

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 18, 1993

Called to order by Chairman Karen Madsen at 12:06 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Frank Dunn  
John Gormley  
Jamie Hamilton  
Dr. Lynn James  
Dennis King  
Karen Madsen  
Alan Workman

Members not present:

Keith Mumby

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 - JULY

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

Seconded by Dr. Lynn James.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL LOTTERY REQUEST - DENNIS FAY AND SANDY MAGUIRE

Ted Novack gave the Board an update on the fund balance of the open space/lottery fund. He told the Board that \$750,000.00 has been transferred to land acquisition. We now have approximately \$110,000.00 remaining in the fund. Ted told the Board to ask East Middle School to outline their funding sources, and who has committed to them.

John Gormley asked Ted if the lottery funds are received quarterly. Ted told him yes. John asked if the balance that was given is actual revenue now. Don Hobbs told John that part of it is estimated revenue, because we haven't received all of our lottery funds for this year.

Sandy Maguire (Principal), John Sporleder (Assistant Principal), Dennis Fay (Counselor), Greg Assenmacher (Police Officer) and Lynn and Gary Meek (parents) made a presentation to the Board asking for \$20,000 from our Lottery Fund for outdoor basketball courts at East Middle School.

Dennis Fay told the Board that the kids at East Middle School love to play basketball, and the courts they have are full all of the time. The school needs more activities for the children, and the sports pad would help.

Dennis told the Board that construction costs are estimated at \$45,000.00. They are going to present the project to the Lion's Club in September and request \$15,000.00. The School District will pay \$7,500.00. The Grand Junction Police Department has donated \$990.00. A student fund raiser is expected to raise \$1,110.00. The parents and community donated \$400.00.

Sandy Maguire said the construction of the facility would begin in the Spring of 1994, and the School District would maintain the courts.

Greg Assenmacher told the Board the basketball courts would be very beneficial to the children in the whole area. We have to come up with activities for children to deter crime.

Lynn Meek said the school needs the basketball courts to spread the kids out. She told the Board that East has been a fight free school, and the kids are trying hard to keep it that way.

Frank Dunn told the East Middle School delegation, that it is difficult for the Board to commit the \$20,000.00 toward the project when the rest of their funding is not secured.

Sandy told the Board that the school has been through a lot of changes throughout the years, and she wishes she had this sports pad years ago. She said it would have made a difference with a lot of her kids. She told the Board that if the Lion's Club does not commit to the project, she will find the money somewhere. She said the sports pad will be built, because all of the kids in the valley need this opportunity.

Dennis Fay told the Board that \$10,000.00 is secured.

Sandy told the Board that the kids at her school are committed to this project. They receive money from the Police Department, to do different projects. The first year they used the money for a party.

The second year they told Sandy they wanted to save the money for a more worthwhile project. They didn't just want to spend it on something that wouldn't last.

Frank Dunn asked Sandy if we commit \$20,000.00, can she can come up with the rest of the funding. She said yes.

Alan Workman told Sandy that the Lion's Club gets many worthwhile requests and it may be tough to get money from them.

John Gormley asked Sandy how many of her children are in the city limits. Sandy said that most of them are in the city limits. John told Sandy she could apply for County Lottery Funds also. Sandy said she would purse that.

Ray Coca told the Board that East Middle School has been very cooperative with our Department, by letting us have our Pee Wee Basketball games on Saturdays, and adult volleyball and basketball during the week.

Sandy said we have had a wonderful relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department and she feels the School District buildings should be used whenever possible.

John Gormley asked Sandy if \$7,500.00 is all they can get from the School District, because it is significantly less than the District has put into similar projects. Sandy said due to the budget crunch, this is all they can get.

Dr. James asked what will happen if they do not get all of the funding. Sandy said they would do the project in phases if they have to.

The Board said they would get back to Sandy as soon as possible, and thanked them for their presentation.

John Gormley suggested to the Board they make a \$10,000.00 commitment now, and another \$10,000.00 when the other funding sources are met.

The Board agreed this was a good idea.

A motion was made by John Gormley to recommend to the City Council that \$10,000.00 from the Lottery fund be given to the East Middle School sports pad, and an additional \$10,000.00 to the project, if all funds are secured.

Seconded by Jamie Hamilton.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Dr. James gave the Board a report on the Riverfront Meeting held August 17, 1993.

Dr. James told the Board that Bill Ela and Brian Mahoney are Co-Chairmen of the Riverfront Commission.

The new members were at the meeting. The dedication of the Colorado River State Park Connected Lakes is coming along well. They will have the dedication on September 11, the same day of the Duck Race.

The State will begin charging at Connected Lakes on August 26, 1993. Bicycles and wheel chairs will be admitted free of charge.

The Riverfront Picnic was held today. The Parks Department helped them out with benches and preparation.

The supplemental standards application, on the landfill, has some problems because of comingled waste and radiated materials. Rust Geotech does not know if they can handle these materials.

Patrolling of the Connected Lakes area has become an issue. Kurt Mill of the State Parks is supposed to take care of this. The County may be asked for some money to help with patrolling and maintenance. Dr. James asked Don Hobbs if he has heard anything. Don said instinct tells him we may be taking care of the area.

The Junior Service League Park shelter is made and needs to be picked up. It should happen within the next three weeks. They have requested that we install a non-freezing hydrant, so they can water their trees. Don Hobbs said we will not do that because everyone will come by to fill up water tanks at the site. The water will be available from April to September, and that should be sufficient to water the trees. Dr. James said some of the trees in their area have been bent, and the Riverfront has asked if they can stake the trees up. Don Hobbs said he would talk to our Forestry Supervisor Mike Vendegna and get back to them.

Blue Heron II Trail has been estimated to cost \$367,000.00, and may be bid around September 1st. The project will be reviewed by City Council this week. They are short of some funds, and short of 1/4 mile of land. The project will be done in phases.

Ted Novack told the Board that the Blue Heron II acquisition agreements have contained annexation agreements.

Item 5

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS LEARN TO SWIM SANCTION

John Gormley asked if there are any other organizations we can certify through if we do not renew our contract with American Red Cross. Lynda told him there is the Ellis program which many of the water parks and pools use now instead of Red Cross. Ellis charges a one time \$6.00 book fee which we would have to keep track of.

Lynda told the Board that Palisade and Delta have said they will pull out of American Red Cross if they are charged a \$3.00 per person fee.

Lynda recommended to the Board that we offer the American Red Cross 70 cents per swimmer. She feels that it an equitable fee based on services provided by the local Red Cross Office.

John Gormley asked if negotiating the fee will be an annual hassle. Ted said that was a good point, and we would try to make the fee good for two years.

Lynda Lovern will draft a letter to the American Red Cross for Karen Madsen's signature. We may negotiate with the Red Cross, but only up to \$1.00 per swimmer.

A motion was made by Dr. James to offer the American Red 75 cents per participant for 1994 and 1995.

Seconded by Dennis King.  
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 6

REVIEW DRAFT OF PARK CLOSING HOURS

Don Hobbs gave the Board a preliminary recommendation on park hours. He is recommending that parks that do not have lighted athletic facilities be open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The parks with lighted athletic facilities would still be open from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Ted asked the Board to discuss this with people in town. He said he has discussed it with a few people, and they felt that 10:00 p.m. was too early. He is open to suggestions, and we will discuss the issue at another meeting.

New Business 1

Karen Madsen officially welcomed Dennis King and John Gormley.

New Business 2

Ted told the Board that a C.I.P. Study session needs to be set up the first week of September. The meeting was set for Thursday, September 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Offices.

New Business 3

Several board members are unable to attend the meeting on September 15, so it is cancelled. The next official board meeting will be October 20, 1993. If anything important comes up, a special meeting will be scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey  
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary