

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

October 16, 1997

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman Dennis King at 11:55 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dennis King
Karen Madsen
Dr. Lynn James
Katie Kaufmanis

Members Not Present: John Gormley
Jamie Hamilton
Lena Elliott

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

Guests: Jeanne Killgore, Commission on Arts & Culture

Item 2 Minutes -- September 18, 1997

Karen Madsen moved and Katie Kaufmanis seconded a motion to approved the September 18, 1997, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

Jeanne Killgore commented on the Old Mill Bridge and how nice the trail is for the users. The width of the trail is ideal for all users and the path was quite busy. The bridge and trail are an asset to the community and adding art to the trail will be great but there is concern about vandalism.

Item 4 Two Rivers Convention Center

Two Rivers Convention Center has had a policy in place prohibiting the use of outside catering sources. As a result of the recent focus groups along with problems at a recent event, the idea of allowing outside catering at the facility may be worthy of consideration. The handling of all liquor would continue to be taken care of by Two Rivers. Staff would establish a new fee structure for the users of the facility that would allow use of in-house catering versus outside catering.

Along with the recommendation by the focus groups, the Community Hospital Gala ran into some problems with the service and staff believes it appropriate to take a look at the outside catering option and requests a change for the 1998 Community Hospital Gala should they decide to use Two Rivers Convention Center.

The fees and charges policy will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the November meeting and since Two Rivers Convention Center operates as an enterprise fund, fees would have to be established to maintain the current revenue level.

Karen Madsen moved and Lynn James seconded a motion recommending alternative #1 which supports the concept of permitting an outside caterer for the 1998 Community Hospital Gala if the Community Hospital Foundation Board elects to hold the event at Two Rivers.

Approved: Yes 4 No 0

Item 5 RNL Master Plan Discussion

Leslie Bethel, RNL, stated that their process began approximately 2 months ago with a site visit. The site visit allowed RNL the opportunity to view plant materials, wildlife, drainage, and the connections to downtown and Orchard Mesa. Area residents were contacted along with the D.O.E. and the base analysis was put together. Potential uses of the property were identified and incorporated into the preliminary plans.

The public meetings today will allow RNL to obtain additional information to incorporate into the final master plan. RNL will return to Grand Junction in a few weeks to show the results of the public meetings and then it will be approximately two months before the final product is complete.

Item 6 Capital Improvement Project Discussion

The City of Grand Junction is currently in the middle of the budget process and the information has not been formally presented to City Council. The Parks Department had several projects moved during the balancing process.

Funding for park projects in the immediate future (i.e., Eagle Rim Park) is tight.

The Board was pleased with what they have been able to accomplish so far with Canyon View and other park improvements.

Item 7 Park Project Update

RBI continues to work on the baseball and soccer fields at Canyon View and they are progressing nicely.

With some of the planned park projects complete or near completion, it is recommended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board review projects and possibly re-prioritize projects for future development.

Item 8 Monthly Staff Reports

No comment.

Item 9 Correspondence

No comment.

New Item

Questions have been raised regarding the placement of memorial trees in parks and more specifically, Canyon View Park. In the past, the Department has allowed the placement of memorial trees in parks. The family paid for the tree and the Department ordered and paid for the plaque. The number of memorial tree requests have increased.

The Department will recommend, through the 1998/1999 fees and charges policy, a \$350 fee for a memorial tree and plaque/marker for placement in a park. This program could double the number of trees planted in the park system. The Department would have the authority on placement in a particular park or park area.

Meeting adjourned, 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee
Sr. Administrative Secretary
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