

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – September 6, 2012

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Tawny Espinoza at 12:04 p.m.

Meeting Location: Lincoln Park – “New” West Shelter

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent:

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

Guests: Rich Garigen, CPC Solutions
Libby Collins, Mesa Land Trust
Rob Bleiberg, Mesa Land Trust

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Dave McIlnay moved to approve the August 2, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Bart Dickson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Item 3: Outstanding Parks Partner – CPC Solutions

Mike Vendegna began by stating he was filling in for Tom Ziola, but was honored to recognize CPC Solutions as the “Outstanding Parks Partner”, specifically related to this year’s Arbor Day festivities. Each year the City of Grand Junction puts on the Arbor Day celebration, using the opportunity to educate the community on the importance of trees in our quality of life. Typically the Forestry Department has to solicit help every year from the community, but this year CPC Solutions reached out to the City expressing their desire to get involved with an event that touched the community. In addition to purchasing 2,250 seedling trees for the event, CPC Solutions also donated 500 pads of paper for kids participating in the “celebrate trees” poster contest. The pads were preprinted with instructions for the contest and the previous winner’s drawing. The winner of this year’s contest will have their drawing submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation. CPC Solution employees also attended the event and spent their time passing out the seedling trees and talking to the community about the importance of trees. Mr. Vendegna thanked Rich

Garigen and the company for their partnership and contributions to the success of the Arbor Day event. Mr. Garigen accepted the Outstanding Parks Partner award and provided a brief history of the company, which was formerly known as Colorado Printing Company.

Item 4: Three Sisters Update

Rob Bleiberg thanked everyone for their time and the staff for their ongoing support. Open houses for the Three Sisters project have now been held and the project is moving forward, with trail development beginning this fall. Libby Collins distributed copies of the Three Sisters Park Plan and a map (See attached). The goal remains for it to be a “turn key” project, which Mesa Land Trust has made happen through all of the fund raising that has been completed. Mesa Land Trust has recently brought in a planner from Boulder to engage in a public process, in order to keep the area available for all users without a high level of trail density. The public’s comments from the open houses have been incorporated into the current plan, and the public will be invited back to review the final plan at a later date.

Phase I will consist of designing trails for the property and determining the locations. Specific zones (mountain biking, pedestrian trails, buffer zone, protection area, etc.) will be determined and will include several educational features. The “Kid’s Meal Trail” will also be extended onto the Three Sister’s property and is scheduled for completion in October 2012. Phase II is scheduled for completion in spring 2013, due to it being extremely dry right now, making it difficult to build trails. An educational application is currently being developed and will include the history of the project and property.

The management of the Three Sister’s property will be done by the City and BLM, yet Mesa Land Trust will continue to play a role, as they are charged with enforcing the compliance of the conservation easement on the property. Libby Collins stated the surrounding homeowners have been very supportive of the plan and have made several generous donations to the project. The only real concerns raised have been related to the traffic and the definite need for a buffer zone. Discussion ensued regarding access to the land and ways to keep the motor vehicles off.

GOCO is the major funder for the Three Sister’s project, in which the funding came from the open space quadrant. The goal is to ensure the property remains open to the public, which is why the conservation easement was put in place. The easement will limit the type of development on the property to trail and recreation uses only; however, it will allow for a restroom building and a parking lot. Rob Bleiberg thanked Councilman Doody, on behalf of City Council, for their support in making the project a reality.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the BLM wanting the City to develop a permit fee for the use of the Tabeguache Trail. Rob Schoeber stated the City struggles with this request, as they want to encourage use of the trail versus discouraging it.

Item 5: Project Updates

Mike Vendegna distributed a handout on the current projects going on throughout the City parks. (See attached). In addition to the projects listed, crews have been spread thin working on numerous smaller projects, including the new power building north of the new Lincoln Park restroom/shelter. The electrical building was built to provide additional power for large events in the park, such as Southwest Arbor Fest and Pork and Hops.

Rob Schoeber briefly discussed a Rockies article and passed out copies of a video to the Board members. Tonight is the last Rockies game of the regular season then the team will begin playoffs. If the team continues to win, the championship game will be held a week from Friday here in Grand Junction. The

season's attendance is only 3,000 shy from the 100,000 mark, making it a very successful first season for the Rockies. Mr. Schoeber stated football season has begun and staff is working diligently to make it a successful experience for everyone, regardless of the scheduling conflicts already taking place with the dual events.

Item 6: For the Good of the Community

Jim Doody expressed the desire for the Board members and the community to educate themselves regarding a local zoning issue of a specific property located near Las Colonias Park. The zoning issue has become a very hot topic in our community, as it has already gone through the court system and is now schedule to be on the April 2013 ballot.

Kristy Emerson briefly discussed the growing West Nile Virus potential in the community and the fact that the County funding for spraying has been eliminated; therefore, areas such as parks are no longer being sprayed. Information on the virus is available at the Grand River Mosquito Control District's website.

Item 7: Adjourn

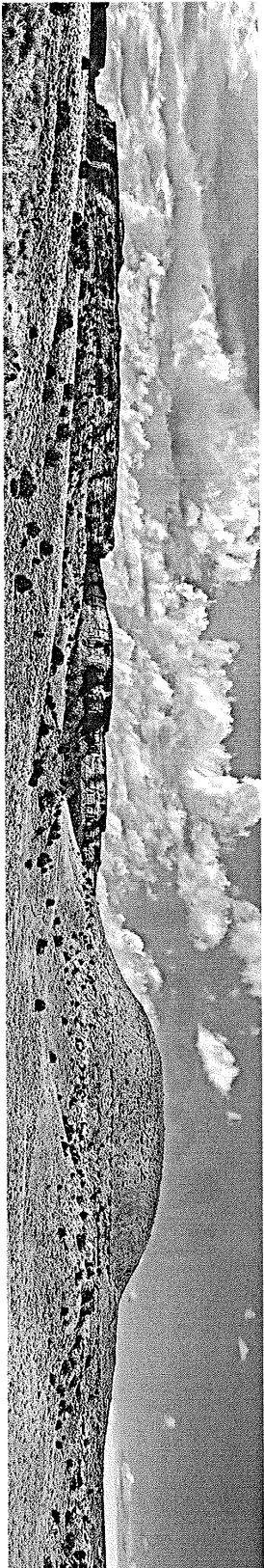
Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist

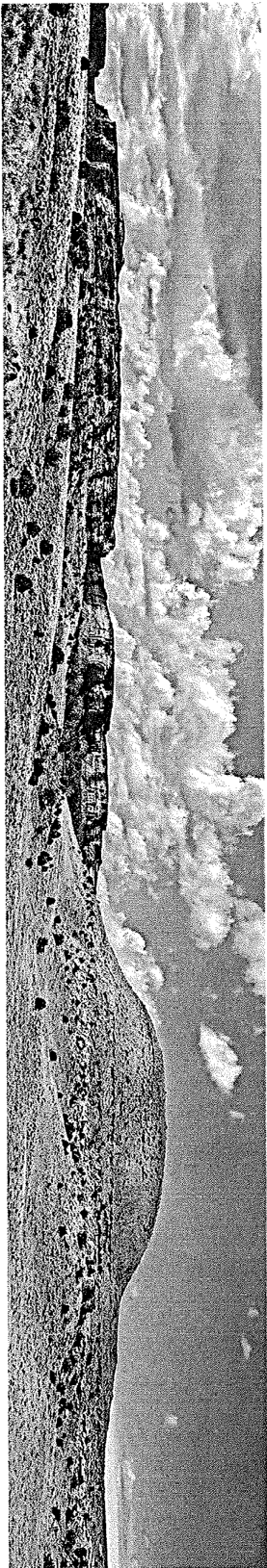
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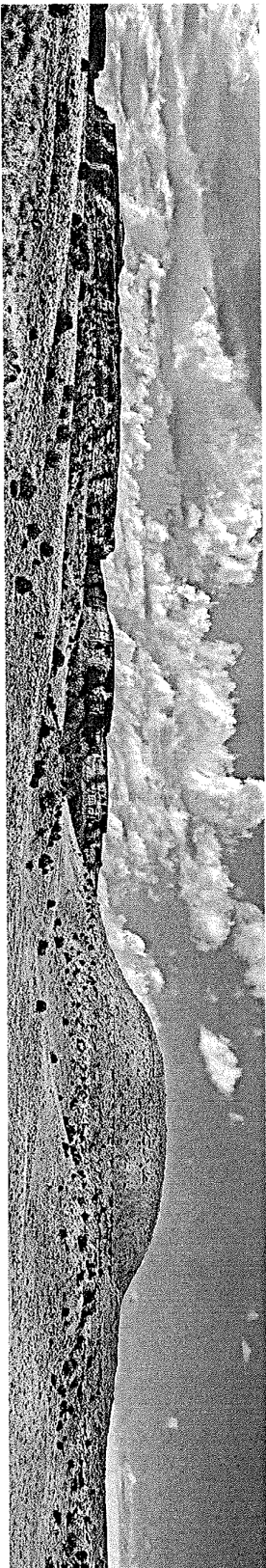
The Park Plan Process

- Mesa Land Trust Goals for the Project
- Stakeholder Concerns
- City & BLM Requests
- Public Process



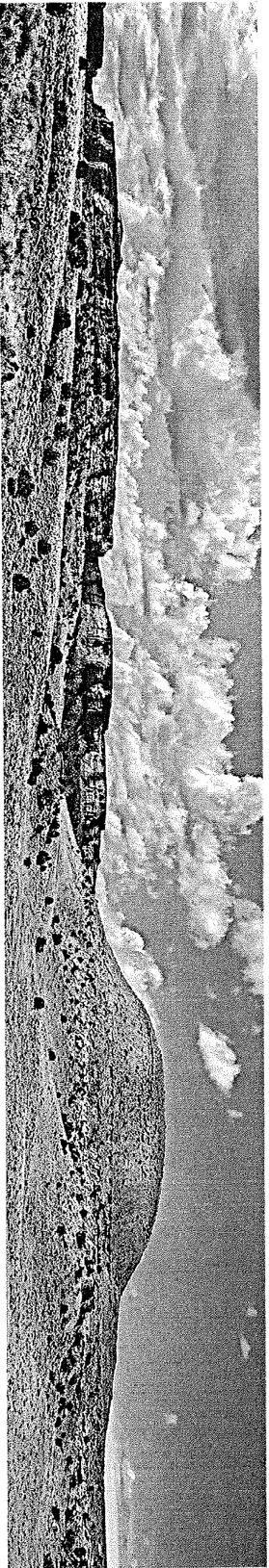
What is in the Park Plan?

- Context for Site Management: Roles of the BLM, City of Grand Junction, Mesa Land Trust
- Areas of Visitor Experience
- Trail Development Process
- Educational & Restoration Opportunities
- Concerns and Recommendations raised by Stakeholder Groups



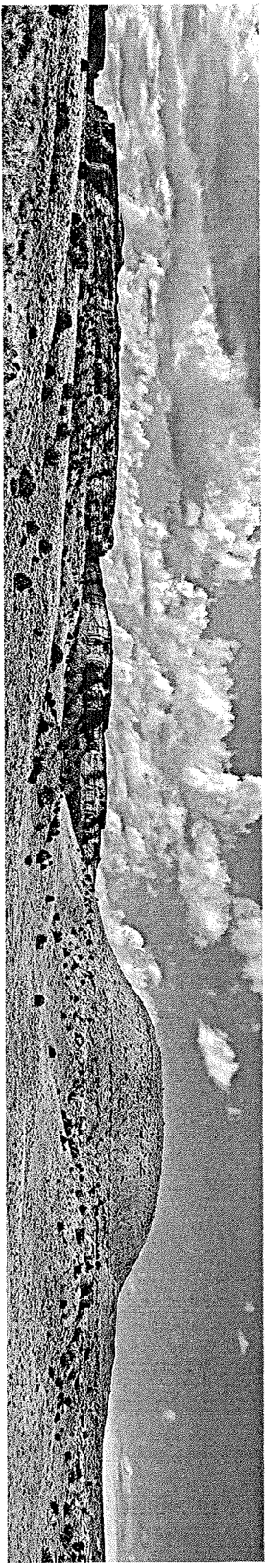
MOU for City and BLM Management

- Current MOU defines management roles of City and BLM for Lunch Loop area
- Management of Three Sisters will be incorporated into that MOU
- Mesa Land Trust, per Easement, will provide written consent for site improvements including trail construction
- Mesa Land Trust to ensure compliance with Easement



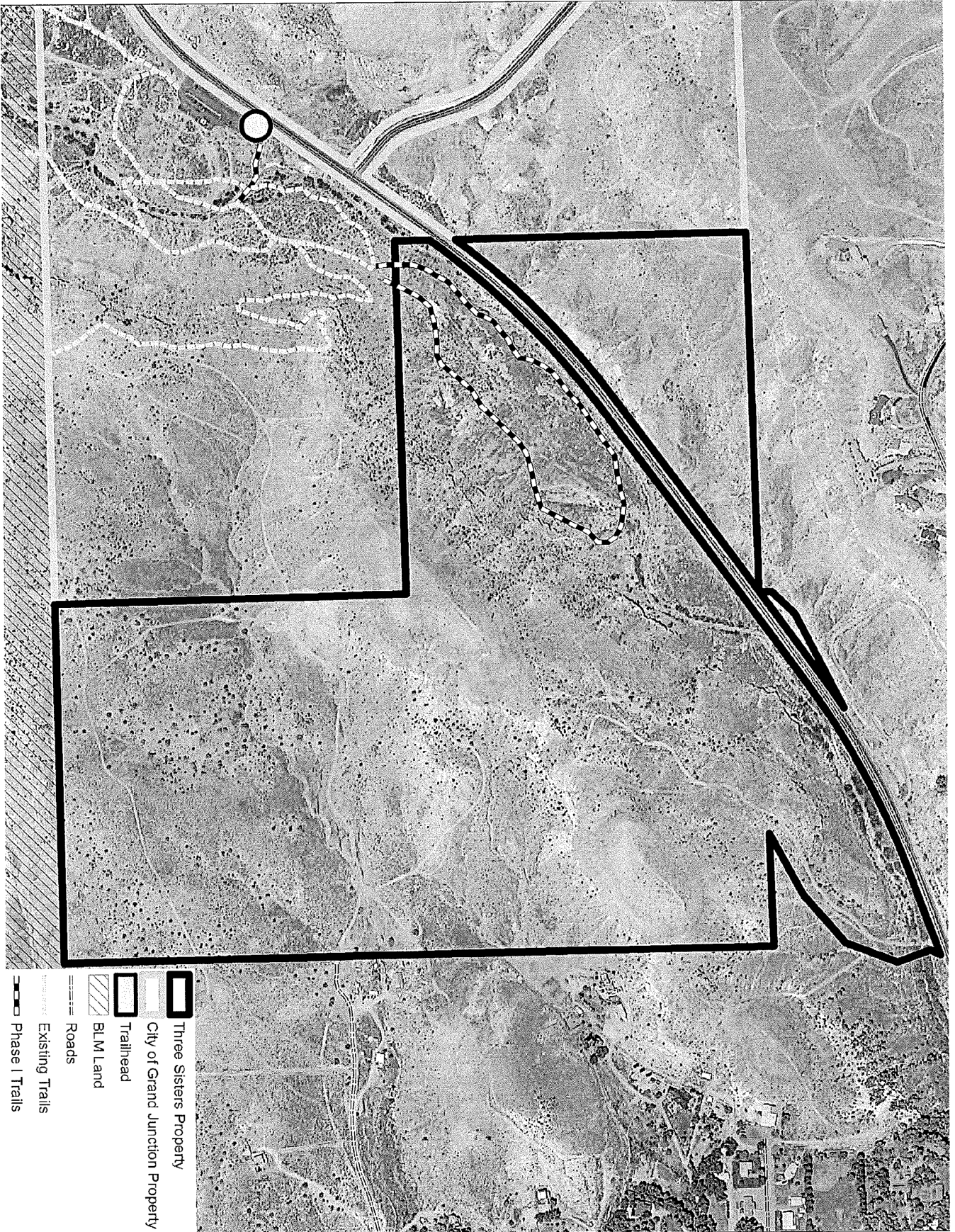
Trail Development - Phase 1

- Building of first trail, Saturday Oct 6th
 - COPMOBA to build with volunteers
- Build formal trail access & trail head from east side of parking lot
 - Trail building down slope, by BLM
 - Install signs at trail head, by City & BLM according to MOU



Time Line for Park Development

- 1st Trail, Building Oct 6th
- Trail Opening celebration, mid-late October
- Phase 2 & 3 Trail design, Spring of 2013
- Building of Phase 2 trails, Spring 2013
- Grand Opening, Spring 2013
- Educational App, Spring of 2013
- Restoration Opportunities, Spring 2013



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Project Update Summary

- ✚ Lincoln Park Renovation
 - Restrooms are complete and open to the public, park crews will be installing the landscaping around both facilities
 - Submittal deadline for playground bids is September 12, project team review is September 19
 - Plans are 95% complete for the removal of the loop road, trail construction, 12 Street entrance renovation, and crosswalks related to the project
 - Arboretum videos are almost complete

- ✚ Canyon View Park Pump and Filtration Replacement
 - Pump / filter installation is complete and is working better than expected
 - Park crews are scheduled to construct a pump house in late September / October

- ✚ Canyon View Park Parking Lot Expansion
 - Project is complete and is a huge success

- ✚ Playground Projects
 - The bid has been awarded to Children's Play Structures and equipment has been ordered for Hidden Valley Park, Duck Pond Ridges Park and Ridges Tot Lot Park playgrounds. Park crews are scheduled to install equipment in the fall and winter months

- ✚ Irrigation Projects
 - Cottonwood Meadows – complete
 - Dixon Park – under design
 - Riverside Park – 50% complete
 - Autumn Ridge Park – under design

- ✚ Pool Projects
 - Lincoln Park Locker Room renovation – complete
 - Orchard Mesa Pool Boiler Replacement – Scheduled fall 2012
 - Lincoln Park Waterslide Pump Replacement – Scheduled fall 2012