

## **Parks Improvement Advisory Board Regular Meeting – January 8, 2013**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Bruce Hill at 12:11 p.m.**

Location: Lincoln Park Tower – Hospitality Suite

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Bruce Hill  
Lena Elliott  
Tom Kenyon  
Harry Butler  
Donna Ross (voting member)

Alternate Members Present: Paul Cain  
Walt Bergman  
Sam Susuras

Alternate Members Absent: Tim Foster

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

City Staff Present: Jay Valentine, Financial Operations

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Tom Kenyon moved to approve the October 2, 2012 Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes. Lena Elliott seconded.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

### **Item 3: Lincoln Park Renovation Update**

Traci Wieland provided an update on the Lincoln Park renovation project. Prior to the extreme cold weather, crews were able to completely remove the loop road, tear down the playground, and install the posts and signs for the arboretum trail. The new playground has arrived and is in storage until the weather is conducive for installation. Staff has been meeting with Lena and Kathy Elliott to discuss the plans for the tennis area, which led to a redesign of the complex. The new design provides room for an additional 80 parking spaces. Staff has applied for a \$50,000 USTA (United States Tennis Association) grant. Mrs. Wieland also discussed the upcoming changes in the existing maintenance area, which will include the demolition of the Quonset hut and staff's ability to use the left over concrete slab for dry storage. The parking canopies will be removed, and the

current plan is to keep the old stone building and somehow redesign it to be used as a park amenity (picnic shelter, indoor room for public rentals, etc.) Once these changes are complete, an additional 12 parking spaces will be created in the maintenance area. Discussion also ensued regarding the upcoming GVT bus pullout along the west side of the park on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It has been determined the pullout should be in place prior to any decisions being made regarding the location of a new crosswalk.

#### **Item 4: West Side Bleacher Update**

Rob Schoeber reported a small committee of PIAB members conducted a conference call with the architect to discuss the west side bleachers. The goal of the group was to determine what elements of the project can be standalone and what elements must be purchased simultaneously, as well as the associated costs. The committee used this information to narrow down the project to the top four priorities (See attached), with an estimated cost of \$440,000. Discussion ensued regarding the four elements and whether or not the Board had an interest in funding the improvements. Councilman Tom Kenyon stated the City does not have any funding available in 2013, stating, if the board wanted to move forward with the project, City Council would have to begin the conversations now for it to be included in the 2014 budget. It was stated the County and School District also do not have the funding available for the bleacher project in 2013. While the Board agreed they are in support of the identified priorities, there was concern that the increased traffic on the west side, due to the upcoming crosswalk and bus stop, could potentially create a much stronger need for the west plaza. At this time, the Board agreed the project should remain an open discussion and continues to be a work in progress. Lena Elliott stated she would share the details of today's discussion with Tim Foster.

#### **Item 5: Financial Report**

Jay Valentine reported the 2012 ending budget has been adjusted; the actual balance is \$124,135.68. The beginning fund balance for 2013 does not include the 2013 partner contributions.

#### **Item 6: Other Business**

Rob Schoeber reported staff was moving forward with the master planning for Matchett Park. This is a large scale project that already has a number of partners coming forward asking how they can contribute. Staff is in the process of applying for a \$75,000 GOCO grant and is requesting a \$500 contribution from PIAB (See attached). Lena Elliott expressed concern regarding preparing a master plan that potentially could go unused, with the Board agreeing that all projects must begin with a plan. Bruce Hill discussed the importance of the Matchett property being tied to the Interstate with a connection at 29 Road. Tom Kenyon said City Council will soon be having lengthy conversations on park development, stating, while they have chosen to move forward with Las Colonias, they are well aware its development is not the answer to the athletic needs of the community (multipurpose fields, etc.). Councilman Kenyon stated Canyon View Park is at its capacity and the planning for another multipurpose park must start now.

Harry Butler moved to approve the \$500 contribution towards the Matchett Park master plan. Lena Elliott seconded.

Motion adopted by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

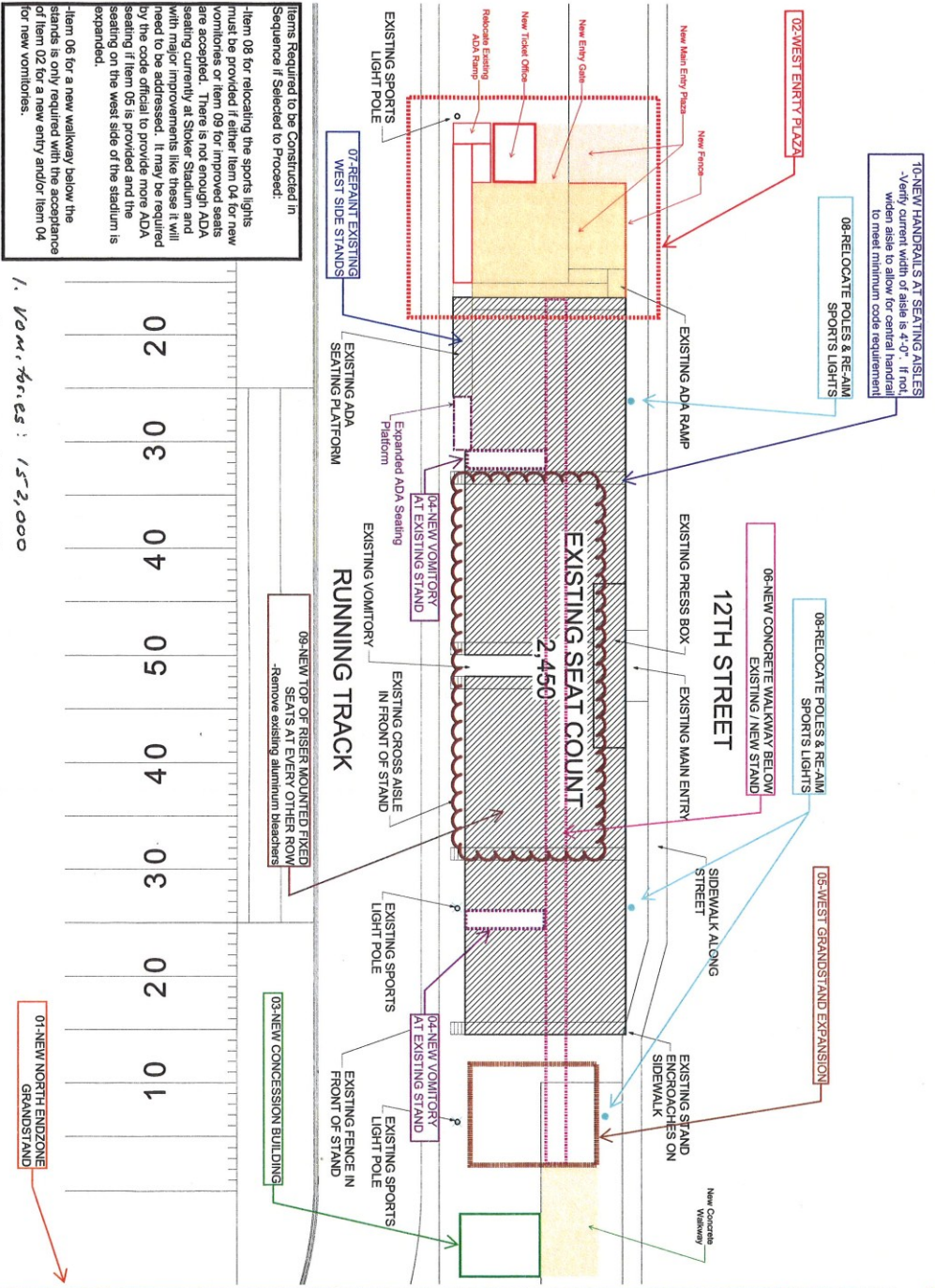
Rob Schoeber discussed recent staffing changes in the Parks and Recreation Department, stating Traci Wieland will be serving as the Project Manager for the next two years. Her primary focus will be on the Lincoln, Las Colonias, and Matchett Park projects. In addition, Eddie Mort has now been moved to supervise Lincoln Park only, which includes the park, barn, and stadium complex (all areas of Lincoln Park except the golf course). Eddie's weed abatement and softball complex responsibilities have been split out to the other Parks Supervisors. Eddie Mort recently received the Rocky Mountain Turfgrass Professional of the Year award. An open house will be held on Thursday, January 10, in honor of Eddie and the stadium staff.

**Item 7: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist



**Items Required to be Constructed in Sequence if Selected to Proceed:**

- Item 08 for relocating the sports lights must be provided if either Item 04 for new vomitories or Item 09 for improved seats are accepted. There is not enough ADA seating currently at Stoker Stadium and with major improvements like these it will need to be addressed. It may be required by the code official to provide more ADA seating if Item 05 is provided and the seating on the west side of the stadium is expanded.
- Item 06 for a new walkway below the stands is only required with the acceptance of Item 02 for a new entry and/or Item 04 for new vomitories.

- 1. Vomitories : 152,000
- 2. Lights : 130,000
- 3. Awns : 100,000
- 4. Walkway : 50,000 (?)

### WEST STAND IMPROVEMENTS LEGEND

**Lincoln Park Stadium Improvements**

October 12, 2012

STAN COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Calendar 2012  
703 Park Imp  
Advisory Board  
Fund

As of 1/8/13

	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual Amount	Percentage Used w/o Encumbrances
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>(111,820)</b>	<b>(114,920)</b>	<b>(109,644)</b>	<b>95.41%</b>
<b>CS - Charges for Service</b>	<b>(40,000.00)</b>	<b>(43,100.00)</b>	<b>(38,500.00)</b>	<b>89.33%</b>
Marketing Services Revenue	(40,000.00)	(43,100.00)	(38,500.00)	89.33%
<b>IG - Intergovernmental</b>	<b>(56,000.00)</b>	<b>(56,000.00)</b>	<b>(56,000.00)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
PIAB Contrib_City General	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
PIAB Contrib_Mesa County Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
PIAB Contrib_Mesa County Stadium	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PIAB Contrib_Mesa State Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
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PIAB Contrib_School Dist Gen	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
PIAB Contrib_School Dist Stadium	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>IN - Interest</b>	<b>(1,820.00)</b>	<b>(1,820.00)</b>	<b>(1,143.73)</b>	<b>62.84%</b>
Dividend Income	0.00	0.00	(693.72)	
Interest Income	(1,820.00)	(1,820.00)	(450.01)	24.73%
<b>OT - Other</b>	<b>(14,000.00)</b>	<b>(14,000.00)</b>	<b>(14,000.00)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Donations	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	100.00%
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>74,510</b>	<b>141,210</b>	<b>141,002</b>	<b>99.85%</b>
<b>OP - Operating</b>	<b>74,510.00</b>	<b>141,210.00</b>	<b>141,002.45</b>	<b>99.85%</b>
Charges/Fees_Filing	10.00	10.00	10.00	100.00%
Comm Participat	50,000.00	106,000.00	106,000.00	100.00%
Contract Svcs	24,000.00	34,700.00	34,708.00	100.02%
Operating Supply_Business Meals	500.00	500.00	284.45	56.89%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(37,310)</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>31,359</b>	<b>119.28%</b>

Beginning Funds Available	155,494.40
Net Source (Use) of Funds	(31,358.72)
Ending Funds Available	<b>124,135.68</b>

**Matchett Park Master Plan**  
**Funding Request – January 8, 2013**

**Background**

The City of Grand Junction acquired the Matchett Park property in 1996. Located at 28 ¼ Road and Patterson, this site encompasses a total of 205 acres (nearly double the size of Canyon View). The park is currently used by many local residents for walking, biking, dog exercise and other special events. There is an 18-hole disc golf course developed along the eastern edge of the park, and the City is in the second year of a 5 year agricultural lease. School District 51 owns a 15 acre parcel on this site that can "float" on the site dependent upon the master plan and the needs of the district.

**Master Plan**

The 2013 City Budget includes \$50,000 to begin a master plan process for this park. The anticipated cost of the plan is \$150,000 - \$200,000 for the two year process. We are submitting a planning grant application through Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) in the amount of \$75,000. As part of the review process, GOCO looks very favorable upon the partnerships that have been established throughout the community for the requested projects. Thus far, we have secured partnerships with:

- Western Colorado Botanical Gardens
- Mesa Developmental Services
- Grand Junction Soccer
- Mesa County Junior Football Association

This planning process will be extensive and include numerous public meetings and involvement from special interest groups. It will likely be designed as a community/regional park, much like Canyon View and Lincoln Parks.

**Request**

Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department is requesting a total of \$500 to be used towards the initial master planning process for Matchett Park.

