

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

October 26, 1994

Called to order by Chairman Jamie Hamilton at 12:01.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

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

Members not present: Frank Dunn
Karen Madsen

Staff present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Secretary

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 26, 1994

Dennis King moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to accept the minutes for October 16, 1994.
Approved: Yes 4 No 0

ITEM 3 RIVERFRONT COMMISSION UPDATE

Joe Stevens informed the board that the Riverfront Commission has agreed to preside over all of the trail networks in the City subject to Council authorization.

Joe told the Board the fire at Watson Island was still burning last week. Remedial action has been taken at a cost of \$60.00 (not including Fire and Parks and Recreation Department labor). The fire appears to have been extinguished.

ITEM 4 PARKS DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Bryce Hastings of Hastings & Chivetta Architects, Inc. gave the Board an update on the task force meetings for the municipal recreation center design. Bryce went over the goals and objectives, building space program and site selection criteria.

ITEM 5 GRAND VALLEY WAVE SWIM CLUB REQUEST

Nancy Langner of the Grand Valley Wave Swim Club was present to inform the board they had a successful season this year. She thanked the Board for the use of the pools. Nancy said they have looked over Lynda Lovern's proposal for 1995 and they feel it is very generous. Nancy said they would not use Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool on Wednesdays from 11:45-1:15 p.m.

It was recommended that the board continue sponsorship of the Grand Valley Wave Swim Club, and offer use of the Orchard Mesa Pool Monday through Friday mornings, an increase of two days, and continue Wednesday morning practice at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool from 8:15-9:15 a.m.

John Gormley thanked the Grand Valley Wave Swim Club for being cooperative.

Joe Stevens told the board that a well defined policy needs to be considered, because there may be more swim clubs in the future.

The board asked the Dolphins if this agreement was satisfactory. The Dolphins said yes.

Dennis King moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to continue sponsorship of the Grand Valley Wave Swim Club, and offer use of the Orchard Mesa Pool Monday through Friday from 5:30-7:30 a.m., and Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool on Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Approved: Yes 4 No 0

ITEM 6

DOLPHIN SWIM CLUB REQUEST

Laura Bradford, President of the Dolphin Swim Club thanked the board for their support, and asked if they can have they can use the Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool on Wednesdays from 11:45 to 1:15 p.m. The board asked Lynda Lovern for her consent. Lynda Lovern agreed to the Dolphin's request.

Staff's proposal recommended a policy be established for pool closures related to swim meets allowing closure of Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool three days during the year and Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool two days during the summer season with a second meet approved every third year requiring closing two days, unless the Division I State Meet is held, which requires three days.

Peter Black informed the Board the Western Slope Championship meet will alternate between Grand Junction, Montrose and Cortez. Peter asked if they can request swim meets on a year-to-year basis. Joe Stevens said the issue can be addressed every year, but the needs of the public have to be taken into consideration.

The board thanked both swim clubs for cooperating.

John Gormley moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to approved the Dolphin Swim Club requests for 1995 which include:

- 1) Practice time at Orchard Mesa Pool.
- 2) Snow Flake Swim Meet on January 21 and 22, 1995 at Orchard Mesa Pool from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Practice at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool from June 5-August 25, 1994, Monday-Friday from 6:00-8:30 a.m., and June 6-August 3, 1995, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-9:30 p.m.
- 4) Grand Junction Invitational Swim Meet at Orchard Mesa Pool Friday, July 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool from July 8-9, 1995, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday.
- 5) Colorado State Division II Swim Meet at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool from August 4-5 , 1995, 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

ITEM 7

REVIEW FISCAL CONDITION AT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES

Joe Stevens gave an overview about concerns that have surfaced with regard to the financial condition of the municipal golf courses. The department will be asking for public input to identify solutions, which may include altering maintenance practices, reassessing the development schedule, or amending fees.

Doug Jones informed the board 65% of the users receive a discount. The senior players are subsidized significantly and green fee players are paying more. There are several reasons behind these financial concerns which include the purchase of 80 acres adjacent to Tiara Rado Golf Course, Lincoln Park Clubhouse remodel, Tiara Rado Clubhouse construction, and decrease in play at both courses.

A series of focus groups will be formed to analyze the situation and propose solutions.

John Gormley asked Doug why play has decreased. Doug said there are more golf courses in the area, and we had a long hot summer.

Joe said we will talk to the focus groups and bring their recommendations to the board.

ITEM 8 THE "BEACH" AT TIARA RADO AND ADJOINING LAND

Joe Stevens sent the board a sales proposal from Jack Acuff for "The Beach" at Tiara Rado and adjoining land at Tiara Rado for \$750,000. Joe informed the Board we are reviewing the proposal and will discuss this issue in the future.

ITEM 9 ORCHARD MESA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN (PROPOSED CONFLUENCE PARK)

Dave Thornton, Senior Planner for the City of Grand Junction, presented the Orchard Mesa Neighborhood Plan to the board. A major component of the plan is Confluence Park on the Fifth Street hill. The Riverfront Commission has listed this park in their long range goals.

Dave Thornton asked the board for direction on this plan. Jamie Hamilton said the City planned Orchard Mesa Neighborhood Park, bridge across the Colorado River and trails are our priority right now.

Joe Stevens said a lot of the issues in this plan will affect the Orchard Mesa Neighborhood Park, Burkey Property and Old Spanish Trail.

The board thanked Dave Thornton for his presentation.

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

Dan Thurlow, owner of the Grand Junction Athletic Club informed the board that the recreation center should not have any racquetball courts, aerobics or cardiovascular areas because these needs are being met by the private business sector. He said the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should keep this in mind when they make recommendations to the City Council.

Shirley Tucker of Ice Skating, Inc. gave the board additional information from Highland Hills to go with their Great Ice Spectations packet.

ITEM 11 CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Letter of appreciation from Bob Hiron
- B) Letter to Colorado State Parks
- C) Letter to Ed Bozarth Chevrolet
- D) Letters/comments on Lincoln Park Golf Course
 - 1) Ron Sechrist
 - 2) Milton W. "Red" Crawford
- E) Letter to Mesa County
- F) Portfolio on "Great Ice Spectations"

Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary