

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

August 15, 1996

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: John Gormley
 Jamie Hamilton
 Karen Madsen
 Frank Dunn

Members Not Present: Dennis King
 Dr. Lynn James
 Keith Mumby

Staff Present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director
 Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
 Doug Jones, Golf Course Superintendent
 Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin. Secretary

Guests: Phil Rogers, Arts Commission
 Pat Kennedy, Riverfront Commission-Urban Trails Committee
 Gary and Ada Duke, Ducarski, Inc.

Item 2 Minutes -- July 18, 1996

Jamie Hamilton moved and Frank Dunn seconded a motion to approve the July 18, 1996, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.
Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Item 4 Urban Trails Canal Feasibility Study Overview

Pat Kennedy updated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the progress being made by the Canal Feasibility Committee. The open house was a success and over 100 draft copies were given out at the meeting. So far, 51 written comments have been received (deadline 8/16) and only 2 were unfavorable.

The committee has had three legal opinions regarding the use of the canal banks for trails; Dan Wilson, City Attorney, and Bureau of Reclamation legal staff, agree that the use of the canal banks is permissible but Grand Valley Highline Canal attorneys disagree.

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Currently, the committee is addressing who owns the adjoining property and obtaining easements when necessary. This project is a long term project and some of the obstacles are similar to those encountered during the Riverfront trail project. Under consideration is the construction of a trail section through Matchett Park as pilot project.

Item 5 Concession Agreement at Tiara Rado

Gary and Ada Duke have been the concessionaires at Tiara Rado since it opened in 1991. The concessionaire agreement expires December 31, 1996. The Parks and Recreation Department has received calls from interested parties inquiry as to the opportunity to submit proposals for the operation of the facility. As a public agency and based on the short history of the Tiara Rado facility, it is probably in the City's best interest to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) and Proposals (RFP).

The Duke's would like to request adjustments in the contract that would change the termination date to after the summer season (October). This change will coincide with the Ducarski's 3.2 beer license.

Jamie Hamilton moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to remove Ducarski's 30-day notice of contract termination and recommends that the City of Grand Junction draft a contract extension for Ducarski, Inc. that will continue their services from January 1, 1997 through September 30, 1997. Additionally, recommend that the City initiate a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and/or Request for Proposals (RFP) process so that by the 1st quarter of 1997, the City and the Concessionaire at Tiara Rado will have ample time to provide for a smooth transition (if one is to occur).

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 6 Park Project Updates

A. Canyon View Park

The ponds at Canyon View Park are filling and it is estimated the ponds will hold 9 million gallons of water. The seeding for the softball and soccer fields will begin by September 15.

B. Colorado River Greenway Legacy Grant Project List Update

The most pressing item on the list of projects is the Orchard Mesa pedestrian bridge and trail. The Colorado Division of Fish and Wildlife's review comments stated they did not want people on the river and were opposed to the project. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell's office was contacted to assist with the "red tape" so that necessary permits can be issued and work can proceed.

C. Bureau of Land Management - Little Park Reserve

The acquisition of the Bang's Canyon/Little Park Reserve area have the necessary endorsements to proceed with the transfer. The next phase of the acquisition will require the City to have a formal management plan for the area. The City could utilize the Bang's Canyon management plan, which is currently being formulated, with modifications where required. The individuals working on the management plan should continue to provide input. Keith Mumby has been a key player for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and is doing a great job.

New Items

Phase II - Canyon View Park Baseball Facility

At Monday's (August 19) City Council workshop, a presentation will be made to the council requesting \$200,000 toward the construction of a baseball facility in Canyon View Park. Sam Suplizio has been able to solicit \$530,000 in donations and is working on an additional \$200,000 grant.

Parks staff have scheduled public open houses, August 27, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and August 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Two Rivers Convention Center to review phase II of Canyon View Park.

Karen Madsen moved and Frank Dunn seconded a motion supporting the Parks Development Task Force's recommendation to include a baseball field within Canyon View Park, but request that the city keep its options open with regard to the development of the remainder of the park including the addition of two additional softball fields or multipurpose (i.e., football, soccer) fields.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 7 Correspondence

No Comments

Item 8 Staff Reports

General comments:

- A. Tiara Rado golf course looks great and is in good condition.
- B. Have received good comments on Duck Pond and Sherwood Park
- C. Scheduling the Dolphin Swim Meet on a holiday weekend, not the fee, may have contributed to the drop in participants.
- D. Darla Jean's playground is complete.

Item 9 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee
Sr. Administrative Secretary