

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

August 16, 1995

Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 12:00 p.m.

Item 1 Roll Call

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

Members not present: Frank Dunn
Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby

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

Item 2 Minutes - July 12, 1995

The minutes were amended to commend Jamie Hamilton on a job well done as chairman of the board for the past year.

Dennis King moved and Dr. James seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended for July 12, 1995.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3 Public Comments - Junior Golf

Dale Doelling, Judi Marcella and Brenda Jens of the Junior Golf Association were introduced to the board.

Dale Doelling told the board that junior golf is very important to the children of the area and they want to make the program as viable as possible. He said they had a break down in communication between themselves and the golf course staff this year and they will try to communicate better in the future. He said they were upset when their play days were cut this year and feels their number of participants are down because of it. He wrote a letter to the council and Jamie Hamilton, but did not get a response. Doug Jones said he is not convinced that cutting the days are the reason for the decline in participants. Doug said everyone needs to try and make golf exciting and interesting for the kids.

Dale said the program will try to expand next year to other courses (possibly more tournaments) to lessen the burden on Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Golf Course. Dale said they need the cooperation of the Parks and Recreation Department. They are a self sustaining program and do not ask the department for money.

John Gormley asked Dale what the board could do for the program. Dale said the program just needs the cooperation of the board and department. Dale commended Jack Sommers and Dan Adams for their contribution to the program.

John Gormley thanked the Junior Golf Association and recommended that they work with Jack Sommers on the program and bring the information back to the board.

Item 4 Park Development Update

The minutes from the Canyon View Park development meeting on July 27 were distributed to the board. Joe Stevens reviewed the latest drawings of the park.

John Gormley said he is trying to set up an informal meeting with the County to share information about the park development and funding issues.

Item 5 Grand Valley Wave Request

Lynda said the Grand Valley Wave is in it's third year of operation and exceeding all of their expectations of growth. They would like to expand their 50 meter practice at Lincoln Park Pool and host a meet at Orchard Mesa next summer. Lynda said she has requested a proposal from the Dolphins for next year, but has not received it. She has also asked for participation numbers from both clubs, and is waiting for them. This issue will be rescheduled for the meeting in September so both swim clubs may be present.

Item 6 Correspondence

- a) "Recreation vs Reasonability" from Grand Valley Irrigation
- b) Letter to GMYSA from Parks Development Task Force
- c) Letter to Dennis Teeters regarding 24 & G Road
- d) Parks Development Task Force Minutes from 7/13/95
- e) Master Plan Cost Estimate Summary/Pending Projects
- f) Letter to Church of Jesus Christ L.D.S.
- g) Golf Survey for Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado
- h) Park Name Recommendation
- i) Letter to Mesa County Softball Association
- j) Letter to Mesa State College

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Item 8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20.

New George Distefano, Chairman of the Mesa County Softball Association presented a check for \$5,000 to the board for the Canyon View Softball Complex. George said they would try to donate more money in the future. The board thanked him for the donation.

He said the Softball Association may try to solicit a national tournament to be held in the new complex in 1997. The board and staff cautioned that the Softball Association may want to wait until 1998 to ensure the complex is complete and ready for play.

New Dr. James told the board the Riverfront's first priority is the bridge across from Orchard Mesa to the state park site. John Gormley said a meeting will be set up with the board, Riverfront Commission and State Parks to discuss why state parks does not want to build the park at the Mill Tailing Site, ask for financial help and the possibility of securing a parcel of land for the bridge and trail use.

Item 9 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary