

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 15, 1993

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

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

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

Members not present:

Keith Mumby
Alan Workman

Staff present:

Ted Novack, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER

A motion was made by Dennis King to approve the minutes for the month of November.

Seconded by Jamie Hamilton

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT - DR. LYNN JAMES

Dr. James said he wasn't notified of a meeting this month.

Ted Novack and Don Hobbs attended a breakfast meeting this month which brought all of the agencies together involved in the Riverfront trails.

Dr. James asked Don Hobbs if he heard from Mike Serra on the maintenance agreement for the county trails. Don said he talked to Mike the other day and he is still working on it.

Don Hobbs told the Board the waterline at the Junior Service League is in, and Mays Concrete will be pouring the foundation for the shelter soon. Don said if the weather holds Blue Heron II trail will be done soon.

Item 4

BRYANT ROSE - TRAIN IN THE PARK

Bryant Rose made a presentation to the Board regarding trains in the park. He and his group, a model train club in town, would like to have a train put in one of the parks in Grand Junction.

Bryant said his group would purchase the train, maintain and run the train as the concessionaire. Bryant said he has tried to the contact the museum about Cross Orchard Living History Farm, but he hasn't heard back from them.

John Gormley told Bryant to contact Richard Simms.

Ted Novack told the board this idea would fit in a couple of our parks and he wanted Bryant to give this presentation to the Board. Bryant said he would welcome calls from any of the Board, and he will let us know of any further developments.

Item 5

UNITED WAY LEADERS - RANDY MCANINCH, BRUCE HAGEN, KRIS HUMMEL

Ted Novack introduced Randy McAninch and Bruce Hagen to the Board. Ted explained to the Board that Randy and Bruce were United Way leaders this year helping encourage employees to donate to the United Way.

Randy McAninch told the Board he has been a leader for seven years and he likes helping with this worthy cause.

Bruce Hagen told the Board this was his first year as a leader and he would like to be one next year.

Jamie Hamilton thanked Randy and Bruce. He also thanked Randy for all of his help with the JUCO tournament.

Item 6

OLDER AMERICAN CENTER ELECTION RESULTS

Lynda Lovern told the Board the Older American Center has been having some problems with their recent election. Ballots were counted by the Committee and the results were announced. Someone was suspicious of the results and the ballots were counted again, without all of the committee, and the results were different. It was decided that a new election needed to be held and it is set for December 16.

Item 7

1994 GJPR WATER INSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Lynda Lovern told the Board we have come up with our own water instruction program. We will have Aquatot 1, 2, 3; Waterworks 1, 2, 3, 4; Hydrosport 1, 2. Snorkeling will also be offered.

The Board talked about the article in the Daily Sentinel about our Department dropping the American Red Cross sanction. The article was not correct when it stated we profit from the learn to swim program. Frank Dunn asked if anyone is going to write a letter to the editor to state the actual facts.

Ted Novack told the Board that he wrote a letter to Red Cross stating our position of not wanting to pass a fee increase on to our users. Ted said it may be appropriate to have another meeting with Red Cross.

Karen Madsen said she thinks we should not write any letters to the editor, and should let it die down. The rest of the Board agreed.

Ted Novack said he doesn't want our patrons to believe the quality of our program will diminish.

New Business

Karen Madsen informed the Board she received a letter from John McElroy requesting that we consider putting a new golf course at 24 Road and I-70, and putting the sports facility at Lincoln Park Golf Course.

Ted Novack reminded the Board that this idea has been brought up before and the City Council rejected it.

Karen Madsen said she would write a letter to John.

New Business

Ted asked the Board to prioritize undeveloped parks for development. He said a meeting may be set up in January to discuss the priorities.

Ted said Don Hobbs will put a map together. Ted said he and Don are working with the Land and Water Conservation to see if the Berry/Brice Property can be sold. The Berry Property was purchased with federal funds and we may need to have enough land to compensate if we sell it.

New Business

Karen Madsen told the Board she wrote a letter to the Mesa County Commissioners supporting the Mesa County Planning Department's recommendation, as it relates to the proposed development adjacent to Wingate Elementary School. County Planning wants to require that a developer dedicate 4.5 acres to be used as a neighborhood park.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary