

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**October 5, 1994**

Called to order by Chairman Jamie Hamilton at 12:21 p.m.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

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

Members not present: Frank Dunn  
Keith Mumby

Staff present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director  
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager  
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent  
Keri Bailey, Secretary

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST

Dennis King moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to accept the minutes for the month of August.  
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

ITEM 3 RIVERFRONT COMMISSION UPDATE

Joe Stevens informed the Board that the City Council and Riverfront Commission met about the City's intent to form a Trails Board. The Riverfront Commission is concerned about competition for funding of trails and duplication of efforts. The City Council asked if the Riverfront Commission would consider presiding over all of the trail networks in the City.

ITEM 4 TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

Joe Stevens introduced Paul Kuhn of Winston Associates and told the Board dialogue has started with the community on the potential development of the seven park sites. Paul will produce preliminary designs for the park sites this week. Good input has been received from the neighbors and most people would like to see passive/natural areas without competitive sports. Winston Associates will develop concepts and create a master plan with costs from each site.

Jamie Hamilton said he has received compliments about Winston Associates and thanked Linda Afman and R.T. Mantlo for their representation.

Paul Kuhn emphasized the importance of talking to neighbors and friends about these projects.

ITEM 5 LILAC PARK

Ed Bozarth Chevrolet has asked Joe Stevens if our Department would consider selling Lilac Park or trading for property at a yet to be determined location. Joe told the Board that Lilac Park is owned by the Department of Transportation. Joe told the Board that they can reaffirm the City's intent to maintain Lilac Park as green space in the City of Grand Junction or encourage Ed Bozarth to work with the Department of Transportation in order to acquire the property.

Jamie Hamilton said the community wants more green space, and we shouldn't eliminate Lilac Park.

John Gormley moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to maintain Lilac Park as open space.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

ITEM 6 THE SEASON'S AND ADJOINING LAND

Joe Stevens told the Board he has been approached by Jack Acuff, Owner of the Seasons at Tiara Rado, about the possibility of selling the Seasons Swim and Tennis Club and approximately 10 acres of undeveloped land. Joe said he has toured the facility and it has potential.

Jack Acuff told the Board he acquired the facility about four years ago and people from all over the Redlands area use the facility. Jack said the area was intended to serve the Season's homeowners, but it is too large. Jack said he is spending too much time with the facility and the operation is almost breaking even. Jack said the 12 acre parcel is zoned for 100 units or commercial space.

Dr. James asked Jack if he would consider leasing the facility. Jack said it may be an option.

John Gormley moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to continue dialogue with Jack Acuff regarding the Swim and Tennis Club and acreage available.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

ITEM 7 PARK UPGRADES

Joe Stevens told the Board he has received many comments about improvements needed in our existing parks. Joe asked Mike Vendegna to head a park upgrades committee to suggest improvements and assign costs associated with them. Committee members are Mike Vendegna (Forestry), Jeff Crandall (Two Rivers), John Lakey (Tiara Rado Golf Course), Gary Goe (Parks Operations), Bruce Hagen (Cemetery), Steve Craig (Lincoln Park Golf Course), and Bubba Bullen (Parks Operations).

Mike Vendegna thanked Joe Stevens and Don Hobbs for the opportunity to enhance the parks. Mike thanked his committee for their work and went over the following projects:

Ridges Duck Pond Park step replacement	\$2,500.00
Two Rivers landscaping & patio improvement	\$5,500.00
Duck Pond Park hillside improvement	\$2,500.00
Lincoln Park Barn restroom renovation	\$10,250.00
Sherwood Park path & sidewalk installation	\$55,000.00
Older American Center entrance chill break	\$10,500.00
All parks & facilities flower bed curbing	\$3,500.00
St. Mary's Park picnic shelter	\$9,500.00
Stocker Stadium perimeter landscaping	\$3,500.00
Develop comprehensive park sign program	\$2,500.00
Picnic table replacement	\$8,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$113,650.00</u>

Jamie Hamilton said it is great these projects were suggested by front line employees. He asked Joe how the projects would be funded.

Joe said the projects would be taken to the City Council to request funding.

John Gormley moved and Dr. Lynn James seconded a motion to endorse

the projects submitted by the Park Upgrades Committee.  
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

ITEM 8 STATE PARK CONCEPTUAL PLAN (MILL TAILING SITE)

Joe Stevens informed the Board he spoke with Kurt Mill, of Colorado State Parks, about 40 acres of land at the mill tailing site which may be available for the City to lease as a potential park site.

Dave Geiger of Colorado State Parks told the Board that the City will receive ISTEPA funds to construct a pedestrian bridge across the Colorado River which will continue development of the Riverfront Trail network. Dave said it will probably be 2 to 3 years before construction and continuation of the State trails in this area will begin. Dave said he would keep the Board informed about funding schedules.

Jamie Hamilton told the Board that this site should be included in the design phase that Winston Associates is working on.

John Gormley moved and Dr. Lynn James seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council that the 40 acre site be included in the park design phase of Winston Associates.  
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

ITEM 9 KRONKRIGHT BACKSTOP REPLACEMENT & IRRIGATION PROPOSAL

George Distefano, Darrell Swigart and Tana Fowlds, President of the Mesa County Softball Association were present to ask the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to appropriate money from the CIP Self Help Fund to replace the backstops and install irrigation at Kronkright Softball Complex.

The backstops at Kronkright are in dire need of replacement and the infield sprinkler system will eliminate over 200 man hours a year. The total project cost is estimated \$23,472. The Mesa County Softball Association has offered to donate \$13,500 and School District 51 has offered \$1,500. The Mesa County Softball Association is requesting \$8,472 from the CIP Self Help Fund to complete the project.

Dennis King moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to approve \$8,472 from the CIP Self Help Fund for the backstop replacement and infield sprinkler system at Kronkright Softball Complex.  
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

ITEM 10 PUBLIC FORUM (PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ABOUT ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Mayor R.T. Mantlo told the Board he is pleased that the Parks Development Task Force is progressing. R.T. said the State park site should be included in the list of parks to be developed.

Linda Villa asked the Board if there are any plans to improve Riverside Park. John Gormley told Linda we are seeking input from everyone.

ITEM 11 CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Lottery Funds
- B) Grand Valley Wave
- C) Letters to VFW
- D) National Youth Sports Program
- F) Communication to/from Red Cross
- G) Communication to Bob Guyton
- H) Comments from "summer time swimmers"
- I) Letters/comments on Lincoln Park Golf Course
  - 1) Joseph C. Prinster
  - 2) Jean Morris Groff
  - 3) Pamela Cranston
  - 4) Pauline Bynum
- J) Agreement with School District 51 for land adjacent to

Orchard Mesa Middle School

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey  
Administrative Secretary