

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

May 17, 1995

Called to order by Vice Chairman John Gormley at 12:17 p.m.

Item 1

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Frank Dunn
John Gormley
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby

Members not present:

Jamie Hamilton
Dr. Lynn James
Dennis King

Staff present:

Erik Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Lynda Lovern, Rec. Superintendent
Keri Bailey, Secretary

Guest:

Paula Andrews, Arts Commission

Item 2

Minutes-April 19, 1995

Karen Madsen moved and Keith Mumby seconded a motion to approve the minutes for April 19, 1995.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3

Parks Development Task Force

The Board discussed the future role of the Parks Development Task Force and decided to develop subcommittees to deal with the different issues of prioritization of development projects, land acquisition, recreation center development and keeping the different sports organizations, service clubs and the community engaged. Joe Stevens, John Gormley and Karen Madsen will meet to organize recommendations in order to meet with the Task Force by mid-June.

Joe informed the Board that the City has applied for a \$50,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado for design work at 24 & G Road.

Joe said the City Council has been contacted by a group of citizens who have signed a petition asking the City to preserve and develop a park on the land behind the 1st Street City Market referred to as Westlake Park (also known as Buthorne Drain).

Winston Associates will be in town on June 1 and 2 to begin the design process for 24 & G Road. The meeting will be held at Ciavonne and Associates. Joe will notify the Board as to time, etc. The wetlands study is in progress now.

Winston Associates will be producing a newsletter on the progress of 24 and G Road. It will be mailed to all interested parties.

Item 4

Park Improvement Meetings

The Park Improvement Meetings began on May 16th at Darla Jean Park. The meeting was productive and the citizens were able to make plans for the park site. Darla Jean Park will be on next month's agenda to discuss design recommendations.

The next meeting is May 18th at Riverside Park. Joe asked for the Board Members' participation in all of the meetings.

Item 5 Volunteer Appreciation Program

The Volunteer Appreciation Program will be held on June 12th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Mulligans (Tiara Rado Golf Course). Doug Jones will be coordinating the event and will offer a putting contest, entertainment, etc. In the past this event has been a luncheon held in December, but the format has been changed to take advantage of the out-of-doors and to provide an opportunity for persons to see recreational facilities they might not normally frequent.

Invitations are forthcoming so please plan to attend and share in the informal festivities.

Item 6 Correspondence

- a) "Fort Collins Bans Metal Golf Spikes During Winter Play"
- b) Thank you to Mike Vendegna from G. Scott Briggs
- c) Thank you from W.K. Whittier for exercise walk at Sherwood Park
- d) Thank you from Grand Valley Earth Coalition
- e) Grand Valley Water Users Association
- f) Grand Mesa Youth Soccer Association
- g) Wingate Elementary School request for park
Joe said the Wingate PTA has requested the City develop a 4.5 acre park adjacent to Wingate Elementary. The City owns the land and the group is willing to assist with the construction and maintenance. They also realize it may be some time before it is developed.

Item 7 Monthly Staff Reports

Lynda Lovern told the Board that the Dolphins had met with her to explain they did not know that Karen Leonhart would be offering a program called "Swim America" at The Beach Club at Tiara Rado. The Dolphins were concerned that we would be offended by the competition. Lynda Lovern told them that a swim program is offered at The Beach every year and does not seem to affect us.

Laura Bradford of the Dolphins would like to have a written co-sponsorship agreement with our Department in the near future. Lynda explained that the Dolphins would like to host a zone swim meet (which would involve several states) at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool. If they were to host this meet, as well as their invitational, it would mean closing the pool for up to 6 days in one season. Lynda Lovern said the Wave Swim Club may be asking to close the pool for some of their meets in the future. John Gormley and Karen Madsen said it would be beneficial to have these cosponsorship policies in writing.

Lynda Lovern informed the Board that Arlene Carsten resigned as President of the Older American Center last week. The 1st Vice and 2nd Vice Presidents have agreed to run the center for a short while until other arrangements can be made. Lynda told the Board that the members would like to hire a manager to run the facility. This issue has come up in the past and a 20-hour position was budgeted for, but the membership decided not to fund their half and it was dropped. They are now willing to fund half of the position, but it has to be voted on by the members. A special election will be held soon to make this determination. Lynda informed the Board 50% of the half-time position is identified in the City's budget.

The Lincoln Park Tennis Courts will be resurfaced during the week of May 22nd.

Don Hobbs said his crews have been working very hard on the infield at Suplizio Baseball Field. The infield is now sand based turf with an excellent drainage system. It is in excellent shape now and will improve

with age and sunshine.

Item 8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21. It will be held at 4:00 p.m. in order to have a parks tour with the City Council Members. At approximately 6:30 p.m. a dinner meeting will be held after the tour at the shelter in Lincoln Park between the tennis courts and club house.

New

Karen Madsen requested a thank you letter be sent to Marcia Klaas from the Board for her efforts in organizing the dedications for Riverside Park shelter and Sherwood Park walking path and tree planting program.

John Gormley requested a thank you letter be sent to the Dennis Teeters of the School District, athletic directors and baseball coaches for their cooperation in moving baseball games from Suplizio Field in order to reconstruct the infield.

Paula Andrews of the Arts Commission was introduced. John Gormley said he would like to see some art in Sherwood Park. Joe Stevens said we are working on getting some art at 12th and North Avenue. Joe said he would like to see an "Art in the Park" program established.

Item 9

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary