

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 16, 1994

Called to order by Chairman Karen Madsen at 11:56 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Frank Dunn
John Gormley
Dennis King
Dr. Lynn James
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby
Alan Workman

Members not present:

Jamie Hamilton

Staff present:

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

Guest:

Darold Sloan, Police Chief

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to approve the minutes for the month of February.

Seconded by Dennis King.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT - DR. JAMES

Dr. James told the Board the Eagle Scout who is going to build some signage for the Riverfront will need some help from Don Hobbs.

The Junior Service League shelter dedication is scheduled for May 7 at 11:00 a.m. All of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is invited.

The Public Service building at 4th and Colorado is up for sale, and the Riverfront Offices need to find another office site. Dr. James said KPRN is moving to Main street, and the two may be able to share some office space.

Richard Simms of the Western Colorado Museum made a presentation to the Riverfront Commission.

Carlos Sauvage of BLM talked to the Riverfront Commission about the Spanish Trail and landfill area. Tim Foster and Tilly Bishop are trying to make the north branch of the Old Spanish Trail a historical site which would be helpful to the Riverfront trails. This may bring in some funding for the footbridge across the Colorado River near Orchard Mesa Middle School.

Kurt Mill told the Riverfront Commission that restrooms are available for people with disabilities at Corn Lake.

The National Park Service will hold a meeting at the Grand Junction Hilton on March 27th. Bill Ela will present the Riverfront's slide show.

Item 4

ICE SKATING ARENA - SHIRLEY TUCKER - 12:30

Shirley Tucker, Linda Barber, Leo Barber, Ralph D'Andrea, and Ted Ciavonne from Ice Skating, Inc. gave the Board a presentation. They have collected 4,000 signatures on an informal petition from people who would like to see an ice skating rink built in Grand Junction.

Ted Ciavonne told the Board that eight years ago they had another group (mostly hockey players) that tried to get an ice skating rink. They received funds from PIAB and built some boards for an outdoor rink, but it was a warm winter and the ice never froze. He said they need refrigeration in this area for an ice rink.

The group gave the Board documentation on ice rinks from Ft. Collins, Aspen, Steamboat Springs, South Suburan, and Minnesota.

Ted Ciavonne told the Board they have had a lot of interest from people all over the Western Slope. He said their group would like to see an ice skating facility built whether it be by the City of Grand Junction, or a private company. Ted said he heard the ice skating rink was included in the City's RFP for recreation center design. Ted Novack told Ted Ciavonne it was included in the RFP.

Ted Ciavonne told the Board that the Zamboni family is interested in having a rink in Grand Junction, because some of their family members live here. Ted said their group would keep in touch with the Board with any new information.

The Board thanked Ice Skating, Inc. for their presentation.

Item 5

GRAND VALLEY WAVE REQUEST

Janet Ryan, Hal Langner and Nancy Langner were present from the Grand Valley Wave Swim Club to officially request practice time at the Lincoln Park-Moyer Swimming Pool this summer.

Becky Wride, Pat Portice, Peter Black, Brian Mahoney, and Larry Beckner of the Dolphin Swim Club were present.

Lynda Lovern has been working with the clubs to try to allocate some practice time for the Wave Club. Lynda made a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to offer the Wave Club one hour on Monday from 5:00-6:00 a.m. and Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 A.M.

Lynda Lovern said when she talked to Janet Ryan, she was happy with this arrangement.

Janet Ryan told the Board she talked to her Board that night and the Board felt that 5:00-6:00 a.m. is too early, especially for the kids who are 13 and under. She said they would like to have one two hour block of time on Wednesday. The Wave proposes that on Wednesday the Dolphins have the pool from 5:45-7:45 a.m. and the Wave from 7:15-9:15 a.m. Both clubs would be sharing the pool for one half hour.

Lynda Lovern asked Janet if they had any other pool scheduled for Mondays. Janet said they did not, because they don't know if Fruita Pool will even open this year. Lynda said she thought they had another pool scheduled for Monday.

Frank Dunn told Janet the Board is very supportive of both the Wave and Dolphins, and they both need to cooperate with each other. Frank said both clubs are lucky to have Lynda Lovern to work with them, and the Board listens to Lynda's recommendations.

Janet Ryan told the Board that the Wave has three competitions this year in 50 meter pools, and they are as competitive as the Dolphins.

Keith Mumby told Janet they are scheduled at the Orchard Mesa Pool for practices. Janet told Keith that Orchard Mesa Pool is not a 50 meter pool and a lot of their competitions are outdoors, and their kids need some experience at an outdoor pool.

Dennis King asked Janet how many swimmers they have this year. Janet told him they have 33 swimmers now, and they are planning on having 50-60 this summer. The Dolphins said they have 125 now and plan on having 150-170.

Dr. James asked the Wave what time would be acceptable on Mondays. Janet told Dr. James that their younger children could not be in the water at 5:00 a.m., but the older children could.

Keith Mumby told the Wave that we can't reorganize the pool schedule each time a new club forms.

Karen Madsen asked Lynda Lovern if there is any evening time available. Lynda said there are some Thursday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., but some of them are taken by private parties.

Janet said she didn't know those times were available. Janet said she doesn't feel they are stepping on the Dolphins pool time.

Peter Black told the Board that Wednesdays are their team morning and all of their swimmers are there at one time.

Janet said they would each have a two hour time slot.

Dennis King asked what time the Dolphins are usually there on Wednesdays. Lynda told him they are there from 5:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Janet Ryan asked Peter why they have Orchard Mesa Pool scheduled on Wednesdays, if they have their team meetings at Lincoln Park. Peter said most of the kids are at Lincoln Park.

Keith Mumby told both groups that the Board did not want the groups to argue.

Frank Dunn told them the Board wants the two groups to work together.

Keith Mumby said he thought the Board should approve Lynda Lovern's recommendation. He said he felt the Wave did not have enough swimmers to justify any more pool time.

Hal Langner asked Keith if they will give them more pool time when they have more swimmers.

Karen Madsen said the Board would like to make everyone happy, but the Wave has been scheduled for some time at Lincoln Park Pool, and they can't give them more at this time.

Hal Langner asked what the Board's criteria will be to grant them more pool time. Karen Madsen told Hal we don't have a policy in place now, and we will look at this issue in December when Lynda Lovern is putting the pool schedule together.

Peter Black told the Board he has been with the Dolphins for many years and they are not seeking a monopoly of the pool. He said the Parks and Recreation Department has sponsored their program for 35 years, and they want to protect what they have obtained and fought for over the years.

A motion was made by John Gormley to approve Lynda Lovern's recommendation which is:

ORCHARD MESA POOL

Monday	Dolphins	5:30-7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Wave	5:30-7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Dolphins	5:30-7:30 a.m.
Thursday	Wave	5:30-7:30 a.m.
Friday	Wave	5:30-7:30 a.m.

LINCOLN PARK-MOYER POOL

Monday	Wave	5:00-6:00 a.m.
	Dolphins	6:10-8:15 a.m.
Tuesday	Dolphins	5:45-8:15 a.m.
Wednesday	Dolphins	5:45-8:05 a.m.
	Wave	8:15-9:15 a.m.
Thursday	Dolphins	5:45-8:15 a.m.
Friday	Dolphins	5:45-8:15 a.m.

Seconded by Dr. James.
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Alan Workman told both groups that the Board wishes them the best.

Nancy Langner thanked the Board for the time. Lynda Lovern asked if they would take the one hour blocks. Nancy and Janet said they would. Janet said she would call Lynda to work out some time on Thursday evenings.

Item 6

RED CROSS PROPOSAL 94-95

Karen Madsen told the Board they needed to take some action regarding the Red Cross proposal dated February 28, 1994. The Red Cross said they would accept \$5,360 for 1994, which is \$2.14 per swimmer.

Ted Novack told the Board we have \$2,240 budgeted for the Red Cross contract. He said we would have to go to City Council for the additional \$3,120. Ted said if the fees for our learn to swim program have to be altered, to cover the \$3,120, the fee changes would have to go to City Council also. Ted told the Board we have already offered our winter and spring sessions of learn to swim which is approximately 350 participants, so the actual cost per swimmer (based on the 2,526 participants from last year minus 350) is \$2.46 per swimmer.

Ted told the Board it would be advantageous to negotiate with the Red Cross for 1995, because staff is caught in the middle of the issue. We need to be able to offer the Water Safety Instructor class for pool employees for the entire valley's pools. Ted said going from a flat fee of \$1,800 per year to a per swimmer cost is an outrageous increase, and we need justification for the increase in order to explain it to our customers who will pay for the increase.

Keith Mumby said we need to have a flat fee instead of per swimmer cost, and maybe we can choose which classes are Red Cross courses.

Ted told Keith the Red Cross will not accept a flat fee. Keith said the Red Cross came up with \$5,700.

Karen Madsen asked the Board if they need to make a decision on 1994. Karen asked the Board if they want to take this to City Council. Frank Dunn said he did not want to ask City Council for the additional funds. Frank said he hoped we could resolve this issue for 1995.

Lynda Lovern told the Board we are offering the Lifeguard Training class, which teaches water safety and lifeguard skills. We have designed our own Water Instructor Program for our water instruction program skills, but it would be nice to offer the Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.

John Gormley said we should have Lynda Lovern and Ted Novack offer the \$2,240 we have budgeted in 1994 to the Red Cross.

Keith Mumby said since 14% of our learn to swim program has been offered, we should offer the Red Cross 86% of the \$2,240.

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to offer the American Red Cross \$1,926 in 1994 to offer American Red Cross learn to swim programs. Seconded by Dennis King.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 7

93 THEFT AND VANDALISM REPORT

Darold Sloan, Police Chief, was present to discuss the 1993 Parks and Recreation Theft and Vandalism Report. He told the Board he is surprised about the low rate of vandalism and theft in the city parks. Darold gave the Board copies of the studies he has done for the Police Department.

Item 8

RIDGES OPEN SPACE

This item will be discussed at the April meeting.

Item 9

RECREATION CENTER TOUR

The tour scheduled for March 19 and 20 was cancelled, because only a few people could make the trip. The next tour is scheduled for April 7 and 8. Ted told the Board to let us know if they can make that trip. Dr. James, Dennis King, Reford Theobald, R.T. Mantlo, Dan Rosenthal, Ron Lappi, Jim Shanks, and David Varley have signed up for the April 7 and 8 tour.

New Business

Don Hobbs told the Board that the Mesa County Softball Association wants to put shade canopies up at Columbine Softball Park. Don asked the Board to approve approximately \$550.00 out of the C.I.P. Self Help Fund for engineering design.

A motion was made by Dr. James to approve \$550.00 out of the C.I.P. Self Help Fund for engineering design of the shade canopies at Columbine Softball Park.

Seconded by Keith Mumby.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

New Business

Dennis King told the Board that the Recreation Center task force list was to be reviewed at the City Council meeting tonight.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary