

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 16, 1994

Called to order by Chairman Karen Madsen at 12:10 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Frank Dunn
John Gormley
Jamie Hamilton
Dennis King
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby
Alan Workman

Members not present:

Dr. Lynn James

Staff present:

Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER

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

Seconded by John Gormley.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT - STEPHANIE SCHMID

Stephanie Schmid of the Riverfront Office was present and gave the Board a report on the February 15th Riverfront Meeting.

Stephanie told the Board the Riverfront Commission is reviewing the buffer zone around the landfill for recreation potential. This area provides access to the Veterans Memorial Park and the Gunnison River.

Stephanie said the purchase of the right-of-way around the Blue Heron II Trail is almost complete.

Item 4

1993 MESA COUNTY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Tana Fowlds, Chairman of the Mesa County Softball Association was present and gave the Board a financial report for 1993. She told the Board the Softball Association has \$2,798.85 in their checking account and \$4,926.79 in savings. The Softball Association will be saving \$4,000 of their savings for future building needs at the softball parks.

Tana told the Board they helped finance the shade canopies at Kronkright in 1993. They would like to put some up at Columbine, but will wait to see what happens with the expansion of 28 1/4 Road.

George Distefano, Mesa County Softball Association Board Member, told the Board the Softball Association is bidding for some State tournaments and will know next week if we will have any. He told the Board they may bid for a National tournament to be held in 1995.

Frank Dunn told Tana and George the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board appreciates their efforts.

Item 5

MUSEUM REQUEST FOR PARKING AT WHITMAN PARK

Richard Simms of the Western Colorado Museum was present to ask the Board for their support of a plan to use part of Whitman Park for Museum parking. Richard showed them the plan Chamberlin Architects developed. The parking would be off of 4th street, and would have two access points. Chamberlin did a great job of fitting the parking in, without taking out too many trees or taking up too much green space. Richard told the Board only one tree would be removed

and there will be twenty parking spaces. The area will be landscaped as soon as the parking lot is finished.

John Gormley asked Richard if there are access issues. Mark Relph, Public Works Manager, told the Board their only problem with the plan is that they feel there should be only one access instead of two.

Keith Mumby asked Richard if there will be any on-site parking. Richard said there is only street parking right now, but in the future they would like to acquire the bus station property.

A motion was made by John Gormley to recommend to City Council the approval of a parking area in Whitman Park, not to exceed 20 parking spaces, subject to approval of final design by City staff.
Seconded by Keith Mumby.
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 6

PARK DESIGN SCHEDULE

The RFP for park design was mailed to the Board to keep them informed. Dennis King and John Gormley told the Board they are taking a tour of the parks with Ted Novack on Friday, February 18th. They told the Board to call the office if anyone else is interested.

Item 7

TRAIL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR BLUE HERON II AND DIKE PAVING ON WATSON ISLAND

The Riverfront Commission would like to submit two grant requests to Colorado State Parks for Riverfront trail construction. Great Outdoors Colorado has made \$1,000,000 available for the fiscal year 1994/1995 for trails construction projects. The grants are available to counties, municipalities and school districts.

The Riverfront Commission would like to request a \$50,000 grant application for funding to complete the Blue Heron II Trail-Phase B, and a \$50,000 grant application to pave the dike to be constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in late 1994 or early 1995.

A motion was made by John Gormley to recommend the City Council approve the following grant requests: 1. \$50,000 for Blue Heron II Trail, Phase B; 2. \$50,000 to pave the dike on Watson Island.
Seconded by Dennis King.
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

New Business

Karen Madsen, Jamie Hamilton, and Keith Mumby met with a few of the American Red Cross Board Members to dissipate negative feelings. The Red Cross Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board decided to forget about the past and move towards the future.

Keith Mumby talked with Ted Ciavonne, and Ted will try to get an accurate figure on how much the aquatic program costs the American Red Cross.

Keith Mumby asked if there is any way we can start the American Red Cross Program again this year. Karen Madsen told Keith the Red Cross is going to be sending us a new proposal, and we will go from there.

Lynda Lovern asked Karen if they will let us teach the Water Safety Instructor Course. Karen said she thought they would. Karen said she would call Ted Ciavonne to see what she could work out.

Lynda Lovern told the Board the American Red Cross is sending information to other towns stating the City of Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department is uncooperative.

John Gormley told the Board the animosity has to end.

New Business

Jamie Hamilton told the Board he received a call on the Dolphin/Wave Swim Clubs issue. He asked Lynda if there are any updates on the issue. Lynda told the Board she has met with both clubs, and the

Dolphins do not want to give up at pool time at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool. Pete Black of the Dolphins is supposed to write a letter to the Wave Club negotiating pool use.

Jamie Hamilton said as the community grows, there will be more conflicts between groups such as this, and they will have to learn how to share the facilities available.

Jamie asked if we can set a deadline for the Dolphin's response. Lynda Lovern said that would be fine.

A motion was made by John Gormley to set a March 8th deadline for the Dolphins to respond to the issue of pool time for the Wave Swim Club.

Seconded by Jamie Hamilton.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary