

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

July 16, 1998

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman Lena Elliott at 11:55

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Lena Elliott
- Jamie Hamilton
- Katie Kaufmanis
- John Gormley
- Karen Madsen
- Dennis King
- R. T. Mantlo

Staff Present:

- Joe Stevens, Director
- Shawn Cooper, Park Planner
- Doug Jones, Golf Course Superintendent
- Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
- Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin Secretary

Item 2 Minutes -- June 18, 1998

Lena Elliott moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to approve the May 21, 1998 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes (June meeting canceled).

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 New/Reappointed Board Members

The members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank Dr. Lynn James for his eight years of service and involvement with the Board and the community. On behalf of the City and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Chairperson Dennis King presented Dr. James with a plaque recognizing his outstanding, dedicated and unselfish service to the Parks and Recreation Department. Dr. James thanked staff for their fine work and is appreciative of the board members and their commitment to Grand Junction which is evident when you see the parks used as well as they are.

The Board would like to welcome Jamie Hamilton back for another three year term and R. T. Mantlo for his first three year term with the Board.

Election of Officers

Karen Madsen moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to nominate Lena Elliott as Chair and Jamie Hamilton as Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 4 Public Comment

A. Lilac Park - Representative Jim Standard

Jim Standard, native of Grand Junction, worked hard to keep Lilac Park preserved as a park and would like to see additional development of the park. Dr. Standard offered to volunteer his services to assist with the development of the west end of the park and to add additional Lilac varieties to the existing park space. Plans for development include making the park more accessible to the public and staff by redesigning the entrance to the park.

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A. Lilac Park (continued)

Dr. Standard indicated that the west area of the property is currently being encroached on by Mattas Motors. Dr. Standard would like to see the City enforce its property lines and have the fence moved off city property. This west area could be a nice improvement to the entrance to the city.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was advised that the Lilac Park encroachment/development issue is currently being reviewed by the Community Development Department and recommendations will be forwarded to City Council for continued discussion and direction.

The Board does not want to direct park improvement dollars to this project since it was not identified in the master plan. If outside funds are secured, the Board would revisit the issue. A letter will be drafted to Dr. Standard stating the Board's position.

B. Canyon View Park Rendezvous - Representative John Leane

The first annual Canyon View Park Rendezvous will begin July 17, 6:00 p.m. and continue through Sunday, July 19, 6:00 p.m. Several events are planned including a free concert featuring Ralph Dinosaur to benefit the Partners organization. There are fewer teams in each category than projected but this will allow teams to get additional games. There will be softball, volleyball, basketball, baseball and soccer. In addition, there will be a strong man competition, Frisbee golf, free-throw contest, kiddy carnival, food vendors and 20-25 booths.

Item 5 Request from School District 51 for the City to Host the 1999 Girls' State Golf Tournament at Tiara Rado Municipal Golf Course - Representative Dennis Teeters

Jamie Hamilton moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to approve the School District's request to host the 1999 Girls' State Golf Tournament at Tiara Rado in May.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 6 Park Development Impact Fee Study Proposal

The Department has been working on a proposal which will be reviewed by Department Heads and City Council.

Item 7 Project Updates

A. Annual Report - GOCO Legacy Project
No comment.

B. Westlake Park. City Council authorized \$200,000 for the construction of a restroom facility (\$90,000) and landscaping at Westlake Park. Plans are being finalized.

Item 8 Monthly Staff Reports

No comment.

Item 9 Minutes - Other Agencies

No comment.

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Item 10 Correspondence

- Z. Letter was sent to Tiara Rado area residents regarding the number of residents using the golf course as a park (jogging, dogs, etc.), and most comments about the letter have been favorable.

Other

- The information on the Two Rivers Convention Center study is being compiled by CSL and should be forwarded to the Department for review soon.

Lynn James was the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's representative on the Riverfront Commission. The Riverfront Commission has widened its focus and includes areas outside the city limits of Grand Junction. Would the Board like to continue to have a representative on the Riverfront Commission? The Board was of the opinion that staff could represent the department at the Riverfront Commission meetings and if a need arises, a Board member could attend or be appointed.

- At the Dolphin Swim Meet, officials estimated 525 swimmers (350 in 1997). After the last Board meeting, Lena asked John Moss for a donation and he gave \$1,000 to be used for one day's pool rental. The only stipulations for the donation were that Taco Bell needed to be noted on the entry form and banner.

The Western Zone Meet, requested for 1999, will be a 5-day meet at \$1,650/day. This item will be reviewed at the August Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

- At the request of the Soccer Association, adult Soccer is now a Parks and Recreation Department program.
- The School District and the City will be meeting to discuss the fees and charges policy. The District is concerned that the City raised several stadium fees in 1998/99. The most obvious was raising the per person fee from \$.75 to \$1.00 and restructuring of the use fee for State play-off games at the stadium.

Item 10 Next Meeting - August 20, 1998

Item 11 Adjourn

Jamie Hamilton moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee
Senior Administrative Secretary
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