

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

May 21, 1998

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

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Dennis King
- Dr. Lynn James
- Jamie Hamilton
- Katie Kaufmanis
- John Gormley
- Lena Elliott
- Karen Madsen

Staff Present:

- Joe Stevens, Director
- Don Hobbs, Asst Director
- Shawn Cooper, Park Planner
- Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
- Lynda Lovern, Recreation Supervisor
- Larry Manchester, Aquatics Coord
- Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin Secretary
- Chris Britton, Summer Parks/Rec Intern

Item 2 Minutes -- April 16, 1998

Lynn James moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to approve the April 16, 1998 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 Public Comment

Chris Britton will be working with the Parks and Recreation Department this summer as our intern. Chris is from Mesa State College.

Larry Manchester has worked for the Parks and Recreation Department for years as a part time employee. Effective January 1, 1998 Larry was appointed full time as Aquatics Coordinator and will oversee both the Orchard Mesa and Lincoln Park Pools.

Item 4 Request from Dolphin Swim Club for Reduction of Pool Use Fees

Representatives: Hale Adams and Barbara Case-King, GJ Dolphins Swim Club

The Grand Junction Dolphins would like to request a reduction in the pool use fee for the summer invitational in July. The current fee of \$3 per swimmer, per day is felt to be a deterrent in drawing the swimmers to the Grand Junction meet. There are other meets the same weekend competing for swimmers and the Club feels the current fee forces families to participate in other meets.

The proposal is to eliminate the \$3/swimmer/day fee and have a flat fee assessed. The Dolphins felt a \$500 per day fee, plus the cost of the lifeguards, would be reasonable. The fact that the swim meet brings a number of families to the Grand Valley and they, in turn, spend dollars here, should also be considered.

Item 4 Request from Dolphin Swim Club (continued)

The Air Force Academy charges \$539/day for their meet; Ft. Collins is \$950/day; and Federal Way, WA is \$5,700/6 day meet. In Ft. Collins, the clubs are charged for their practice times at the pools. Currently, swim clubs (Dolphins and Wave) are not charged for any swim practice time. The Dolphins stated their interpretation of the 1998/99 Fees and Charges Policy requires users cover direct costs which does not itemize loss of revenue, lifeguard or pool manager fees.

Jamie Hamilton moved and Katie Kaufmanis seconded a motion to keep the policy as it is.

Approved: Yes 6 No 1 (Karen Madsen)

Item 5 Discussion of Impact Fees for Parks and Open Space

Guest: Kathy Portner, Community Development Department

The City of Grand Junction is working on a new zoning and development code which will include major revisions. Currently, open space designation is not required by developers but there is a vague reference recommending open space in projects with 5 or more lots. The issue is who should provide parks for the community - the subdivision or the City. The consensus was that the City should provide parks and in order to do that, an adequate open space fee would be required for acquisition and development of parks. Mesa County will be involved in the zoning and development code discussion and it will be determined if they will participate in the parks and open space funding.

The current \$225/unit fee has not changed in 20+ years and is not sufficient enough to maintain an adequate acquisition/development program. As part of this discussion, a "minimum level of service" will have to be established along with defining geographical areas and the identification of deficiencies. The problem with a parks development program is the expectation by the citizenry to development and maintain parks before adequate funds have been acquired.

Item 6 Project Updates

A. Las Colonias

The final plan for Las Colonias as presented by RNL incorporates the commercial aspect into the design. The design was presented to the City Council at their workshop on May 4.

B. Presentation on Ellis and Associates

Lynda Lovern and Larry Manchester explained the new lifeguard training program along with presenting a video highlighting the benefits of using Ellis and Associates.

C. Eagle Rim Park

The design firm selected for Eagle Rim Park will be Winston Associates. Contract approval will be on the June City Council agenda.

D. Other

The Canyon View Park Baseball field dedication was held May 18 and went very well. The entire park facility continues to be well received. Lena Elliott would like to stress to the City Council that the completion of Canyon View Park is the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's number one priority.

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Item 6 Project Updates (continued)

JUCO begins this weekend with the banquet at Two Rivers Convention Center on Friday night. Davey Johnson will be the guest speaker. The baseball field is in great shape for the World Series.

The Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool and Waterslide will open this Saturday.

The Orchard Mesa Cemetery will be busy for the Memorial Day weekend.

Item 7 Monthly Staff Reports

No Comment.

Item 8 Minutes - Other Agencies

No Comment.

Item 9 Correspondence

No comment.

Item 10 Next Meeting - June 18, 1998

Item 11 Adjourn

Chairman Dennis King adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee
Senior Administrative Secretary
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