

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

June 20, 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  
Frank Dunn  
Karen Madsen  
Keith Mumby

Members Not Present: Dennis King

Parks/Rec Staff Present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director  
Don Hobbs, Asst. Director  
Shawn Cooper, Park Planner  
Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent  
Lynda Lovern, Recreation Supervisor  
Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin. Secretary

City Staff Present: Dan Wilson, City Attorney  
Kathy Portner, Acting Community Development Director

Guests: Larry Beckner, Grand Junction Dolphins  
Pat Kennedy, Riverfront Commission  
Bob Cron, Riverfront Commission

**Item 2 Minutes -- May 15, 1996**

Jamie Hamilton moved and Lynn James seconded a motion to approve the May 15, 1996, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

**Item 3 Public Comment**

A. Request by Grand Junction Dolphins to adjust the per swimmer fee for August swim meet.

Colorado Swimming Inc. reviewed the proposed fees for the August meet (\$4.00/swimmer/day for the 3-day meet) and felt the rates were too high. The agency would like the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to reconsider the fee structure and adopt an \$8.00/person/3-day meet or \$5.00/person/single event. The Dolphins expect 400-450 swimmers to participate in the meet with many coming from out of town.

Lynn James moved and Frank Dunn seconded a motion to accept the proposal to adjust the fee for the Division I State Meet in the amount of \$8.00/swimmer/meet or \$5.00/swimmer/1 event and continue negotiations for future use fees.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

B. Renaming of Hawthorne Park to “Karp Park”

Muzz Ebright, Bob Stringer, Rosella Coles, and Bobbie Hoff present. Muzz Ebright presented a letter to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board requesting the renaming of Hawthorne Park to “Abe’s Park”. Family and friends feel Abe Karp deserves to be memorialized in this way for his lifetime of service to the community.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed that some type of memorial would be more appropriate and could be placed in Hawthorne Park but do not wish to rename Hawthorne Park or any facility. The Board would like staff to present additional information along with a recommendation, at the July 17 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

**Item 4 Discussion Items**

A. Trails West Village --South Camp Road--Land Dedication in Lieu of Parks Open Space Fee

Brian Stilwell, Trails West Developer, has asked the City to allow a credit toward the open space fee requirement for the canal trail included in the subdivision. The developer will provide access to the trail system (Colinas del Valle) from the housing development.

This is not an action item only informational and is presently being reviewed by the Planning Department.

B. Prohibition of Dogs in Canyon View Park

Mayor Linda Afman requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consider prohibiting dogs in Canyon View Park. It would be preferable to have a policy in place prior to the opening of the facility instead of changing at a later time.

At present, dogs are restricted from certain areas (i.e., Stocker Stadium) but are not restricted totally from other city parks. The maintenance crews have noticed some success with the placement of the new “pick-up bag” dispensers in the parks.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like staff to present a recommendation at the July 17 Board meeting.

C. Private Golf Carts on Municipal Courses

Periodically, staff receives requests to permit privately owned golf carts on the municipal courses. There are concerns with allowing the private carts including, but not limited to, who fixes or moves cart if it breaks down on the course, liability, parking, storage and the current contract for providing carts at Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed to continue with the current policy prohibiting private carts on the courses.

D. Commemorative Trees “Grove of Patriots”

A verbal request was made to start a program which commemorates current and past public officials for their service to the community. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board suggested the creator of the program work with the Forestry Board and their plans for an arboretum then submit a formal request to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

## **Item 5 Park Project Updates**

### **E. Canyon View Park**

A tour of the Canyon View Park construction project is scheduled for July 11 and July 12. Interested individuals may attend either tour to get a first hand look at the construction project.

The Gates Foundation is interested in possible funding participation in a soccer complex and Grand Mesa Youth Soccer will be submitting a grant request. If sufficient funds are secured, the south area of Canyon View (originally part of phase II) will be revisited to determine the possibility of constructing the three additional multi-purpose fields.

### **F. GOCO Legacy Update**

The 12 member steering committee for the GOCO Legacy project will meet June 21 to prioritize projects identified to fit within the funding allocation.

## **Item 6 Correspondence**

- A. City Council approved the Winston Associates contract amendment to modify phase II of the park master plan to include a baseball facility. Paul Kuhn will be in Grand Junction June 25 to meet with staff and Sam Suplizio on the project.
- B. Letter from Yuelin Willett - Little Park Reserve  
Keith Mumby participated in a hike with staff to see the Little Park Reserve area. Keith Mumby stated that this is a magnificent piece of property and feels it's an opportunity that we (the City) cannot pass up. According to Dan Wilson, City Attorney, there isn't a liability issue if it is left natural, no improvements. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like staff to present at recommendation at the July 17 meeting.
- C. Letter from Dennis P O'Meara. Dennis O'Meara is interested in bringing a semi-pro baseball team to Grand Junction. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is not involved in.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting, JULY 17, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee  
Sr. Administrative Secretary

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