

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 16, 1993

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
Jamie Hamilton
Dr. Lynn James
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby
Alan Workman

Members not present:

N/A

Staff present:

Ted Novack, Director
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supv.
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY

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

Seconded by Kathy Hall.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT

Dr. James told the Board there was minimal damage to the Riverfront Trails during the flooding.

Ted Novack asked Mike Vendegna to give the Board an update on the trails. Mike told the Board that crews were currently working on the trails. Mud had to be cleaned off, and some fill gravel replaced on the trails and the only real visible damage was to the Jr. Service League boat ramp. Mike told the Board that they would have to do some construction on the boat ramp, but costs are not determined yet.

Dr. James said there are four openings on the Riverfront Commission. He thinks a couple are in the process of being approved by the County Commissioners. Ted reminded the Board that the City Council has to approve them also. Jamie Hamilton said he heard they were Robert Ellis and Bernadette Prinster.

Dr. James said the Riverfront Commission has to draft and adopt some official bylaws for the Commission.

The Federal Transportation Act was discussed at the Riverfront Meeting last night. Bennett Boeschstein and Dave Thornton will be at our July meeting to update the Board on the plan. Ted told the Board the plan has merit and potential for federal funding.

Item 4

SELF HELP REQUEST - ORCHARD MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL
LANDSCAPE ENTRANCE TO ORCHARD MESA POOL

Tim Schlenvogt, Principal of Orchard Mesa Middle School was present to tell the Board of plans to landscape the area east of the Orchard Mesa Community Pool entrance and east of the Orchard Mesa Middle School gym. Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor, told the Board they planned to xeriscape the small area in front of the pool with round cement tables, trees, rock, and large boulders. The area in front of the gymnasium will be turfed.

Mike showed the Board pictures of how the area looks now. It is very desolate and needs to be dressed up. The total project cost

for materials is \$3,000.00. Mike and Tim asked the Board for \$1,500.00 from the C.I.P. Self Help Fund to fund the project. All of the labor will be done by our department and the School District.

Karen Madsen asked if the area in front of the pool could be grassed in also. Mike said it could, but it would cost more money to drill underneath the sidewalk to get the irrigation to it and would be higher maintenance. Karen also asked if the irrigation could be automated. Mike said it would cost more money to automate it because they would need electricity and a timer. Mike said the irrigation system will be real simple and you can turn it on with one valve. Mike told the Board the Forestry Department will be donating a honey locust tree to the project, which will save money. He said if they can save enough money they may expand the irrigation to the area in front of the pool.

Ted Novack asked Mike how soon the project can be completed. Mike said they would try to have it done by the start of the school year.

A motion was made by Karen Madsen to approve \$1,500.00 from the C.I.P. Self Help fund for the landscape project at Orchard Mesa Middle School and pool.
Seconded by Jim Bonella.
Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Tim Schlenvogt told the Board the Orchard Mesa Sports Complex "First Phase" is just about completed. They are waiting for the transformer from Public Service and it will be completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for June 29th at 11:30 a.m. All of the Board members are invited.

Item 5

SHOPPING PARK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN-MIKE VENDEGNA

Mike Vendegna explained to the Board that when he was interviewed for the Forestry Supervisor, he was informed that one of his projects would be to establish a tree replacement program for the Downtown Shopping Park. Mike analyzed the area and come up with a three year plan to make improvements. The project will begin in 1993 and continue until 1995. Mike told the Board that some of the trees were planted too closely years ago, and need to be removed. The white planters downtown are an eyesore, and he plans to paint them an earth tone color this year and resurface them next year with brick.

Mike explained that a new irrigation system will need to be designed, and he will do this as soon as he knows what is underground. Mill tailings may have to be removed from the planters. Mike has contacted Geotech and was told they will provide dumpsters and equipment to remove them.

Frank Dunn told Mike he thought this was a fantastic plan.

Ted Novack told the Board that Mike has presented his plan to the Grand Junction Forestry Board and the Downtown Authority. Both groups have agreed with the plan.

Mike told the Board he will update them as the project progresses.

Item 6

NORTH AREA PARKS DISCUSSION - SET STUDY SESSION

Ted told the Board that a study session needs to be established to determine locations for neighborhood and community parks in the north area of town. Their recommendation will be given to the City Council on July 13th. A study session was set up for Wednesday, June 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Keith Mumby's office.

Item 7

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kathy Hall nominated Karen Madsen for Chairman and Jamie Hamilton for Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
Seconded by Dr. James
Approved: Yes 7 No 0

New Business

JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Ted asked Karen Madsen and Jamie Hamilton to attend the City Council Meeting on July 7th at 7:30 p.m. to declare July as "Parks and Recreation Month".

New Business

JUCO

Jamie Hamilton said he would like to thank the Parks and Recreation Department for all of their hard work on the JUCO Tournament.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary