

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

September 27, 1995

Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 11:45 a.m.

Item 1 Roll Call

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

Members not present: n/a

Staff present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Parks Manager
Shawn Cooper, Park Planner
Keri Bailey, Secretary

City Council present: Janet Terry

Item 2 Minutes - August 16, 1995

Dennis King moved and Jamie Hamilton seconded a motion to approve the minutes for August 16, 1995.
Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 Public Comments

John Gormley welcomed Janet Terry.

Item 4 Skateboard Park Discussion

Tom LeValley of the Grand Junction Jaycees informed the board that he has asked for \$27,000 from the Mesa County lottery funds, but has not been notified as to whether they were granted yet. Tom is also requesting \$27,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department C.I.P. Self Help Fund. He said Shawn Cooper has been working on potential locations for the skateboard park and he feels the best location is south of Sherwood Park. He said the area at Dixson Park is too small.

The land is owned by the city, but was voted to be sold by the city if desired.

The cost of the facility is estimated to be \$153,875.00. They have proposed two different phases. The first phase is \$58,325.00 and the second phase is \$95,550.00. Shawn Cooper said these estimates are for a high end park, and could be pared down.

The board asked if Dixson would still donate \$10,000 if the facility is at Sherwood. Tom said that Dixson first said they would donate \$10,000 and then changed to the idea of soliciting donations from other business to raise the money. Tom said he would ask them if they are still willing to do this with the site south of Sherwood. The board suggested the city may still be able to put a small skateboard area at Dixson if desired.

The board decided to delay a decision on the donation of \$27,000 from the C.I.P. Self Help Fund until they know if the County Lottery will donate \$27,000.

Keith Mumby moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to recommend the

city-owned land south of Sherwood Park as a skateboard park site to City Council.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 5 Impact Fees Discussion

Joe Stevens said the parks impact fees have \$225.00 per residential lot and 5% assessment for commercial and industrial development for many years. Shawn Cooper has been reviewing service areas.

Shawn told the board he put together a map of the city divided by neighborhoods. The map identifies existing, proposed and needed parks in each neighborhood. Based on this research and analysis, a fee of \$558.00 per dwelling unit is justified. The fee should be collected when the building permit is issued instead of when the subdivision is platted as is the current practice.

The amount was established by preparing estimates of the cost of acquisition and construction of typical neighborhood parks according to both city and national standards, and by establishing the number of dwelling units served by each park. In some instances it would be advantageous to utilize the funds as a reimbursement to a developer who might proceed with park related improvements in order to improve the marketability of the subdivision according to city specifications.

Janet Terry said it might be a good idea to contact Lou Grasso with the School District, who has been working on their impact fee. She also suggested presenting the parks impact fee to the homebuilders association. All of the board consented to meeting with the homebuilders association. A meeting will be scheduled in the future.

Item 6 Correspondence

- a) Letter regarding the Grand Mesa Slopes Project
- b) Letter to Great Outdoors Colorado
- c) Letter from Mesa State College in support of Canyon View
- d) Letters from Bureau of Reclamation

The board requested that a letter be drafted in response to these letters.

- e) Thank you note from Dessie Hill
- f) Letter from Mike Bambino, Youth Alternatives
- g) Canyon View Park Status Report #3
- h) Letter from Warren Turner in support of Matchett acquisition
- i) Letter to Ron Maupin regarding skateboard park
- j) City Council Capital Improvement Meeting Minutes

Item 7 Monthly Staff Reports

The board commended all of the Parks and Recreation Department on a job well done. They also complimented the Parks Division for the great job done on the planters downtown.

Item 8 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18.

New Joe Stevens presented a "past chairman" plaque to Jamie Hamilton in honor of his outstanding service as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

New Frank Dunn said he attended the Trend Benders Kick Off Meeting at the Saccomanno Education Center on Tuesday, September 5th. He said there was a major interest in arts and recreation. He and Lynda Lovern made a presentation to the arts/recreation subcommittee in a subsequent meeting.

He said he would like to invite Michelle Foster and Steve Ward to future Task Force meetings. The board asked Frank to serve as a liaison on the Trend Benders Committee.

Jamie Hamilton moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to appoint Frank Dunn as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board liaison to the Trend Benders Committee.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

New Joe Stevens said he is trying to set a date for a trip to the front range to look at other sports complexes similar to Canyon View. He will invite the City Council, Parks Development Task Force and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Item 9 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary