

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

April 17, 1997

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman John Gormley at 12 noon.

Roll Call

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

Members Not Present: Frank Dunn
 Keith Mumby

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

Guests: Phil Rogers, Art Commission

Item 2 Minutes -- March 20,1997

Dennis King moved and Lynn James seconded a motion to approve the March 20, 1997, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.
Approved: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Appointments

Frank Dunn submitted his resignation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Karen Madsen's and Keith Mumby's terms also expire in May leaving the possibility of three openings on the Advisory Board. Letters of interest must be submitted to the City Council for review. A formal notice of vacancy will be posted and published in May for (re)appointment effective June 1997.

B. Trend Benders/Healthy Community 2000 - presented by Donna Crouch, St. Mary's Hospital

Healthy Community 2000 is a community wide effort which began four years ago to assure Mesa County continued to be a good place to live. A health assessment of the entire county was conducted and Trend Bender groups were formed to address the five key areas: 1) Mental Health, 2) Recreation, 3) Teen Pregnancy, 4) Transportation and 5) Affordable Housing.

The named groups have worked on the specific issues over the past three years and feel it is time to re-assess the areas outlined. St. Mary's hospital is matching a \$48,000 Colorado Trust grant for the reassessment of the community. The group is seeking input via "vision statements" from as many individuals and representative organizations as possible.

Item 4 Park Project Updates

Canyon View Park is progressing nicely. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 a.m. to discuss the grand opening ceremonies with a tentative date set for July 26, 1997.

- Westlake Skatepark should be open mid-May. There will be a meeting on Friday with users of the facility to discuss rules and regulations.
- Riverside playground is close to completion.
- Sherwood playground is done and seeing a lot of activity.
- The basketball pad is complete in Paradise Hills. There are some neighbors who do not like the location of the basketball court and Joe will be meeting with the Paradise Hills Homeowners Association.
- Interviews with potential master plan consultants for the Climax Mill site are scheduled for Thursday, April 24.
- Lincoln Park restroom remodel is complete with new fixtures, wall panels and partitions.
- The Suplizio Field lighting project will begin this month. PIAB authorized \$257,000 for the replacement of the existing lights at the field. Construction should begin in July.
- The Lincoln Park tennis courts have had recurring surfacing problems. The cracking may be a result of the high water table. The contractor is working with the City to pinpoint the problem(s) and identify alternatives.
- The Riverfront trail section from the bridge west to 5th Street, is out for bid.
- Lincoln Park playground bid was awarded April 16. Construction will begin mid/late-May and should be complete by July 4.

Item 5 Correspondence

- E. Letter from Nicholas R Genova - Request for Free Day at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool
The Parks and Recreation Department received a request for a Free Day in honor of the Moyer's and their donation of the original Lincoln Park Pool. Currently, the pool is free to kids 17 and under every Wednesday from Memorial Day through the Labor Day weekend. An additional free day is certainly possible and can be made in the form of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation along with a report on financial impact on the operation to the City Council for consideration. The Board asked staff to draft a letter thanking Mr. Genova for his April 18, 1997, letter, emphasizing the importance of the Moyer contribution. The department will pay tribute to the spirit of the Moyer's by recognizing this city's heritage with free day every Wednesday from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Item 6 Monthly Staff Reports

No comment.

Item 7 Next meeting - May 22, 1997 (Please note change from 3rd to 4th Thursday)

No Comment

Item 8 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee
Sr. Administrative Secretary
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