

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

August 24, 1994

Called to order by Chairman Jamie Hamilton.

Item 1 Roll Call

Board Members present: John Gormley  
Jamie Hamilton  
Dr. Lynn James  
Dennis King  
Karen Madsen  
Keith Mumby

Members not present: Frank Dunn

Staff present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director  
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager  
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Supt.  
Ray Coca, Rec. Supt.  
Mark Achen, City Manager

Item 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY

A motion was made by John Gormley to approve the minutes for the month of July.  
Seconded by Dennis King.  
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3 RIVERFRONT COMMISSION UPDATE - DON HOBBS

Don Hobbs attended the Riverfront meeting on August 16. The Commission endorsed the grant applications to GO-CO for trails in the Fruita area, located near the Welcome Center and Dinamation, and a Club 20 request for the planning of an interconnecting trails network.

Also discussed was the levy project at Watson Island and the Commission is concerned about the construction of the levy and how it may interfere with the trails.

A Boy Scout completed his project on the foot trail between the two bridges at Connected Lakes Park.

Item 4 TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

Dennis King has contacted approximately 40 people. There will be an organizational meeting on September 13, 7:00 p.m. at Two Rivers Convention Center.

Winston and Associates has been selected for the conceptual design for the 7 park sites and we are in the final stages for the selection of the Recreation Center design firm.

Mark Achen suggested we not worry about the future campaign but that the Board should serve as the leader for the task force and determine what the entire "package" will look like.

At the organizational meeting September 13th, we will need to determine what areas each person on the task force will want to concentrate on or what is their area of expertise. We will establish who will concentrate on design, marketing, finance, etc. We will then need to get the work groups going and keep them on track.

Dennis King, Keith Mumby and Karen Madsen will head up this group and Mark Achen will encourage City Council members to attend meetings.

Item 5 AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross submitted a proposal to our department which establishes an annual fee of \$2,700 for lower level classes, pass or fail, and \$3.00 per passing student for upper level classes. The \$2700 figure calculates to approximately \$1.10 per student.

The City had previously requested clarification on their original figure of \$4.19 per student, pass or fail, as well as documentation on the Red Cross' revised cost justification to date. We have not received clarifying cost analysis from the Red Cross. The local chapter of the American Red Cross recently established a new Aquatic Committee and they will be working on numbers.

John Gormley moved and Keith Mumby seconded a motion to adopt the Mesa County Red Cross' offer of a \$2,700 annual fee, pass or fail, for all lower level courses and the \$3.00 fee for all upper level courses for 1995 only. In addition, a cost breakdown will be required by 3/1/95, to continue utilizing the Red Cross for the City of Grand Junction's Learn to Swim programs beyond 1995.  
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 6 REFUND POLICY

The proposed change in the refund policy would eliminate the \$10.00 processing fee for a refund and issue a full refund, allow the individual to repeat the course at no charge, carry the credit on their account for future use, or obtain a credit voucher for other Parks and Recreation Department programs.

Refunds would not be allowed on team sports (softball, volleyball, etc), golf passes or play, or pool passes, punch cards, and daily admissions.

John Gormley moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to accept the revised refund policy.  
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 7 GUYTON'S FUN JUNCTION AMUSEMENT PARK

Keith Mumby is representing Bob Guyton and expressed that the availability of the Amusement Park is a unique opportunity for the City of Grand Junction and would like the Parks and Recreation Board to consider the idea.

Originally Bob Guyton requested an answer from the City soon as he was going to auction the equipment off in October if a buyer for the amusement park could not be procured. This can be postponed so there is additional time to review the idea. If Mr. Guyton does not sell the property, he will advertise the amusement rides in a trade magazine in the spring.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board felt that this is a philosophical question at this point--should the City get involved in this type of operation? The Board currently has a lot on their agenda with the new park sites and the possible recreation center and it was felt that this was not on the priority list.

John Gormley moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to encourage

Bob Guyton to seek an alternative buyer.  
Approved: Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 1 (Keith Mumby)

Item 8 PUBLIC FORUM

Max Krey - Tree Planting Program

Max Krey is suggesting the city get involved in beautifying all areas of the city including the open space along the state highways, medians, railroad R.O.W., etc. He suggested that there be an incentive program to get current property owners to bring their property up to code. Mr. Krey feels the city should concentrate on the "core" areas of the city instead of going out and annexing new problem areas.

But more specifically, he is interested in the area behind the 1st Street/Orchard Avenue City Market. This area has not had any improvements, is an eyesore, and he would like to see a park setting with trees and possibly soccer fields.

Item 9 CORRESPONDENCE

No comments.

Item 10 NEXT MEETING - will be held SEPTEMBER 28, 1994.

Item 11 Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee  
Sr. Administrative Secretary