

CITY OF BROOKINGS

RESOLUTION NO. 06-R-749

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REDESIGN OF BANKUS
FOUNTAIN PARK AS PART OF THE HIGHWAY 101 – DOWNTOWN
BROOKINGS TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Brookings City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission held a joint public meeting on January 26, 2006 for the purpose of considering redesigning Bankus Fountain Park as part of the Highway 101 – Downtown Brookings Transportation Solutions Project; and,

WHEREAS, the regular City Council meeting of February 13, 2006, provided an opportunity for all interested individuals to offer testimony for or against the proposed redesign and implementing measures; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of this resolution will allow the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the City of Brookings to pursue funding for constructing Alternative 5 of the Highway 101 – Transportation Solutions Project; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration, Nationwide Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation, the City of Brookings finds the redesign of Bankus Fountain Park and Festival Street constitutes a net benefit to the 4(f) property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Brookings in regular meeting assembled that:

Section 1. The City Council adopts a redesign of Bankus Fountain Park and Festival Street as depicted on the attached “Bankus Fountain Park, Preferred Alternative 4(F) Plan”(Exhibit A-1) and “Bankus Fountain Park, Festival Street Preferred Alternative”(Exhibit A-2), and as described on the attached narrative entitled “Downtown Brookings-Highway 101 Transportation Solutions Project, Bankus Fountain Park Design, Preferred Alternative, January 26, 2006”(Exhibit B).

Section 2. In adopting this redesign of Bankus Fountain Park, the City Council intends for it to be the basis for a final design of Bankus Fountain

Park. Implementation of the redesign is contingent upon agreement with the City of Brookings Public Works Department. The park will be designed in such a way that the safety of visitors will be a significant consideration, with special attention being paid to landscaping and the fountain.

Section 3. Conflicting Ordinances and Resolutions. Any ordinances or resolutions in any way inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this resolution are declared superseded and repealed.

Section 4. Severability. If any section of this resolution is for any reason deemed to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. The effective date of this Resolution is February 13, 2006.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Brookings, County of Curry, State of Oregon, this 13th day of February, 2006.

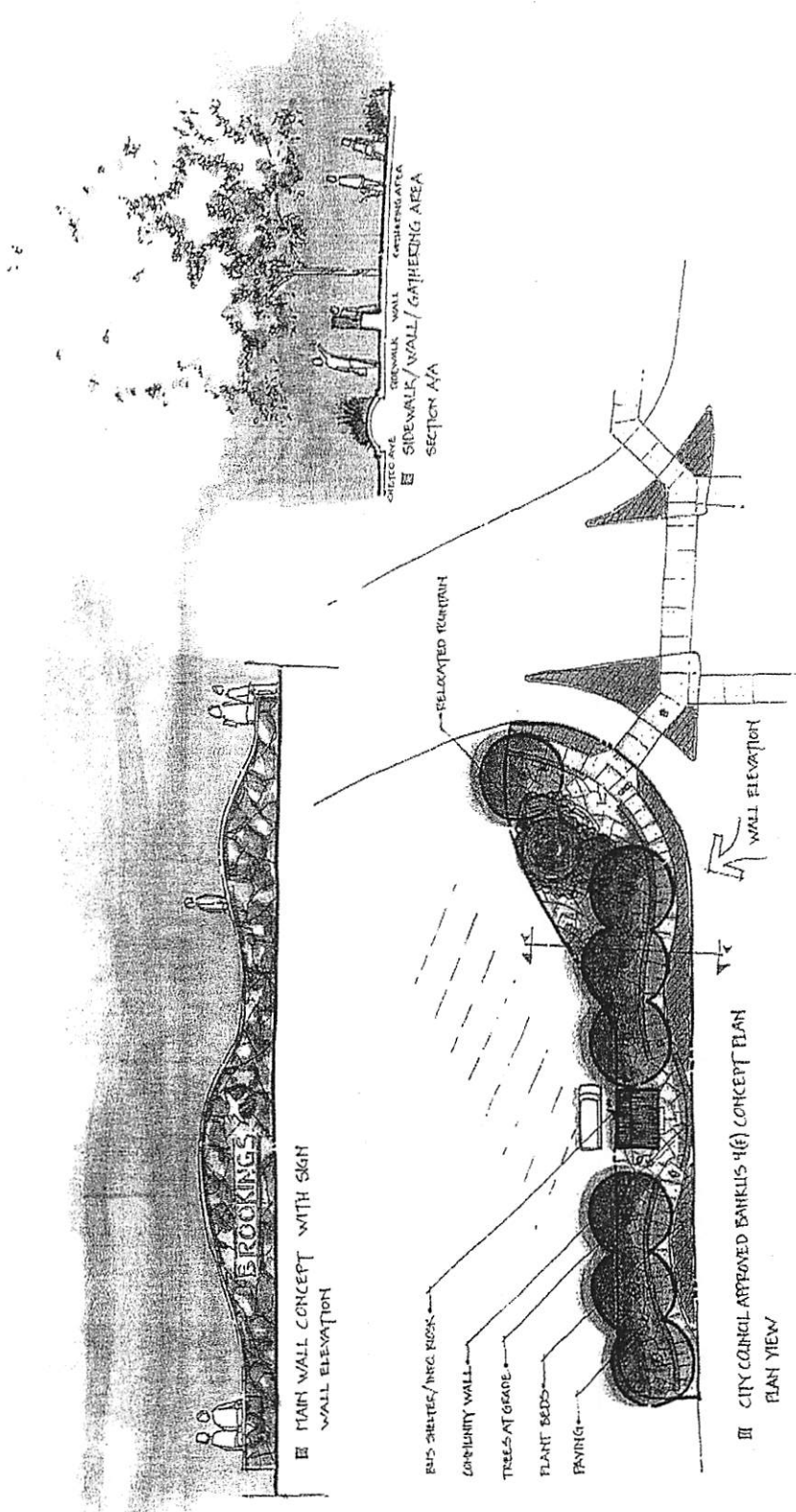
ATTEST:



Mayor, Pat Sherman



City Recorder, Paul Hughes



BANKUS FOUNTAIN PARK, PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 4(F) PLAN

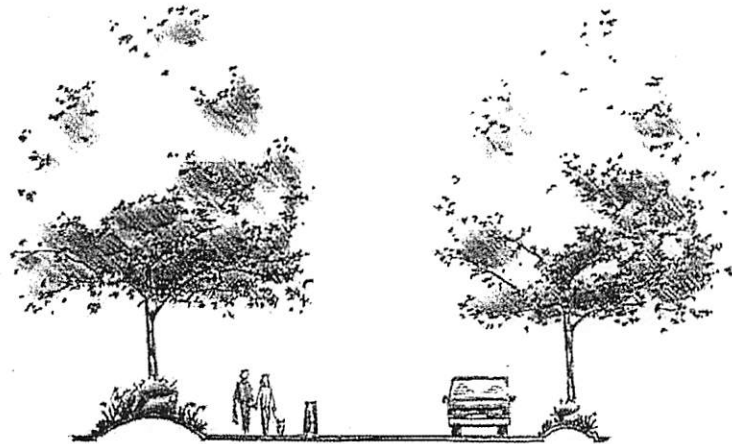
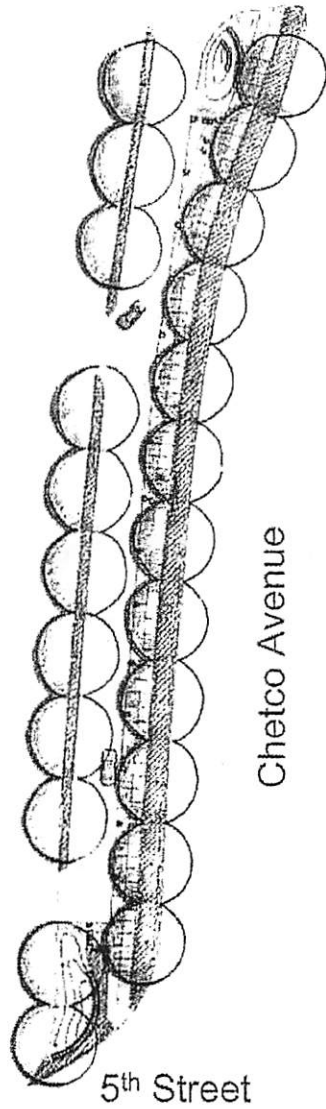


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Bankus Fountain Park

Festival Street Preferred Alternative



Festival Street Cross Section

**Downtown Brookings – Highway 101 Transportation Solutions Project
Bankus Fountain Park Design
Preferred Alternative
January 26, 2006**

Process

A workshop with the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission was conducted on Thursday, January 26. The workshop included a presentation of three concepts for the redesign of Bankus Fountain Park and one design for an associated Festival Street on the frontage road to the east of the Park. After review and discussion of each of the alternatives and the Festival Street, the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission reached consensus on a preferred alternative.

Park Footprint

The preferred alternative does not expand the footprint of the park outside the existing park area. It does not include any additional area within the City's adjacent Recreational Vehicle parking lot. While the size of the park will decrease due to the acquisition of approximately 4,000 square feet for construction of the preferred roadway design (Alternative 5), the creation of a Festival Street to the east extends the "feel" of the park and provides the city with additional space for community events (see description below).

Park Function

The redesigned Bankus Fountain Park is intended to serve multiple functions for the City of Brookings. The park will continue to honor Elmer Bankus as one of the city's early prominent businessmen, land developer, and philanthropist who lived in Brookings from the 1940s until his death in 1973. The park will include a fountain designed in a manner that emulates the current fountain. The fountain will include multiple pools and moving water.

The park also will serve as a community gathering spot for annual festivals and special events. The portion of the park currently used for recreational vehicle parking will remain in its current configuration, and will also continue to be utilized for special events as it does today.

Finally the park will continue to serve as a transit stop for the Curry Public Transit Coastal Express with a new bus shelter that could include a community information kiosk. The bus shelter could include a bench and trash receptacle.

Design Concept

The preferred design concept will include an undulating wall for much of the park's length. The wall will be seating height (18 inches) in places and transition to larger heights (four to five feet) to accommodate signage and art. The wall could include some of the existing stone found in the park that was originally selected by Bankus from his property. The wall will partially serve as a physical barrier to the traffic on Highway 101.

The park will include a fountain as its focal point. The fountain will have a similar feel as the current fountain by including a combination of pools and moving water. The use of the existing stone could provide an even stronger connection to the existing fountain.

The area surrounding the fountain will serve as a plaza for local events and include seating for people to enjoy the fountain. The plaza will be surfaced with pavers or scored concrete to set it off from the adjacent parking lot. When larger events are planned the adjacent recreational vehicle parking area could be roped off to create a larger gathering area.

The existing memorials to Elmer Bankus and the Soroptimist Club of Brookings will be incorporated into the new park during final design.

Festival Street

This area on the northeastern corner of Chetco Avenue and 5th Street will be a direct extension of Bankus Fountain Park and provide an opportunity for a Festival Street environment by designing a linear street/plaza. While this area will be buffered by a planted berm along Chetco Avenue and a curbless sidewalk with bollards and seating to protect pedestrians, it will be able to accommodate booths or parked cars when desired. Festival Street will accommodate market booths on both sides of the park/plaza for events such as a farmers' market, craft fairs, festivals and other outdoor gatherings. It will include facilities for the "fish poles" to maintain this tradition with the power company. On non-event days, this area will serve as link to the next block and adjoining neighborhood. Similar plant and construction material with sign walls at both ends will provide continuity and a visual and physical connection to Bankus Park Fountain.