Parks Department to maintain the park. They have checked into the liability issues, and do not want to take over the maintenance of the park.

Ted said that because of the other interested party, we would need time to evaluate the situation. Ted asked Wes if the parking would be for HMO customers only. Wes said they would not restrict the parking.

Keith asked Wes how soon they need to know about the property. Wes said as soon as possible.

Ted told Wes we will get back to him as soon as possible.

Item 6

RECOMMEND PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Ted told the Board they need to officially recommend the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to the City Council.

A motion was made by Dr. James to recommend the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan with four priorities: 1. Acquisition of regional park acreage ; 2. Design recreation center; 3. Construction of recreation center; 4. Park development.

Seconded by Karen Madsen.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 7

BATTING CAGE PROPOSAL

Ted informed the Board that an individual has met with him, and is interested in building a 5 to 7 station (softball and baseball) batting cage at Pomona Park. The same type of batting cage is set up at Aurora Parks and Recreation, and we are checking references and background to see how the operation is working.

There would be a contractual revenue sharing agreement between the individual and Grand Junction Parks and Recreation. The investor would put \$70,000 - to \$90,000 into the project.

Ray Coca told the Board we have had batting cages at Columbine Park, and there were liability and vandalism problems. Ted told Ray these cages would be better built and attended at all open times.

Jamie Hamilton asked Ted if the project would be bid out, because he knows of another party in town who is interested in doing the same thing.

Ted said he would like to talk to this person and asked Jamie to tell him/her to give him a call.

Item 8 BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON SOUTH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Ted told the Board we need someone to serve on the South Downtown Development Steering Committee. The Committee will include representatives from two different neighborhoods in the area, large businesses and small businesses. Meetings will be held twice a month from February to mid July.

Development needs will be identified and policy decisions will be made.

Frank Dunn said he would serve on the committee. Ted told Keith to prepare a letter to Reford Theobald and copy Larry Timm.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary