

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

May 15, 1996

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Not Present: Frank Dunn

Staff Present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Asst. Director
Shawn Cooper, Park Planner
Lynda Lovern, Recreation Supervisor
Rick Manchester, Recreation Supervisor
Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin. Secretary
Kerin Kelly, Recreation Leader I, Older American Center

Guests: Nancy Terrill, Wingate Elementary School PTA
Rachel Bliss, President, Older American Center

Item 2 Minutes -- April 17, 1996

Karen Madsen moved and Jamie Hamilton seconded a motion to approve the April 17, 1996, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Item 4 Park and Facility Names

A. Name the Park Contest -- 324 South Camp Road (Wingate)

Nancy Terrill presented an overview of the "Name the Park Contest" for the city owned park land adjacent to Wingate Elementary School. The PTA organized the event and all classes (450 students) participated in the contest along with issuing flyers to 300 nearby residents. Several names were suggested, but "Wingate Park" was chosen.

The PTA recently held a yard sale and raised an additional \$2,000 to add to the \$1,200 already raised through their "pennies for the park" fund drive. In addition, the project was awarded a \$30,000 grant from Mesa County. Additional grant requests have been made to Lions Club and Kiwanis with no word at present on award.

The PTA's current funds will go to purchase playground equipment for use by the elementary age school kids. Future development of the site will include equipment catering to the preschool age children. The Parks Department may assist with the installation of the playground equipment later this summer.

The City of Grand Junction will need a letter of agreement from School District 51 stating specifics on the care, maintenance and development of the park/school site.

Karen Madsen moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to accept the name “Wingate Park” for the city owned property located at 324 South Camp Road, and to forward this recommendation to City Council for final approval.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

B. Rename the Older American Center, Inc. to Senior Recreation Center

Kerin Kelley, Recreation Leader I and Rachel Bliss, President, Older American Center stated that the membership voted 60 to 15 to change the name of the Center to “Senior Recreation Center”. The membership feels this is a better reflection of the Center and will encourage additional members to join and participate in the numerous activities offered.

Lynn James moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to approved the name change for the Older American Center, Inc. to “Senior Recreation Center” and forward this recommendation to the City Council for final approval.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

Item 5 Lincoln Park Administration Office Remodel

Joe Stevens thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their support of the Parks Administration office addition. City Council did approve the office project and work should begin in June.

Item 6 Park Project Updates

A. Legacy Project Update

The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Legacy Grant request included \$11.4 million dollars in proposed park projects and improvements. Presentations to the GOCO Board have taken place and an announcement should be made before the end of May.

GOCO has submitted a recommendation for signage to be used at park sites that were improved with GOCO funding.

B. Canyon View Park Update

Canyon View Park construction is progressing nicely. The soils are performing better than predicted and the warm, dry, weather has been good for this phase of construction.

City Council would like to join the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for an on-site visit to Canyon View prior to a Council workshop. Monday, June 3, 1996, 5:00 p.m. has been tentatively scheduled.

Item 7 Correspondence

No comments.

Item 8 Staff Reports

No comments.

New Business

- A. Shawn Cooper, Park Planner, updated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on West Lake Skate Park progress. Joe and Shawn attended a presentation Friday, May 10 at UTEC. The students presented their equipment designs and UTEC will extend their school year to get the project done. The students will be using materials on hand and will only charge for additional expenses. Gene Taylor will be selling a piece of skateboard equipment to the Grand Junction Jaycees for less than half the original price.

Mike Blackburn, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, had previously committed \$5,000 toward the construction of a skate park facility. Don spoke with Mr. Blackburn and the \$5,000 will be forwarded this week.

- B. Lottery/GOCO assisted with the funding of the Columbine Park upgrade project and the project is now complete (playground and surface material). The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like to combine a celebration in the park with one of the City Council's Ice Cream Socials.
- C. Doug Jones, Golf Course Superintendent, reported the Ponderosa Pines are doing poorly at Lincoln Park. The deterioration may be due to salts or the decline may be associated with the change from potable to irrigation water. The greens at Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado are in good shape.
- D. The Parks Development Task Force will need to meet and discuss Canyon View Park Phase II. The conceptual design for Phase II included four additional softball fields. Sam Suplizio has requested that the Task Force consider the possibility of modifying the design to include a new baseball facility which will assist with the overuse which currently exists at Suplizio Field. JUCO has pledged a substantial amount of money toward the development of a baseball facility and along with pending commitments from the Colorado Rockies Organization (\$75,000) and various agencies, Sam feels \$.5 million in donations are a strong possibility.

Ciavonne and Associates and Western Engineers have been asked to work on some preliminary estimates for the construction of the facility.

The Parks Development Task Force will meet May 23, 7:00 a.m. in Two Rivers Convention Center to discuss development options.

Item 10 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee
Sr. Administrative Secretary

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