

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 20, 1994

Called to order by Chairman Karen Madsen at 12:24 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

John Gormley
Jamie Hamilton
Dr. Lynn James
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby
Alan Workman

Members not present:

Frank Dunn
Dennis King

Staff present:

Don Hobbs, Acting Director
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Rec. Secretary

Item 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH

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

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3

RIVERFRONT COMMISSION REPORT - DR. JAMES

Dr. James was unable to attend the Riverfront Meeting on April 19th. The minutes will be forwarded to the board members.

Item 4

INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - HARRY PEROULIS

Harry Peroulis gave the board a presentation on providing an indoor facility for the youth of the community. The facility would provide leisure time activities such as basketball, roller blading, video games, music, etc. Harry told them he has met with various groups in Grand Junction such as the Police and Sheriff's Departments, Partners, School District 51, and Mesa County.

Harry said he has found a portable floor called Salt Lake Sport court which is endorsed by the NBA and other sports agencies. The floor can be purchased in 1 foot squares, which will cost approximately \$40,000 for 10,000 square feet. Harry estimated the total cost of the project for two years would be \$160,950 excluding personnel costs.

Harry said he would like to raise the funds needed for the facility from various groups and private citizens, so the project would not create a tax burden. He said he does not want to interfere with the progress of a recreation center, so this would be a facility that could be used until a recreation center was built.

Karen Madsen asked Harry what he wanted from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Harry said he would like them to approve of the concept of a youth facility, cosponsorship by the Parks and Recreation Department, and some direction on how to proceed.

Jamie Hamilton asked Harry how the scheduling of the facility would be handled. Harry said he didn't have the details worked out on that issue.

Keith Mumby asked Harry what the operating costs of the facility

would be. Harry said those costs were included on the sheet he handed out, minus personnel. Ray Coca told Keith that volunteers and student interns could run the facility.

Dr. James asked Harry about liability insurance. Harry said the facility needs to be under the umbrella of the City of Grand Junction.

Keith Mumby told Harry he needs to get a non-profit organization together.

John Gormley told Harry that he needs more concrete information on costs, scheduling, etc.

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to endorse the "concept" of an indoor youth facility on a temporary basis, pending the opening of a permanent recreation center.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 5

DEPARTMENT SPONSORED OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS -
PHIL PE'A OR DAN GEER

Dan Geer was present to inform the board the Grand Junction Volleyball Club will host three tournaments at the Columbine Park sand volleyball courts this summer. These tournaments are cosponsored by our Department and will be held on May 21, 22 (coed); July 23, 24 (men's/women's); and September 17, 18 (coed).

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to approve the Grand Junction Volleyball Club's three summer tournaments for 1994.

Seconded by John Gormley.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 6

RIDGES OPEN SPACE ISSUES

Don Hobbs told the board the Ridges Development allocated a certain amount of open space in their development plans. The new development in the Ridges now does not have the open space areas designated, and if they are not designated soon, developers can take up all available space. Don said he is working with Community Development to plan the open space to keep the same percentage of open space as the original development.

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to maintain open space in the Ridges Development at the existing ratio or more.

Seconded by Jamie Hamilton.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 7

REVIEW MAX KREY LAND DONATION

Don Hobbs informed the board that Max Krey would like to donate approximately 9-10 acres to the City if the tax benefit is sufficient. The property is south of the Monument Little League Park.

A motion was made by Dr. James to accept the land donation from Max Krey.

Seconded by Keith Mumby.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 8

CEMETERY TRANSFER FEE

Don Hobbs told the board that Stephanie Nye, City Clerk, has requested a fee of \$40.00 be charged for trading/transferring grave spaces, due to the amount of paperwork and time spent processing the requests.

A motion was made by Keith Mumby to recommend to City Council a \$40.00 fee be charged for trading/transferring grave spaces.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 9

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Lynda Lovern told the board the American Red Cross has responded to our last proposal and have refused it.

Karen Madsen said we may be able to work something out with them once we hire a new Parks and Recreation Director.

Lynda Lovern told them that Palisade and Fruita have also dropped the American Red Cross learn to swim program. Lynda said a meeting will be set up with individuals representing western slope aquatics programs, and if they form a united front the Red Cross may negotiate with us.

Item 10

WATERSLIDE SCHEDULE - CLOSING SATURDAY MORNING EXCEPT
DURING SWIM MEETS

Lynda Lovern informed the board that the waterslide has been open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. since it opened in July of 1989. The attendance is very low and the staffing cost to operate exceeds revenue.

Lynda recommended to Acting Director Don Hobbs the slide be closed in the morning, except during swim meets.

A motion was made by John Gormley to accept Lynda Lovern's recommendation to close the waterslide in the morning.

Seconded by Dr. James.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

New Business

Northridge Subdivision

Keith Mumby told the board he received a letter from Joan Raser stating Dr. Merkel, the owner of the property at the north east corner of 1st and Patterson has expressed an interest in meeting about the possibility of having a park on that property. Joan said she would like Keith Mumby to meet with the Northridge committee and Dr. Merkel property owner to discuss the possibility of putting a park in this location.

Don Hobbs said that Joan Raser previously spoke with Ted Novack and himself several times about this property, and both Don and Ted told her the Department is not interested in landscaping the entrance to their subdivision, and there is not a need for a park at that location.

John Gormley told Don that Dr. Merkel owns approximately 27 acres of property that runs along the ditch all the way to Mesa View Retirement Center. Don Hobbs said we would be interested in that property for natural trail area, but would not be interested in a park at the entrance of Northridge Subdivision.

Keith Mumby said he would call Joan Raser to have her set up meeting with Dr. Merkel, Dr. James, and Don Hobbs. Keith said he felt we should accept the property as a donation only.

New Business

Bureau of Reclamation

Don Hobbs told the board the Bureau of Reclamation has authorized their employees to start work on opening the Highline Canal for trails. Don told the Board the Grand Valley Water users will probably fight this, but it is encouraging.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary