

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **February 19, 1998**

### **Item 1 Called to order by Vice Chair Lena Elliott at 11:35 a.m.**

Roll Call

Board Members Present:                   Lena Elliott  
  Karen Madsen  
  Dr. Lynn James  
  Katie Kaufmanis  
  John Gormley  
  Jamie Hamilton

Board Members Absent:                   Dennis King

Staff Present:                                Don Hobbs, Asst Director  
  Shawn Cooper, Park Planner  
  Doug Jones, Golf Course Superintendent  
  Lynda Lovern, Recreation Supervisor

Guests:                                        Jeanne Killgore, Arts Commission

### **Item 2 Minutes -- January 30, 1998**

Lynn James moved and Katie Kaufmanis seconded a motion to approve the January 30, 1998, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

### **Item 3 Public Comment**

None.

### **Item 4 Tiara Rado Driving Range**

Lena Elliott stated some confusion on why this item is being brought the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board had a meeting to discuss priorities that were Canyon View and Eagle Rim Parks and now the Board is voting on a driving range at Tiara Rado.

Doug Jones stated that funding for the driving range would be a loan from the City to be repaid over time with golf revenue only. The driving range project does not affect the park priorities and park project funding from the City's general fund or capital dollars. Golf will generate the revenue to cover all expenses related to the development of the driving range. If the projections identified in the business plan are not met, expansion fund dollars will be used.

Lyn James moved and Jamie Hamilton seconded a motion to accept the driving range proposal and forward the recommendation to City Council.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

### **Item 5 Grand Valley Wave Swim Club**

**Representative: Nancy Langner, Grand Valley Wave**

The Grand Valley Wave is requesting a second swim meet at the Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool for their Western Slope Championship. This meet will close the Orchard Mesa Pool 3 days in July (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). The Western Slope Championship Meet would include all of the teams on the Western Slope for an end of season meet. Western Slope Zone 4 requested this meet to be held and

participants include all the children who have not previously qualified for swim meets. The location will be moved year to year around the Western Slope.

John Gormley moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to allow the West Slope Championship Meet to be held at the Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool July 1998.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

## **Item 6 Use of Canyon View Park**

### **Representatives: John Leane and Larry Lefebre**

John Leane and Larry Lefebre are requesting the use of the entire Canyon View Park Sports Complex for a sports rendezvous festival in July. John and Larry would like to create an event comparable to the park itself and one which highlights the park and its facilities (softball, baseball, soccer). The event will take place in mid-July and the group would like this to be an annual event.

The issues involved include the request to start games after 9:00 p.m. on Friday night, beer sales in the park (currently negotiating with the Maverick Booster Club), and a concert Saturday night (Partners would be the beneficiary). The event will be staffed using non-profit organizations for workers and payment would be made directly to the non-profit organization.

There are several activities planned on Saturday which will be open for all participants (non-tournament activities) including a children's carnival, volleyball, softball, baseball, and soccer. There will be an entry fee for teams participating in the tournament and this would cover expenses for the park use fee.

Lynn James stated concern about the continued use of the entire park. John Leane would like "right of first refusal" for the same weekend each year. In order to garner support and participation, a specific weekend must be established ahead of time.

John Leane suggested that during the month of January, all facilities and their users from the previous year, have first right of refusal on facility. If confirmations on dates are not received by January 31, the facility/dates would be open to the public.

Don Hobbs stated that the Parks Department policy allows 1 year advance reservation only. But, on long standing events such as JUCO, Book Fair, Circus, etc., the Department will block the area and review annually.

The department does not currently have a concessionaire for the facility. A concessionaire would have right of first refusal when providing products at a facility. As far as soft goods (T-shirts, memorabilia, etc.), the items would be subject to the Department's policy regarding business use of a park and would be required to pay 15% of gross on all sales. A sales tax license would be required through the City's Sales Tax Division.

Food service/concessions within the park will be negotiated. Canyon View, was designed to allow portables at the soccer area. The contract would require the concessionaire to provide service to the soccer area. The concessionaire would/could allow a group to bring in items as a fund raiser but all items would have to be approved by the concessionaire.

The concessionaire contract has not been bid yet. The Department has not had difficulty in the past with concessionaires allowing outside groups to come in and sell their items (i.e., swim meets, Circus).

Lena stated that tennis would like better service than what the concessionaire may provide and not allow them to dictate set-up and delivery of items. The Board would like involvement in the general rules behind the concessionaire contract along with the special event use of parks/facilities.

Regarding the issue of games starting after 9:00 p.m. (Canyon View only), the Board was in favor. Regarding beer sales in the park, a special events permit would be required.

Jamie Hamilton moved and Katie Kaufmanis seconded a motion to approve the reservation of Canyon View for the Sports Rendezvous Festival. The permit will allow games to start after 9:00 p.m. at Canyon View Park and to allow the group to proceed in obtaining a special event liquor license. All necessary permits will be required including, but not limited to, insurance coverage. The concessions portion of the request cannot be approved at this time and will be dependent upon the concessionaire agreement.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

#### **Item 7 Las Colonias Park Master Plan**

RNL needs a recommendation from the Board regarding the proposals so the final proposal can be drawn up. The east end of the site was amended to include a loop instead of a through street. In addition, a storage pond was created and revised the “boulevard look” to run the entire length of the park. The commercial addition will be incorporated in the next plan and RNL will amend and present at a later date.

The Board does not wish to exclude commercial enhancements from the design and development of the area.

Shawn stated that there were comments at the public meetings held at Two Rivers opposing commercial development at the park so this element was removed from the proposal.

John Gormley moved and Jamie Hamilton moved to accept staff’s recommendation recommending a preferred alternative with commercial revisions.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

#### **Item 8 Canyon View Park - Urruty Property**

Representatives: Jeff D. Smith, Charles A. Holcomb, Richard Hartman, Lou Ciocco, Carol Velasquez, Pat Velasquez, Rusty Ludwig

Jeff Smith, stated there was significant interest in the handball court at Canyon View to remain as a handball court. Over the years, a number of people in the valley have utilized the court. The Urruty family allowed people to use the facility and the representatives would like to have this court be open to the public and continue to use this facility for handball. The group realizes that it does not meet any set court standards.

Carol Velasquez stated the facility is/has been used and it is already in place. This may generate more interest in the court and she would not like to see this destroyed. Speaking for Mrs. Urruty, she knows she would like to keep the court as is.

This portion of the Canyon View Park property was not included in the master plan. It was part of a “life estate” and no plans were in place. The department did not realize the court was being used by area residents and upon title transfer, the court was being used to store top dressing.

The reason the group is voicing their concerns today is that the user group had the impression the facility would be torn down or continued to be used as a maintenance facility. This has been used as a court for decades and the user group feels that it has historical significance in the area. The user group would like to even expand the structure to include hand ball, racquetball, tennis, etc. and felt the City should not use tax payer dollars to tear this facility down and start over; it is the only outdoor court in the valley.

John Gormley stated this is a visual impediment to the park (house, court, out buildings, etc.), and that this is a valuable piece of property. Jamie Hamilton stated this is a new item that the Board has not had a chance to review since it was not included in the master plan and would like an opportunity to evaluate the issue.

Don Hobbs stated staff is currently removing the top dressing from the facility and it will be cleaned up for use by next week. The continued use of the court and a revision to the Canyon View master plan will be addressed at a later date and the user group will be contacted.

#### **Item 9 Foresight Park**

Foresight Park was an old PH Management site in the oil shale days. PH Management had purchased this site along with some lots along Patterson Road and before the “bust”, the group developed the park and turned it over to the City. PH Management went broke during the bust and the property reverted back to the original owners, the Dewey family. The City has had a lease with the Dewey family for years but it will expire next month.

The Board did not necessarily wish to use proceeds from the sale of Lilac Park for Foresight Park but instead, would prefer the funds, if they become available, go toward Canyon View, Eagle Rim or existing park improvements. The Board would hate to lose this property but the priorities set by the Task Force did not include the purchase of this property.

Shawn Cooper has been dealing with developers in the area to have them designate land as park open space. With the significant amount of development in the area, there is a shortage of small neighborhood parks. Karen Madsen and Lynn James would like to keep Foresight as a park. Lynn James suggested that developers in the area purchase this property and donate it to the City. Lena stated there are 3 lots down the road that should be investigated for possible purchase. The lots are sitting empty and unsalable due to back taxes. These may be utilized for neighborhood park sites.

Karen Madsen moved and Lynn James seconded a motion to have staff explore options regarding the purchase of the property and report back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Approved: Yes 5 No 1 (Lena Elliott)

#### **Item 10 Hidden Lake**

Representatives: Steven Yamashita, Colorado Division of Wildlife and Bob Cron, Coordinator, Legacy Greenway Project

The property, located south of the Broadway bridge and west of the Colorado River, (behind the Shamrock station), is roughly 14 acres and the property owner is interested in selling.

The Division of Wildlife received some dollars for riparian habitat and would like to have the Board consider the proposal which would have Division of Wildlife pursue the purchase of the site but have the City responsible for the operations and maintenance. The Division of Wildlife does not have the resources to add another facility to their jurisdiction. The site would require limited development and the Division of Wildlife would be willing to look at grants (Fishing for Fun) for necessary improvements (parking lot, boat launch, etc.). Currently, the O&M would be limited to trash pickup.

The Division of Wildlife currently has an RFP out which will close March 13 for the purchase of the property. DOW would stock the lake with trout and that would be the extent of their involvement.

The Department does not currently have any funds in O&M for the site but could assume the responsibility for the minimal expense of trash pickup.

John Gormley moved and Lynn James seconded a motion to accept proposal to work with the Division of Wildlife and accept management responsibilities for Hidden Lake.

Approved: Yes 6 No 0

#### **Item 11 Monthly Staff Reports**

No comment.

Lynda Lovern stated a Valentine's Day Party was held at the Senior Center on Friday and there was an individual there who was 100 years and 9 months old and someone who was 97. Everyone had a good time at the party.

**Item 12 Board Minutes**

No comment.

**Item 13 Correspondence**

No comment.

**Item 14 Meeting Dates**

There will be a joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City Council will be Tuesday, March 3, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Pinon Grill, Tiara Rado Golf Course.

**Item 15 Other**

Karen Madsen stated that in the future, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have input on the agenda and format of the next retreat. Karen would like to have a decision made at a Board meeting on format and felt this past retreat was somewhat unproductive. The Board as a group should decide on how the it should happen and have more by-in on expectations.

**Item 15 Adjourn**

John Gormley moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee  
Senior Administrative Secretary

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