

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

December 21, 1994

Called to order by Chairman Jamie Hamilton at 11:55.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director
Ray Coca, Rec. Superintendent
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Secretary

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 26, 1994 AND NOVEMBER 15, 1994

John Gormley moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to accept the minutes for October 26, 1994 and November 15, 1994.
Approved: Yes 6 No 0

ITEM 3 1995 FEES AND CHARGES

Joe stated there are minimal changes in the 1995 fees and charges. Fees will be rounded to the nearest quarter. Softball and basketball gate fees were 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, but will now be 25 cents per person.

Joe explained that the softball facility fees are increasing significantly because the parks maintenance personnel will be at the fields during the tournament to clean restrooms, groom the field and supervise the facility. In the past the softball tournament director hired their own personnel for these tasks.

George Distefano, who is the softball tournament director for the Colorado West Showdown Softball tournament, told the board that the softball facility rental fee increase is too much. He said the facility fee for his tournament would increase \$714.00. George said he liked that a parks maintenance person would be there to maintain the facility. George said he could live with \$205.00 per day per complex, but \$265 per day is too much. George then said \$150.00 per day would be better.

John Gormley asked if we charged a flat fee last year. Ray Coca told him it was a flat fee of \$105.00 per day per complex.

Joe Stevens asked George about the prizes he gives out at his tournaments. George informed the board that he gives nice shirts to the 1st place teams and plaques to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

Karen Madsen asked George how many teams enter his tournament. George told her 50 teams. Karen asked how the facility fee increase would impact the entry fee. George told Karen the fee is now \$160.00 per team and he would have to increase it by \$10.00 to \$170.00. Jamie Hamilton asked if this would discourage teams from registering. George said it would a little and he still wants to give out good prizes.

John Gormley asked George if he knew the fee would increase in 1995. George said he knew it would go up, but not this much.

George told the board he is also concerned about a new policy to be instituted which requires softball tournament directors to submit their schedule to the parks and recreation department 7 days prior to their tournament. George stated it will be impossible to comply

with because the deadline for a softball tournament is usually 7 days prior to the tournament and softball teams register up to the last minute. Joe Stevens told George we can be a little flexible with this.

Joe Stevens stated he would be willing to meet with all of the softball groups to discuss the facility rental fees and tournament schedule requirement.

Dennis King moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the resolution revising the fees for Two Rivers Convention Center, Lincoln Park Barn and the Cemetery along with the fee structure for general recreation programs as presented with the ability to revisit the softball facility rental fees at a later date. Approved: Yes 7 No 0.

ITEM 4

GOLF COURSE FEES STATUS REPORT/INTERIM GOLF FEE POLICY

Joe said a special meeting needs to be scheduled to talk about the recommended golf fees. The golf course focus group participants will be invited and hopefully the board will be able to make a recommendation for the city council's consideration. Joe informed them the recommendation will include restructuring the debt to 15 years for the land and clubhouse at Tiara Rado.

Joe explained the interim golf fee policy will be to sell 1995 season tickets at 1994 prices and when the new fees are established the persons will be notified if an additional amount is due. The patron also has the option of a full refund.

John Gormley moved and Dr. James seconded a motion to approve the interim golf fee policy of selling season tickets and charging green fees at the 1994 rate until the 1995 fees are established. Any season tickets holders would be charged an additional amount if necessary, or will be granted a full refund if requested. Approved: Yes 7 No 0

The special golf fee meeting was set for Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Two Rivers Convention Center. **After the meeting it was discovered that the city council workshop was to be held January 3rd, so the meeting was moved to Monday, January 9th.**

Jack Sommers, City Golf Pro, told the board the proposed golf tournament rate of \$16.75 for 18 holes could result in cancellation of the tournaments which were identified as exempt tournaments in the past. The fee for an exempt tournament in 1994 was \$6.00 for 18 holes. The Rocky Mountain Open Golf Tournament would pay an additional \$9,625.00 for green fees in 1995. Jack said he thought it would be fair to charge these exempt tournaments the maintenance cost only which is \$12.00 for 18 holes.

Joe Stevens asked how the exempt tournament status began. Jack Sommers stated that exempt status was offered to the core golf groups which benefit the community. Joe said he felt the rationale for exempt tournaments is not valid due to the fact that other golf groups benefit the community and do not receive exempt status.

ITEM 5

THE BEACH AT TIARA RADO AND ADJOINING LAND

Jack Acuff asked the board to take a couple of minutes to review the letter he sent to Joe Stevens on December 20th. Jack asked the board to keep in mind the Redlands area is urbanizing and the City of Grand Junction is aggressively annexing the area, which means Redlands residents will be asking for more services.

Jack Acuff said he does not want to pursue another buyer, and is afraid if another buyer purchases the facility the general public would not be able to use it.

Dr. James asked Jack if it would take a lot of money to bring the facility up to date. Jack said the Colorado Health Department has approved the facility, but their standards change constantly. Jack said he has checked into ADA requirements and it is so sketchy a person could spend \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Keith Mumby asked Jack if the facility is subsidized. Jack said he is almost to the point of breaking even.

Joe Stevens said the filtration system would need to be updated if we had a larger number of swimmers. Staff believes based on the existing terms and conditions, as well as proposed projects currently under evaluation, that purchasing The Beach is not a high priority right now.

John Gormley told Jack that we are doing parks planning right now and do not have enough money to fund those projects.

Joe Stevens stated we are in the process of obtaining the title to 5 acres behind Wingate Elementary School. A developer is donating the land in lieu of open space fees.

Karen Madsen moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to encourage Jack Acuff to pursue a buyer other than the City of Grand Junction under the current terms and conditions. Approved: Yes 7 No 0

ITEM 6 PUBLIC FORUM (PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ABOUT ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA)

No one addressed the board at this meeting.

ITEM 7 ESTABLISH DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held January 18, 1995.

ITEM 8 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Eileen O'Toole about 80 acres at Tiara Rado
- b) Grand Junction Trails Board - Riverfront Commission
- c) Do season passes make sense?
- d) Secrets of a successful park finance campaign
- e) Letter from Central High School thanking Doug Jones
- f) Letter from Mesa County denying PIAB request for lottery funds
- g) Letter from Mesa County granting lottery funds for OM Pool
- h) Letter from Women's Pavilion thanking Theresa Bouley and Donna Redd at Two Rivers Convention Center
- i) Parks and Recreation Department's October division summary
- j) Letter from Kurt Mill, Colorado State Parks
- k) Letter from Knode & Associates regarding golf courses

Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary