

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

January 18, 1995

Called to order by Chairman Jamie Hamilton at 12:00 p.m.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

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

Members not present: Frank Dunn

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

ITEM 2 MINUTES-DECEMBER 15, 1994 AND JANUARY 9, 1995

Dennis King moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to approve the minutes for December 15, 1994 and January 9, 1995. Approved: Yes 6 No 0

ITEM 3 1995 GOLF FEES

Jamie Hamilton welcomed the golfers in attendance and informed them that the meeting is not a hearing, but a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Jamie told them the fees are normally approved in December, but due to the financial concerns at the golf courses we decided to postpone a decision until we could solicit ideas and comments from golfers and non-golfers.

John Gormley said the board is in a tough position because the City Council has established a policy for the golf courses to be self sustaining which includes all maintenance and capital costs. John said from that standpoint he feels that the alternative #1 fee structure should be recommended to the council. He said that the council policy needs to be discussed.

John Gormley said he looked at the comments and tried to come up with a method for these issues to assure the golf courses remain top notch facilities. John said he has two suggestions.

1) Request that the interest paid on all golf course capital debt (land and clubhouse at Tiara Rado and improvements at Lincoln Park) be transferred to the golf course expansion fund for future golf course capital improvements. John explained that with the new fee structure and these savings and additional nine holes can be added in a shorter time span.

2) The golf course fund may transfer the 80 acre parcel to the general fund, receive the initial down payment of \$240,000 from the general fund and have the debt forgiven. John said this insures we begin to save money for the future capital projects that come along and allows money to accumulate for the future in a shorter time.

Keith Mumby said he liked John's proposal in a sense. The transfer of the land to the general fund and recouping the \$240,000 has a lot of appeal, but if we do that we must relieve our obligation to build a nine hole course. Keith said he has been on the board a long time and the golfers did have input in purchasing the 80 acres at Tiara Rado. He said the golfers really wanted the additional nine holes, but if there has been a reversal in opinion the land should be transferred to the general fund. Keith said he prefers alternative number 1 because it will provide money for improvements and/or the money to build the additional nine holes.

Dr. James said he favors the alternative 1.

Karen Madsen said she felt most comfortable with alternative 1.

Dennis King said he likes alternative 1 because it will build reserves.

Keith Mumby asked if John Gormley is identifying the interest on all of the debt or just the land. John said all of the interest which is approximately \$100,000 a year.

John Gormley moved and Dr. James seconded a motion to recommend fee alternative 1 to the City Council contingent upon a policy change by the City Council. The policy change the board prefers is to transfer the interest paid on golf course capital debt (land and clubhouse at Tiara Rado and improvements at Lincoln Park) to the golf course expansion fund for future golf course capital improvements. The board's second choice is for the general fund to purchase the 80 acres and remit the \$240,000 down payment to the golf course fund.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Jamie Hamilton informed the group that their recommendation would go to the City Council workshop on January 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Two Rivers Convention Center.

ITEM 4 PARKS DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Joe Stevens informed the board that a presentation of the Parks Development Task Force recommendation was made to the council on January 16th. The council persons present were positive about the recommendation and they are considering putting the issue on the April 4th ballot. The ballot initiative will seek authorization to incur debt in order to generate at least \$5.5 million for park development and plan to leverage funds for the additional 3.5 million needed for phase 1. If the city is not successful in acquiring the additional funds, the entire amount (\$5.5 million) would go to the 24 and G Road park site.

Joe said we need to start planning beyond phase 1 and focus on how to get the message out for the April 4th initiative if authorized by council. Joe said another meeting will need to be established after February 1st to discuss the recreation center study.

Jamie Hamilton asked if there will still be 33 task force members in the future. Joe said the group will be brought together for finalization and then some restructuring could be done, if needed.

Joe informed the board that Don Hobbs will go to Montrose tomorrow to meet with the Go Colorado group to obtain more information on applying for the Go Colorado grants. Keith Mumby asked if we could apply for the funding for the Orchard Mesa park. Keith said since the bridge will be installed across the river and will tie into the riverfront, it will be an ideal candidate for the funding. Joe said this is a possibility, but for this funding cycle all projects have to be completed by December 31, 1996.

ITEM 5 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent, November & December monthly reports
- b) Don Hobbs, Parks Manager, November monthly report
- c) Letter of appreciation from Gail Gardner
- d) City Council action form requesting extended loan terms for the Tiara Rado Golf Course fund
- e) Legislative declaration for hiking and biking trail access

Jamie asked Joe what this is about. Joe said the emphasis is access via canals for pedestrians. The liability issue would be transferred

from the canal company to the agency that takes the trails over. Joe said another stumbling block is dealing with the private owners ("not in my backyard") issues.

Keith asked if we can limit vehicle access. Joe said vehicle would not be allowed. Dr. James said two other issues will surface which are horse and people with disabilities access.

- f) Youth wrestling schedule
- g) Letter from Merle Cooper regarding golf fees
- h) Letter from Don Teets regarding golf fees
- i) Thank you from Orchard Mesa Neighborhood Group
- j) "Fairley and Nation Redefine What 'Club' Means"

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Hobbs said the installation of the sidewalk at Sherwood Park has begun and should take three weeks to complete. Don said they are working on the improvements at the Barn.

Dr. James said he is pleased that the Rotarians are helping with the funding of 75 trees for the parks.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary