

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**October 25, 1995**

Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 11:50 a.m.

## **Item 1 Roll Call**

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

Members not present:           Frank Dunn  
  Keith Mumby

Staff present:                       Erik Joe Stevens, Director  
  Don Hobbs, Parks Manager  
  Shawn Cooper, Park Planner  
  Lynda Lovern, Recreation Superintendent  
  Rick Manchester, Recreation Supervisor  
  Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent  
  Jack Sommers, Head Golf Professional  
  Keri Bailey, Secretary

## **Item 2       Minutes -September 27, 1995**

Dennis King moved and Dr. James seconded a motion to approve the minutes for September 27, 1995.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

## **Item 3       Public Comments**

### **Grand Valley Wave Swim Club**

Nancy Langner, Chris Madrid, Janet Ryan and Marty Thrasher of the Grand Valley Wave introduced themselves to the board.

John Gormley said he read their letter and asked if one practice per week at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool would be workable. Nancy Langner said they are very happy with their pool time, but would like to have a two-hour practice at Lincoln Park on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, and Orchard Mesa the other four days of the week from 5:30-7:30 a.m.

Nancy said they have talked with the Dolphins about co-hosting a state meet, but the group would also like to host a two-day meet at Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool in 1996. They would like to have it the weekend after the Dolphin Invitational Meet or some time in June. She said their club is very capable of hosting a meet and they are being pressured by other swim clubs to have one.

Karen Madsen asked why swim clubs have meets. Nancy said they can be a big money maker if done right and the other swim clubs expect them to host meets.

Chris Madrid said the kids would like to compete in Grand Junction. They were not invited to the Dolphin Invitational this year which was really disappointing. Nancy said they have been told by the Dolphins they will be invited in the future.

Jamie Hamilton told the Wave that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is very sensitive to the needs of the swim clubs and encouraged them to be vocal in requesting another pool facility in the future.

John Gormley thanked the Wave and encouraged them to work out their differences and cooperate with the Dolphins.

### **Dolphin Swim Club**

Rick Hazelton and Larry Beckner of the Dolphin Swim Club introduced themselves to the board.

Larry Beckner said their first request is a new pool. The board told them to let their voices be heard and hopefully this can happen in the future.

The Dolphins are requesting the same pool time for practice in 1996, a Snowflake Meet at Orchard Mesa Pool the weekend of January 20 & 21 of 1996, the Dolphin Invitational Swim Meet July 5 at Orchard Mesa Pool and July 6, 7 Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool and the State Division I - 14 & under meet August 2, 3, 4 at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool. The Dolphins would like a five-year commitment for the Snowflake and Invitational Meets.

They would also like to host the Western Zone Meet in four years. The meet involves about 100 swimmers from all over the Western United States and would be a five-day format. The Dolphins need the board's support now, because they will have to bid on it soon.

Karen Madsen asked if there would be too many kids if the Dolphins and Wave both used Lincoln Park Pool for practice. Larry said the coaches like to keep their kids separated from other clubs during practice. He told the board that the Dolphins own the equipment for swim meets at the Lincoln Park Pool (lane lines, timing mechanisms, etc.). He said the lane lines are approximately \$800.00 a piece and the Dolphins have to charge more for their swim club to pay for the equipment.

John Gormley asked what the Dolphins would pay for the state meets. Larry said they will work something out with Lynda, but feel that \$3.00 - \$5.00 per swimmer should cover pool costs.

John Gormley asked why the Dolphins did not invite the Wave to their Invitational Swim Meet this year. Larry said they have had a lot of problems with the Wave. They have refused to be timers and clean up so they were not invited. Larry said he was not at the board meeting in which this decision was made and did not feel this was the proper thing to do. He said the meet is invitational and not all swim clubs in the state get invited.

Larry Beckner said the Dolphins are not able to use the pool at Fruita High School because they were shut out of it by the Wave.

John Gormley thanked the Dolphins and encouraged them to work with the Wave.

Lynda Lovern said staff would prepare a recommendation on swim club pool use for the board to act on at the November meeting.

**Item 4 Professional Services at Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Municipal Golf Courses**

The board discussed the contract with Jack Sommers for professional services at Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Golf Courses. John Gormley asked if anyone else has expressed an interest in providing these services, and if an evaluation should be done. Joe Stevens said that is one of the board's options and there may be people who are interested. Staff's recommendation is based on existing contract language and the performance of Sommers and his staff.

Dr. James moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jack R. Sommers, Inc. for Head Golf Professional Services at Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Golf Courses.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Doug Jones told the board that Jack had been selected Western Slope Merchandiser of the year.

**Item 5 Golf Course Survey Results**

Doug Jones said the survey results were valuable and gave the golf courses a direction on what areas need to be improved, services to offer and capital improvements to work on.

John Gormley asked if the golfers will be notified of the 4% increase in fees for 1996. Joe said a newsletter will be mailed out and they will be invited to the 11/15/95 PRAB Meeting.

**Item 6 Park Development Update**

Joe Stevens asked the board if they felt comfortable moving forward with the development of Canyon View Park after seeing the revised cost estimates. The board said they did feel comfortable with the new numbers and to proceed with the plans.

The board reviewed slides of soccer and softball facilities on the eastern slope.

**Item 7 Correspondence**

- a) Thank you letter from Colorado Horseshoe Pitchers Association
- b) Thank you letter from Greens regarding Lincoln Park Maintenance
- c) Letter from G.M.Y.S.A. regarding Canyon View
- d) Letter from Chamber of Commerce - new membership drive

**Item 8 Monthly Staff Reports**

The board did not have any questions about the monthly staff reports.

**Item 9 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 1995 at Mulligans (Tiara Rado).

**New Letter of support for pedestrian bridge**

John Gormley has been asked to write a letter in support of the pedestrian bridge connecting Orchard Mesa to the Riverfront.

**Legacy Projects**

Joe Stevens informed the board he has been meeting weekly with members of the Legacy Steering Committee. They have been working on a concept paper which will be submitted to Great Outdoors Colorado for Legacy Project consideration. He handed out a draft of the projects we have proposed which include requests for Watson Island Trail Project, Eagle Rim Park, Colorado River Pedestrian Bridge, Riverside Park Playground and Climax Mill Tailing Site.

Other potential project considerations are Confluence Point, Boat takeout on the Gunnison (by Fish Ladder), Jarvis property trail development, Riverside Park shelter, Cultural Arts performance area along the Riverfront Trail, Urban Trails (unspecified) connecting to riverfront, Matchett property (open space acquisition), Trail from Canyon View to Riverfront Trail, i.e., Blue Heron.

Joe said he would keep the board informed on this process.

**Skateboard Park**

Joe told the board that the City has an offer for the parcel of land they selected for the new skateboard park south of Sherwood. The issue will be taken to the City Council on Monday and they will decide whether to sell the land or keep it for a skateboard park.

**Acting Recreation Supervisor**

Joe Stevens introduced Rick Manchester who has been filling in for Ray Coca who has been out on disability leave since June 23, 1995.

**Item 9      Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey  
Administrative Secretary