

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

December 18, 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
John Gormley
Jamie Hamilton
Lena Elliott

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

Guests: Jack Scott, City Council
Ted Ciavonne, Ciavonne & Associates

Item 2 Minutes -- November 20, 1997

John Gormley moved and Lena Elliott seconded a motion to approve the November 20, 1997, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

None

Item 4 Discuss Fees & Charges Relating to Annual JUCO Tournament (per City Council Request)

Jack Scott stated that the City Council had discussions regarding the increases in the 1998/1999 Fees and Charges Policy and more specifically, the changes to Mesa State College and School District 51 for use of the baseball field however, JUCO's fee did not change. City Council has requested that this item be reviewed.

The City of Grand Junction subsidizes Stadium operations approximately \$250,000 annually. The philosophy has been that City benefits from residuals events such as JUCO generate (i.e., hotel, retail, etc.) and this offsets some of the costs associated with the event. Additionally, JUCO has been generous to the City of Grand Junction with the donation of significant capital improvement dollars for upgrades to the stadium facility.

Lena Elliott moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to revise the daily fee for the annual JUCO tournament from \$350 per day to \$400 per day.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 5 Review Park Master Plan for Las Colonias Park

Ted Ciavonne, Ciavonne and Associates, stated that the master plan process is on-going and the design team would like direction from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the plans' direction. The design process takes into account comments regarding placement of amenities, roadways and access while maintaining and enhancing the natural wetlands area.

Item 5 Review Park Master Plan for Las Colonias Park (continued)

When Winston and Associates did the original master plan of the park site, it was for 40 acres. This was going to be the portion the city would acquire. Since that time, the City has acquired the entire 103 acre parcel. This acreage was acquired after the Task Force's original overall park development plan was established. In addition, the new trail, pedestrian bridge and the Botanical Gardens have been constructed.

The Downtown Development Authority committed \$7,500 in seed money toward the \$22,000 master plan with GOCO Legacy paying the balance. The DDA has a vested interest in the development of the area and has participated in the preliminary planning process. Public meetings and planning sessions were held to solicit desired program elements for the park.

Alternative #2 was generally passive with roadway, amphitheater and nature markers

Alternative #1 included amphitheater, buildings/structures, roadway and nature markers

The Board would like to review this issue in more detail at the retreat in January. Lena Elliott would like to see commercial integrated into the design and overall plan. The Riverfront Commission would also like to review the design prior to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endorsement.

Lena Elliott moved and Jamie Hamilton seconded a motion to place this item on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board retreat agenda in January.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 6 Update on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) regarding Westlake Park, Eagle Rim and Two Rivers Convention Center

City Council adopted the 1998-1999 budget which includes some modifications to the Parks Capital Improvement Program. The City Council added \$200,000 for landscaping and restrooms at Westlake Park; \$150,000 in 1998 for the design of Eagle Rim Park, \$650,000 in 1999 for phase I and \$450,000 in 2002 for phase II; \$100,000 for the Two Rivers Convention Center Study with a \$100,000 match by the Downtown Development Authority and \$2,250,000 for improvements to Two Rivers in 2002.

Jamie Hamilton moved and Lena Elliott seconded a motion to transfer operation and maintenance of Two Rivers Convention Center to the Downtown Development Authority.

Some members of the Board were not comfortable "throwing" large sums of money at Two Rivers Convention Center and if the City has \$2 million, would like to leverage toward a Recreation Center or a new Convention Center.

Jamie Hamilton withdrew his motion and this issue will be discussed at the January retreat.

Item 7 Identify a Date and Agenda Topics for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Retreat

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will hold a retreat January 15, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Location will be announced.

Item 8 Monthly Staff Reports

No comment.

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Item 9 Correspondence

No comment.

Item 10 Next Meeting - January 15, 1998

Item 11 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned, 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Woodmansee
Sr. Administrative Secretary

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