

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – July 12, 2012**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by David McIlnay at 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Administration Office

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: David McIlnay  
Scott Coleman  
Dr. Scott McBrayer  
Bart Dickson  
Kristy Emerson  
Marc Litzen  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Tawny Espinoza

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Guests: Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk

### **Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Scott McBrayer moved to approve the June 14, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Scott Coleman seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

### **Item 3: Welcome New Board Members**

Dave McIlnay welcomed members Kristy Emerson and Marc Litzen on behalf of the Board, and then asked everyone to introduce themselves. The new board members gave a brief background and expressed their excitement to join the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Welcome Kristy and Marc!

### **Item 4: Election of Officers**

Dave McIlnay opened the floor to nominations for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair and Co-Chair positions. Discussion ensued. Bart Dickson nominated Tawny Espinoza for Chair and Scott McBrayer for Co-Chair. There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed. Tawny Espinoza was unanimously selected as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Dr. Scott McBrayer was unanimously selected as the Co-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Congratulations Tawny and Scott!

### **Item 5: Stadium Artwork**

Rob Schoeber reported on the 1% for the Arts project at the stadium, stating the partners have determined the most appropriate location for the art banner is on the south stair tower above the main entrance. The intent of the banner system is to allow the partners to fly their own banners during their sporting events then display the art banner during the stadium downtimes. A community contest was recently advertised for six weeks, of which the winner will receive a \$1,500 award to make the banner. The City received a total of 26 submissions, of which the Arts Commission narrowed it down to the top three that are being voted on by City Council and the Parks Improvement Advisory Board (See attached).

#### **Item 6: JUCO / Rockies Update**

Rob Schoeber reported on the exciting new stadium, stating the facility has already hosted a couple hundred thousand people over the past three months. Mr. Schoeber asked the Board members to share any comments they have heard from the community, stating he would pass the information along to the Rockies management team. The Board members who have attended the games expressed concern regarding the access to beer and concessions, stating it is very difficult during the games to get through the lines and/or through the concourse area due to the excessively long lines. It was also expressed the “quality” of the food is not good, that there is a lack of choices, and that the food at JUCO was much better than the food at the Rockies. Discussion ensued, with the Board members expressing that, overall, people are having a tremendous experience, the games are fun with something going on all the time, people love the mascot, etc. There were no complaints regarding the outgoing traffic after games, yet there was some concern regarding the potential danger for pedestrians crossing 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Rob Schoeber responded that the 12<sup>th</sup> Street issue will be reviewed during the renovation of the grand entrance.

The Board members discussed the seat counts, with Rob Schoeber stating the totals reported include the total seats “sold”, not just the total in attendance. The Rockies have currently sold a little over 1,100 season tickets, which is why the totals reported generally appear to be higher than the amount of people actually at the game. Per the contract, the City gets paid \$.50 for every presold Rockies ticket and \$1.25 for gate tickets.

Scott Coleman reported on his recent rental of the hospitality suite, stating it was a wonderful experience and the food from TRCC was outstanding. The group was very happy with the TRCC staff, security guard, and facility as a whole.

Rob Schoeber reported there are a few learning curves with the new facility, including the fact that the concourse level was not designed for 6,000 people, as it was originally planned for only one busy week a year during JUCO. City staff and the Rockies staff have to work around the design issues to accommodate the large crowds. It was suggested the Rockies bring in additional food vendors, similar to what JUCO does. Additional issues being addressed include people on the spectator level spilling their drinks on the crowd down below and numerous broken windows from foul balls.

#### **Item 7: Las Colonias Update**

Rob Schoeber provided a brief update on the status of Las Colonias, stating the project appears to be gaining momentum, as a group of 30 community members, including representatives from the Lion’s Club, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Colorado Mesa University (CMU), and private land owners, recently met to gauge the interest and determine if the project is worth moving forward. The next step is to condense the group to create a smaller design team to review the current master plan, which will need updating. Mr. Schoeber stated the project has already received numerous funds, including a sizable donation from the Lion’s Club and \$500,000 from the DDA. City Council has expressed they are in support of the development project due to the partners coming forward with funding. Design proposals will be

presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in the near future for review. Dave McInay requested the current master plan be presented for review as well. Rob Schoeber suggested a Board member volunteer to serve on the Las Colonias committee. Numerous proposals are currently being made for the Las Colonias property, including a disc golf course for Watson Island, an amphitheater, and a potential kayak group.

Rob Schoeber reported City Council has also given their approval for staff to move forward with developing a master plan for Matchett Park. The development of this property would drastically help relieve the pressure on the fields at Canyon View Park.

#### **Item 8: Project Updates**

Mike Vendegna presented a Power Point presentation on the department's 13 current projects that have been approved by City Council and are underway (See attached). The Parks Division has put together several project teams consisting of a Project Coordinator, Manager, and Leads.

Traci Wieland reported on the Lincoln Park renovation phases, discussing the community meetings that were held to determine the needs and wants of the park users. The recently awarded \$250,000 GOCO grant will allow for a new fully accessible playground, the removal of the loop road, a trail system throughout the park, and an arboretum trail with QR codes and telephone access for obtaining information on the trees.

Additional projects discussed included the parking lots at Canyon View Park, playground replacements for Hidden Valley, Duck Pond - Ridges, and the Ridges Tot Lot Parks. There are currently several irrigation projects underway, due to the old systems that have obsolete sprinkler heads with parts that are no longer available. The pool projects include the renovations of the Lincoln Park showers, the replacement of the Lincoln Park waterslide pump, and a new boiler at Orchard Mesa.

#### **Item 9: For the Good of the Community**

No additional items were discussed.

#### **Item 10: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist



# PROJECT UPDATES

Parks and Recreation Department

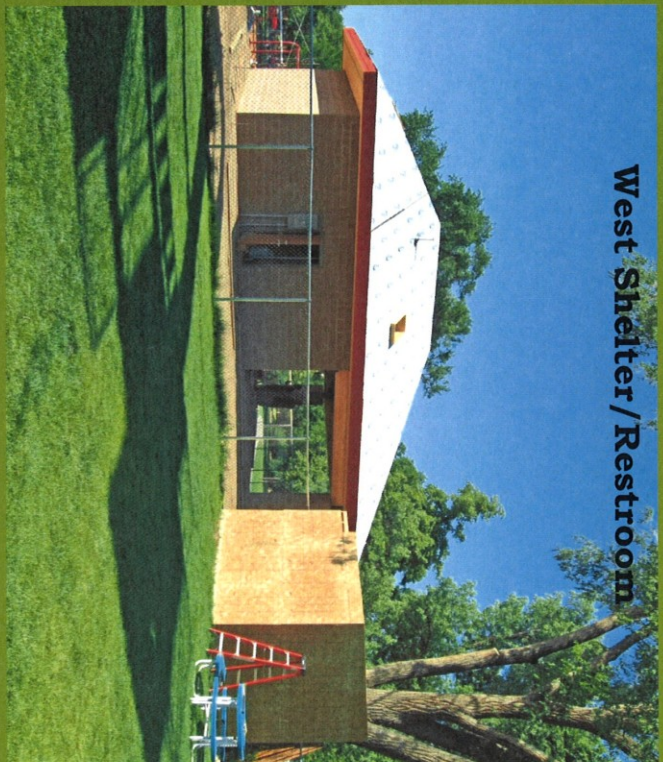


# CIP Projects / Other Projects

- ⚙ Total of 13 CIP projects
- ⚙ Project teams
- ⚙ Interactions between the Parks and Recreation Department and other departments, utilizing their expertise
- ⚙ Teams consist of:
  - ⚙ Project Coordinator
  - ⚙ Project Managers / Leads

# Lincoln Park

## Restroom Construction



West Shelter/Restroom



East Restroom

⚙ Estimated completion date is end of July - ahead of schedule

# Lincoln Park Renovation



**LINCOLN PARK  
MASTER PLAN**

**PHASE 1:**  
City of Grand Junction Funded  
Spring/Summer 2012

- New restrooms- relocated for accessibility and safety
- Concrete path
- Minor tennis court repair

**PHASE 2:**  
City of Grand Junction/GOCCO/ Partner Funded  
Summer/Fall 2012

- Fully accessible playground
- Concrete path- creating a fully accessible park
- Crosswalk improvements
- Arboretum trail
- Closure of "Loop" Road

**PHASE 3:**  
As funds become available

- Additional play features
- Additional parking
- Expanded entrance off of 12th Street
- Tennis court renovations
- Crosswalk improvements



# Canyon View Park

## Filtration and Pump Replacement



⚙️ Project Completed

# Canyon View Park

## Parking Lot Expansion

West Parking Lot



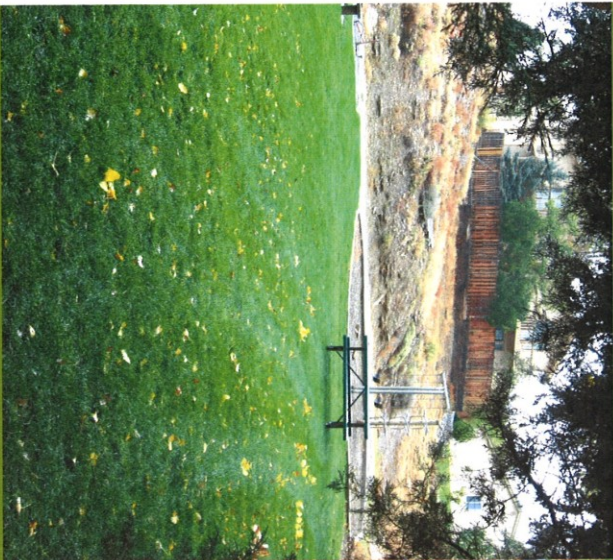
Along G Road Parking Lot



⚙ Projects Completed

# Playground Projects

Hidden Valley Park



Duck Pond- Ridges Park



Ridges Tot Lot Park



⚙ Request for proposals are almost complete and should be released soon

# Irrigation Projects

Cottonwood Meadows Park



⚙ Project Completed

Dixon and Riverside Parks



⚙ Under development and design



⚙ Project 50% Completed

Autumn Ridge Park



⚙ Under development and design

# Pool Projects

LP Pool Locker Room,  
Lobby Renovation



OM Pool Boiler  
Replacement



LP Waterslide Pump  
Replacement



⚙ Projects Completed

# Orchard Mesa Cemetery

Water Feature / Landscaping



⚙ Project Completed

# Crown Point Cemetery

Newly Plotted Area: Irrigation Installation,  
Hydro Seeded, Tree Work



⚙ Project Completed

# Crown Point Cemetery

Newly Plotted Area: Irrigation Installation,  
Hydro Seeded, Tree Work



⚙ Project Completed



# Lincoln Park

## Waterslide Repair



⚙️ Project Completed