

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 20, 1993

Called to order by Chairman Karen Madsen at 12:02 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

John Gormley
Dr. Lynn James
Dennis King
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby

Members not present:

Frank Dunn
Jamie Hamilton
Alan Workman

Staff present:

Ted Novack, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST

A motion was made by Dr. James to approve the minutes for the month of August.

Seconded by John Gormley.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3

PARK CURFEW HOURS - ROBIN CHERP

Robin Cherp, a neighbor of St. Mary's Park, told the Board that things have gotten better at St. Mary's park due to cooperation with Ted Novack and Darold Sloan (Police Chief). The police have been patrolling more regularly, and the parks patrolmen were a tremendous help. Robin said he would still like to see the park closed when it is dark.

Ted Novack told Robin that he has had discussion with other people who live by City parks, and they do not want the parks to close at dark. Ted told Robin we will look at this issue, have some discussion with other park neighbors, and will let him know what is decided.

Item 4

MUSEUM PRESENTATION - RICHARD SIMMS

Richard Simms, Director of Museum of Western Colorado, and Terry Wakefield, Chairman of the Board, made a presentation to the Board. The Museum has been working with the City Council to purchase the C.D. Smith building east of the existing Museum. The Council has agreed to purchase the building and lease it to the Museum.

Richard told the Board that they would like to include Whitman Park in their whole plan. They would like to put a dinosaur playground in, and put parking spaces in the park. They would like to put 12 spaces along Ute Avenue and 12 spaces along 4th Street. The Museum feels this would enhance the Park, and increase the traffic into the Museum. Richard said a visitor center will be at the south entrance of the Museum.

Ted asked if the Museum has worked with Community Development to determine the amount of parking they will need. Richard told Ted that there is adequate parking now with the side streets, but they would like to provide more spaces to make the Museum more accessible. The Museum has the option to purchase the Bus Station land if it becomes available.

Ted asked if they have consulted with Jim Shanks of Public Works on traffic flow. Richard said they have had some conversation, but need to iron out the details.

Karen Madsen asked Richard how much green space would be taken up by the parking spaces in Whitman Park. Richard said they don't have those figures yet, but they will bring them to the November meeting.

Ted asked Richard if they have consulted with the State since Ute and Pitkin are State highways. Richard said they haven't. Ted said they probably need to do that because they may need to do some improvements to the roads. Richard said they didn't plan to do anything to Pitkin or Ute, but they will check with them to make sure.

Ted asked Richard and Terry to stay in touch with the Board. Richard asked Ted to put them on the November agenda.

Item 5

SELF HELP REQUEST - RIVERSIDE PARK BASKETBALL COURTS

Linda Villa and Irene Green were present to ask the Board for C.I.P. Self Help funds for a basketball pad at Riverside Park.

Don Hobbs and Ted Novack were approached at an Ice Cream Social this Summer by Linda Villa and they have been working out the details since then. Linda applied for a community grant from Norwest Banks and was given \$1,000.00 for the project.

The pad would be 1,500 square feet, approximately 35' x 45'. G & G Paving has volunteered to pave the pad at a 10% discount for \$2,228.

Don Hobbs said the backboards with hoops would cost \$1,700, and he would like to put a laykold seal on the asphalt to prevent cracking and it would provide a non-slick surface - this would cost an additional \$1,700.

Keith Mumby asked Don what concrete would cost. Don told him it would be \$5,000. Keith said it should be concrete because it will last longer. Ted Novack told Keith we sometimes have problems with slipping on the concrete. Don said we have done enough concrete pads and have learned how to make them nonslip surfaces. Keith said we should give G & G Paving the concrete work if they do it.

John Gormley asked Don how much we have in the Self Help fund. Don told him we have \$8,000-\$10,000 left. John asked if there are other projects pending. Don said we have to finish the Junior Service League waterline to the shelter on the Riverfront, and we may have a request from the Lions Club for a project in Duck Pond.

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to fund the basketball court at Riverside Park including a possible concrete pad if necessary within budget guidelines.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 6

LOCKER ROOM FUNDING - LOTTERY REQUEST \$10,000 AND
SELF HELP AUTHORIZATION \$30,000

A motion was made by Dennis King to recommend to the City Council that \$10,000 from Lottery and \$30,000 from the C.I.P. Self Help Fund be approved for the Locker Room Project at Stocker Stadium.

Seconded by John Gormley.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 7

REVIEW LEARN TO SWIM CERTIFICATIONS FOR 1994

Ted told the Board that Lynda Lovern recommends to the Board that we do our own learn to swim program next year, since the American Red Cross will not negotiate with the fees. The lifeguards will still be certified by the American Red Cross with Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructor courses. The Board will need to take action at the November or December Board meeting.

Delta Parks and Recreation Department has made a deal with their Red Cross Chapter to pay \$1.00 per swimmer. Ted told the Board that Red Cross fees are an issue all over the state.

Item 8

TIARA RADO EXPANSION UPDATE

Ted told the Board that our rationale is to make the golfers financially responsible for the land acquisition and development at Tiara Rado Golf Course for an additional nine holes.

The fees have proposed increases in 1994 and 1995. The goal is to have a million dollars in the expansion fund by 1998 for development of the nine holes. The estimated cost of development is 2.2 million dollars, so 1.2 million may need to be financed.

Item 9

PARK ACQUISITION UPDATE

Ted told the Board we have purchased 73 acres at 24 Road and I-70 for a possible outdoor sports complex. We have also purchased 13 acres on North 12th Street for a neighborhood park and 30 acres at 26 1/2 and H Road for a community park. We will need to have a study session to prioritize these undeveloped parks, and others, for development.

Keith Mumby asked Ted if the recreation center would fit on the 73 acres. Ted said it would, but no plans have been developed yet.

Dr. James asked if we have made a decision on the 40 acres of Riverfront property the State wants to give us. Ted said we haven't made a decision, and we need to decide if it fits into our Master Plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary