

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

September 17, 1998

Item 1 Called to order by Chairman Lena Elliott at 11:58 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Lena Elliott
 Jamie Hamilton
 Katie Kaufmanis
 John Gormley
 R. T. Mantlo
 Dennis King
 Karen Madsen

Staff Present:

Joe Stevens, Director
Don Hobbs, Asst. Director
Shawn Cooper, Park Planner
Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
Lynda Lovern, Recreation Supervisor
Rick Manchester, Recreation Supervisor
Dustin South, Sports Coordinator
Gail Woodmansee, Sr. Admin Secretary
Lyn Bottom, Administrative Secretary

Item 2 Minutes – August 20, 1998

Dennis King moved and John Gormley seconded a motion to approve the August 20, 1998 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes.

Jamie Hamilton stated that he did have a conversation with Hale Adams. Hale checked his notes and Jamie was correct with the figures and information

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3 Recreation Division Video Presentation

Rick Manchester, Recreation Supervisor and Dustin South, Youth Coordinator, presented a video with highlights of the STARS (Summer Time Arts and Recreation) program held throughout the summer at Orchard Mesa and East Middle Schools.

Item 4 Public Comment

None

Item 5 Dolphin Swim Club Request

Guest: Barbara Case-King

The Dolphin Swim Club has held their annual invitational meet the same weekend for a number of years. The dates requested, July 8-11, are preferred but would be willing to switch with Durango on June 24-27.

John Gormley stated that the Dolphin Invitational has been on the same weekend for years and recommends allowing the group to keep their July dates.

The meet would close Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool 4 days in July and the CSI meet for 6 days in August. July is traditionally the busiest month for the pool and the meet(s) will have a fiscal impact.

John Gormley stated it is evident that the pool is running at maximum capacity and the Dolphin and Wave Swim Clubs are going to need to start working together to get another pool built in Grand Junction. It is important for groups to get together (i.e., soccer) to raise funds for their specific needs.

Dolphin Swim Club Request (Continued)

The Grand Valley Wave will be holding an invitational swim meet next summer at Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool.

John Gormley moved and Katie Kaufmanis seconded a motion to approve the Dolphins request for use of the Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool on July 8-11.

Discussion-Jamie Hamilton stated this was the first time the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board opted for something other than what was recommended by staff.

Joe Stevens stated that when the negotiations for the CSI zone meet began, the organizers were not directly affiliated with the Dolphins and comments were made that if the pool closed for the August meet, the Dolphins would have other alternatives such as move to a short course, move to Orchard Mesa, or postpone altogether. The group does not recall the discussion and only assumed that consideration to alternative dates would be given.

The baseline fee will be the \$1000/day subject to revision during the review of the 1999 Fees and Charges policy.

John Gormley moved and Katie Kaufmanis seconded a motion to accept staff's recommendation with revisions approving the use of the Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool for July 8-11, subject to final negotiations on the fee to be assessed for the Dolphin's use of the pool, with the fee being no less than the current minimum of \$1,000 per day (Thursday to be pro-rated).

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Item 6 Two Rivers Convention Center and CSL Study

Draft report (handed out at meeting)

John Gormley asked if the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board wanted to put Two Rivers in their overall priority list competing against park development projects. Lena Elliott would like 2-3 board members to meet with the DDA Board on September 22, 12:30 p.m. prior to the October 15 CSL meeting. The DDA Board has concerns about the CSL report. CSL will be in Grand Junction to meet with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on October 15, 10:00 a.m.

Karen Madsen questioned if Two Rivers should be prioritized with other parks improvement projects since this would adversely affect the development of parks and open space

Jamie Hamilton moved and Karen Madsen seconded a motion to recommend to City Council (based on Board review of the preliminary report prepared by CSL) a memo which states:

- The name Two Rivers Convention Center be changed to Two Rivers Community Center
- The Two Rivers kitchen should be improved, modernized and of sufficient size to adequately handle multi-event food functions and major banquets.
- Meeting room space should be increased from 2,100 sq. feet to at least 5,000 square feet.
- The interior and exterior of the facility needs a complete remodel, facelift and upgrade.
- The heating, ventilation, air conditioning, sound system, electrical system, Tele-communications system, etc. should be modernized.
- Based on usage and cost/benefit, a 5,000 square foot banquet facility addition is currently not recommended for Two Rivers by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Recommending that the City encourage exhibit hall space (e.g., 15,000 sq. ft.) be developed by a local hotel in conjunction with their existing lodging and banquet facilities. It is recommended that this space be provided independent of Two Rivers and without monetary participation on behalf of the City.
- It should be acknowledged that Two Rivers is in reality a “community center” and therefore, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the Council adopt a policy of 70-80% cost recovery with regard to the operating budget of Two Rivers.

Two Rivers and CSL Study (Continued)

- Recommend improvements to Two Rivers be initiated prior to 2002 as currently listed in the City's CIP.
- Two Rivers is a well used (312 days/year) and a tremendous resource for the City of Grand Junction. Just like recent improvements to much of our park system, it is now time to invest in "Two Rivers Community Center"
- Based upon the Board's recommendation that the name be changed from a convention to a community center, it should continue to be operated under the auspices of the City of Grand Junction's Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion – Katie Kaufmanis would like to continue to include the Horizon Drive Association in the review/recommendation process.

Approved: Yes 6 No 1 (John Gormley)

Item 7 Discussion on Future Development of Canyon View Park

Lena Elliott spoke with Mayor Janet Terry regarding the future development of Canyon View Park and she stated that the Council would like something they can "put their hands on." An itemized listing with cost projections would assist the Council in their decision. Lena Elliott also spoke with Tillie Bishop and Rebecca Frank and GOCO has put money into tennis courts.

Jamie Hamilton asked if the Board felt they should reconvene the Parks Development Task Force and the consensus was no. A Parks and Recreation Advisory Board planning session would be helpful to review the master plan and upcoming projects.

Item 8 Park Project Updates

Canyon View Park Lighting

Louisville, Colorado is the only community that has installed baffles on an existing lighting system like the ones being considered for Canyon View Park. Joe Stevens will contact Steve Baysinger, Louisville Director, and perhaps schedule a site visit to determine if the baffles help with the spill light prior to making a recommendation to spend \$22,000.

Eagle Rim Park

Guests: Ted Ciavonne and Joe Carter – Ciavonne and Associates

Ted Ciavonne presented the revised master plan for the Eagle Rim Park site based on comments received during the two open houses held on-site. The majority of the concerns centered on the parking issue. Additional parking was designed into the park site. with the assumption that it will serve as a major trailhead for the riverfront and will be used heavily. The design also includes a lowered terrace, shelters, restrooms, playgrounds, horseshoe pits and skatepark area.

RT Mantlo moved and Dennis King seconded a motion to recommend and present the plan to City Council at their October 5 Council meeting.

Approved: Yes 7 No 0

Horizon Glen Property

Tim Foster is interested in the City purchasing the Horizon Glen property at the corner of 12th Street and Horizon Drive. While the property would be a nice addition to the Parks inventory, no funds are available. There was a chance that funds might be available through the Public Works Department for the reconstruction of the intersection or possibly the widening of Horizon Drive. At this time, no funds, other than easement compensation, are available.

Item 9 Monthly Staff Reports

No comment.

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Item 10 Correspondence

F. Letter from Jack R. Sommers, Inc – stating that the terms of his 1995 contract would be honored but that he would be not submitting an RFQ or RFP for continued pro-shop operations beyond the current term which ends on December 31, 1998. Jack Sommers, due to personal reasons, stated he was not interested.

The department is evaluating whether or not to recommend handling the golf course pro-shop operations in-house and hire staff to operate the facilities, contract for services or do both concurrently. The time frame is tight and Jack Sommers has orally agreed to work with the City on a month-to-month basis if he does not find work elsewhere. Some pro-shop workers have expressed an interest in staying on and to do anything they can to help during the transition.

Other communities in Colorado have been contacted and several are either currently operating or switching to, in-house operations. Staff is analyzing data and will be bringing findings to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board prior to taking a recommendation to Council.

Item 11 Adjourn - next Meeting - October 15, 1998

Karen Madsen moved and Lena Elliott seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woodmansee
Senior Administrative Secretary

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