

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

October 17, 1996

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

Roll Call

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

Members Not Present: Dr. Lynn James
Keith Mumby

Staff Present: Erik Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Assistant Director
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent
Shawn Cooper, Park Planner
Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin. Secretary

Guests: Eileen List, Persigo Lab
Russ Walker, Mesa State College
Larry Mason -- Little League
Rick Topper -- Little League
Irene Green -- Little League

Item 2 Minutes -- September 27, 1996

Karen Madsen moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to approve the September 27, 1996, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

Little League Request.

Grand Junction and Montrose are members of the Colorado District I Little League program providing baseball and softball to children 5-15. The 4,200+ kids currently participating in the local leagues reflects a steady increase comparable to what School District 51 is experiencing. The five local programs (Grand Mesa, Monument, Orchard Mesa, Palisade and Fruita) are at, or near capacity for play/practice times and the goal of the organization is to construct a new facility.

Monument Little League will be improving their facility to meet ADA standards and provide a new "Challenge Division" for handicapped kids. Funds are begin secured at this time in order to have construction complete for spring, 1997 play.

District I Little League would like the City of Grand Junction to consider allocating approximately 10 acres of the 103 acre Climax Mill site to Little League and to include their facility in the design master plan scheduled for 1997.

Presently, the City of Grand Junction does not have a funding source for the development of this site. The Little League organization would seek funds for the construction of a new Little League facility if land could be dedicated.

District I Little League representatives will be invited to participate in the master planning process for the Climax Mill site.

Item 4 Concessionaire Contract for Tiara Rado Golf Course

At the August 15, 1996, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, Gary and Ada Duke, Ducarski, Inc., requested an extension on the existing contract modifying the expiration date from December 31, 1996, to October 31, 1997. The Duke's have secured concessionaire agreements with the Elks and Freeway Bowl and have given notice that they will let the current contract expire in December

A Request for Proposal, RFP, will be published in the Daily Sentinel this week and the proposals will be reviewed in November.

Item 5 1997 Golf Course Fees and Charges

Jamie Hamilton moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion accepting staff's recommendation to increase all fees 4% except the front end costs on season tickets.

Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 6 Blue Heron Lake Study

Eileen List and Russ Walker serve on the Blue Heron Advisory Committee which is evaluating the existing problems at Blue Heron Lake and the best course of action to correct it. Blue Heron Lake (10 acres) is City property and is part of the Riverfront Trail network. The lake should be an amenity not a liability. The City is responsible for the maintenance so decisions must be made on issues relating to the "fish kill", chemicals from nearby City Market warehouse, and the future of the lake.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like to be kept informed by staff on the progression of events at Blue Heron Lake.

Item 7 Park Project Updates

- A. Canyon View Park construction continues with several change order requests currently under review. Many favorable comments were received at the two Sunday afternoon open houses and hay rides around the site.

New Items

Lighting at Suplizio Baseball Field -

The current lighting at Suplizio Baseball Field has 85' poles and initial light levels at 100 foot candles in the infield and 70 foot candles in the outfield. The new light system uses 100' poles with light levels at 139 foot candles in the infield and 70 in the outfield. Sam Suplizio has requested that the City replace the existing poles with the new and move the old poles to Canyon View Park.

The \$250,000 estimate does not include any significant structural modifications which may be required to add the height nor does it include any upgrades to the current electrical system. Timing of the project is critical so as not to have an impact on the current users of the facility, namely Mesa State and School District 51. Additionally, the City does not have budgeted funds for this project. Mesa State and School District 51 have not identified funds or indicated a desire to participate in lighting improvements at Suplizio Field.

Item 8 Correspondence

No Comment

Item 9 Staff Reports

No Comment

Item 10 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee
Sr. Administrative Secretary