

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

July 21, 1993

Called to order by Chairman Karen Madsen at 12:00 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Frank Dunn  
Jamie Hamilton  
Dr. Lynn James  
Karen Madsen

Members not present:

Keith Mumby  
Alan Workman

Staff present:

Don Hobbs, Acting Director  
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent  
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent  
Rick Manchester, Co-manager OM Pool  
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE

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

Seconded by Dr. Lynn James.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT

Dr. James told the Board there are four new Riverfront Commission members - Robert Ellis, Fielding Braffet, Lynda Boody and Bernadette Prinster. The new Commission chairman is William Ela, and the Foundation chairman is Ken Nesbitt.

They are still trying to acquire land for the Blue Heron II trail.

Ed Gardner of Whitewater Construction presented plans for development of their property adjacent with the Riverfront Trails.

Elizabeth Harris presented their program on the Western Colorado Botanical Society which will go to the City Council on August 2nd to request the site.

All of the trails are open and the Commission commended the maintenance crews.

The Junior Service League Park is progressing satisfactorily. The water line should be in soon and the shelter is ordered and on its way.

Special honor from Governor Romer will be given to Travis Haldeman for his work on cleaning up one of the small islands in the Colorado River. He is to receive the honor in Denver. Greg Trainor is helping with the arrangements.

A quarterly meeting is held between the 27 different agencies involved in the Riverfront Commission.

A definition on comingled waste has still not been determined by the government yet.

Item 4

MULTI MODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN - BENNETT BOESCHENSTEIN  
AND DAVE THORNTON

Bennett Boeschstein and Dave Thornton presented the Multi Modal Transportation Plan to the Board.

The government has made money available to communities for pedestrian and bicycle transportation. The plan addresses the needs

in the community for pedestrian and bicycle routes on-road and off-road. Cooperation between several entities will be needed to make it succeed. The City Council will be asked to give their approval tonight.

Frank Dunn said the plan looks terrific, and he would like to see the bicycle route signage program begun immediately.

A motion was made by Frank Dunn to approve the Multi Modal Transportation Plan designed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 5

RED CROSS STAFF AND BOARD PROPOSING 1994 FEES

Lynda Lovern told the Board about the communication she had with the American Red Cross since our Board met with their Board. Lynda has told them we would not like to pass on a \$3.00 increase to our swimmers. Lynda has been told it will be \$3.00 in 1994.

Rich Wollenschlager, Suzanne Krebs, and Bob Kline of the Red Cross Board were present to tell the Board they want our fee to be \$3.00 per swimmer in 1994. Rich said they have lost some funding by United Way, and need to make up lost revenues. He told the Board he thinks a \$3.00 fee, per learn to swim participant, is a fair price.

Rich said they already charge the Fruita, Bookcliff Country Club and Palisade pools \$2.50 per swimmer, which will go up to \$3.00 in 1994. He said they need to be consistent in charging everyone the same fees.

Rich said Lynda Lovern had asked for costs of their aquatics program. He said their accounting program is not that sophisticated, so they came up with estimates from the Red Cross national guidelines. The estimated cost is \$4.19 per person.

Bob Kline explained they are beginning a new class called Emergency Response. He told the board the materials to teach the class will initially cost \$1,000.00. He told the Board that Denver pools are paying \$5.00 per swimmer to the Red Cross.

Lynda Lovern asked Bob if he received the information from Highland Hills saying they were fighting a \$1.00 per swimmer fee.

Bob said he saw the information, and they were not referring to a support fee.

Bob told the Board they have to support two categories of programs to keep their sanction. They have to provide disaster relief and service to military families. They do not have to provide aquatics and health and safety programs. They provide house fire victims with new clothes a hotel room and first and last month's rent in an apartment.

Frank Dunn said he doesn't want to see our learn to swim costs go so high that it might prevent people from participating. He asked the Red Cross people if they have looked at other means of increasing their revenue.

Rich said they have several fund raisers, and have acquired some new revenues. They receive approximately \$500.00 per month from Bingo, and recently received \$7,000.00 from the MOPAR event.

Karen Madsen asked if all of their participants' fees are being raised. Rich said yes.

Bob Kline said they may be able to help us offer classes to disadvantaged children.

Lynda Lovern told Bob we already have a program in place which allows 120 disadvantaged students during the summer to take a learn to swim class for \$3.00. Bob said he didn't know about this

program.

Frank Dunn told the Red Cross Board that if we pull out of the Red Cross Program they would lose \$1,800.00.

Rich said it would not hurt them because they could reduce their administrative fees.

Bob Kline said they have a big inventory of materials and a lot of maintenance costs on their building. He also said our insurance may not carry us if we don't have the Red Cross sanction.

Dr. James asked if there was anything we could do to help cut costs.

Rich said we still may be able to work out a package deal.

Bob Kline said that would make other pools in the area unhappy.

Lynda Lovern said that we provide the other pools with instructors for their programs. We teach Lifeguard Training and W.S.I. at our own pool and we have our own equipment.

Dr. James said there must be some room for negotiation.

Rich said we need to come up with a counter offer and explain all of the services we provide and we will go from there.

Frank Dunn told the Red Cross that we have always had a good working relationship with them, and we should be able to work something out.

Karen thanked the Red Cross Board for their information, and said she would get back to them.

Lynda told the Board that several of the costs the Red Cross identified do not pertain to us.

Karen asked Lynda to write a proposal and give a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Item 6

#### PARK CURFEW HOURS REVIEW

Don Hobbs said we have had a complaint from Robin Cherp regarding the use of St. Mary's Park. He has witnessed several people in the park at night littering, drinking, and making noise. Ted, Don and Robin met with Robin Cherp and Darold Sloan, Chief of Police, and the Police Department will increase their patrols of the park.

Don will bring a request for modification of the ordinance for park curfew hours in the near future. He will recommend hours from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in parks that do not have lighted athletic facilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey  
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary