

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

November 15, 1995

Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 12:05 p.m.

Item 1 Roll Call

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

Members not present: Karen Madsen
Keith Mumby

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

Item 2 Minutes - October 25, 1995

Dennis King moved and Dr. James seconded a motion to approve the minutes for October 25, 1995.
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3 Public Comments

No comments were made.

Item 4 1996/1997 Fees and Charges

Joe Stevens said the biggest change in the fees and charges policy for 1996 and 1997 is the reduction of pool fees. When the recreation center feasibility study was being conducted, it was discovered that we had some of the highest fees in the state. This year the department offered some dollar days at the waterslide and attendance increased without negatively impacting revenue.

Joe explained that last year extensive changes were made to the golf course fees to bring the revenues and expenditures in line. During this process last year fees were projected to increase 4% annually. The City Council agreed to pay for the 80 acres at Tiara Rado for golf course expansion which relieved the golf courses of approximately \$400,000 in debt and interest. With the new fees in place this year, the golf course revenues are at levels projected and some capital improvements have been budgeted for 1996 and 1997.

Joe said the recreation program fees have been listed according to ranges. This will allow the department to charge the appropriate fee for a program based on the service level provided and cost recovery.

John Gormley asked if there were any public comments.

Bill Dodd, 535 Kirby Lane, said he knows that Mesa County contributes lottery dollars for Orchard Mesa Pool and County funding for other various projects and wanted to know why County residents have to pay more for golf season tickets.

John Gormley explained that city residents pay city property taxes which at one time were used to purchase the golf courses and maintain them. Joe Stevens said the city owns the golf courses and the city council feels very strongly in the differential fees for county and city residents.

Bill Dodd asked why the senior season tickets were eliminated last year. Doug Jones said they were not eliminated, but changed to a "limited" category. Joe Stevens said this was done in order to give other people in the valley on a limited income an opportunity to purchase a season ticket. Bill Dodd said he feels they should be able to play on Fridays with a limited ticket. A.C. Corder said he has surveyed golf courses all over the state and 90% of them with limited tickets allow play on Fridays. Dr. James said you can play on Fridays after 2:00 p.m. daylight-saving time and 12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

Bill Dodd said the golf courses should offer discounts during the winter months because of the temporary greens. Doug Jones said winter play is harder on the course than in summer.

Bill Dodd started asking maintenance questions and John Gormley told him these issues should be discussed with staff at a different time.

Jamie Hamilton requested staff to compile statistics regarding play on Fridays and get back to the board. The board agreed they would look at this issue and may change the play time for a limited season ticket.

Dennis King moved and Dr. James seconded a motion to recommend the 1996/1997 fees and charges policy to city council. They directed staff to compile golf course statistics on Friday play and may amend this part of the policy at a later date.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 5 Swim team requests for 1996

a) Dolphins

Staff recommend that the Parks and Recreation Board accept:

The Snow Flake Meet January 20 and 21 at Orchard Mesa Pool for a fee of \$1.10/day/swimmer, five year request.

Dolphin Invitational Swim Meet July 5-6-7 (Friday at Orchard Mesa and Saturday and Sunday at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool) for a fee of \$1,000, five year request.

Division I State Swim Meet (14 and under) August 2-3-4 at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool for a fee of \$4.00/day/swimmer, one year request.

Practice schedule Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday, 5:30-8:15 a.m. at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool and Wednesday, 5:30-8:15 a.m. at Orchard Mesa Pool (schedule requires moving practice from Lincoln Park to Orchard Mesa on Wednesday); use of Lincoln Park Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-9 p.m. as available.

It was recommended use of Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool, May 28-June 6 and Orchard Mesa Pool, May 13-June 10, 3-5:30 p.m. be denied because it interferes with the public swim schedule.

John Gormley asked Pat Portice of the Dolphins if this was acceptable. He said it was, but they would like to use Lincoln Park Pool on Wednesday because it is their team day.

Pat Portice also asked the board if the Dolphins should pursue a western zone meet in four years. He said they could start the process and get more information back to the board for a formal decision. Lynda Lovern asked Pat if they would consider giving up some of their other meets in that year. Pat said he would ask the board. The board asked Pat to check into it and get more information back to them.

b) Wave

Staff recommended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approve practice from 5:30-7:30 a.m. at Orchard Mesa Pool on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at Lincoln Park Pool on Wednesday.

Tentatively approve hosting a meet at Orchard Mesa Pool for \$1.10/day/swimmer providing a date is available on the United States Swim calendar.

John Gormley asked Nancy Langner of the Wave if this was acceptable. She said it was and they would be willing to use Lincoln Park Pool on Tuesday if this was acceptable. Pat Portice said Tuesday would be fine.

The board thanked the Dolphins and Wave for working together.

Item 6 Skateboard Park Update

Joe Stevens said a public meeting is scheduled Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Two Rivers Convention Center. Residents from both Sherwood and Westlake have been invited. City Council has tentatively agreed to utilize the land south of Sherwood Park as a skateboard park. They have given the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and staff 30 days to solicit public comment, analyze the site and make a recommendation.

The city has received an offer for the site south of Sherwood and this person has also offered to donate money for a skateboard park at another location.

Westlake residents would like to see the Buthorne Drain property developed into a park and may be willing to have the skateboard park located there.

Item 7 Correspondence

- a) Letter to golfers regarding survey and proposed fee increases
- b) Memo to persons living along the recreational canal study area regarding meetings on 11/13 and 11/15
- c) Mesa County Softball Association Minutes - October 27, 1995
- d) Letter to Mayor Maupin requesting a local park or street be named after Abe Karp
- e) Letter from Grand Mesa Youth Soccer Association regarding Canyon View Park
- f) Thank you to Tom Ziola from Chris Bish
- g) Letter to Grand Junction Lions supporting the Riverfront Commission's grant application for Orchard Mesa pedestrian bridge

- h) Letter from Keith Haien regarding errant golf balls at Tiara Rado Golf Course
- I) Thank you letter to Gobbo Family for hosting "The Great Pumpkin Hunt"
- j) Letter from Orchard Mesa Middle School in support of the Orchard Mesa pedestrian bridge

Item 8 Monthly Staff Reports

Dr. James thanked the staff for their monthly reports. He said it really helps to keep them informed and be able to answer questions.

Item 9 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at the D.D.A. Building (233 South 5th, 5th and Ute).

Item 10 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Bailey
Administrative Secretary