

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vilelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ken Barkema, Tony Baron, Patricia Brown, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish, Chair Don Vilelle.

Also present: Gary Milliman, City Manager and John Cowan, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. *Removal of Azalea Park Volleyball Courts* – John Cowan Public Works Director requested Commissions thoughts on removal of the volleyball courts. No statistics available on the number of people who use the volleyball courts, public comment provided by audience member indicated she sees families using the court regularly. No net is currently available, area has been somewhat neglected. Commission believes public needs to be made more aware of the availability of the courts; there may possibly be a group willing to start a volleyball league; more signage is needed; and more public input is needed before a decision is made to remove them. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to table the matter until the October 22nd meeting to obtain public comment; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

B. Rescheduling of November and December 2009 meetings – due to holidays the November meeting will be rescheduled to November 19th and the December meeting will be rescheduled to December 17th. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to reschedule the November and December meetings to the third Thursday of November and December; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. *Easy Manor Park* – Commissioner Brown presented a report on the opening of Easy Manor Park. Park opened September 15th to a very positive public response and is visited daily by many children and families. Many thanks to everyone who made the park possible. Additional property in the area may be considered for a Phase II of the park to include increased parking. A KANS for Kids donation box is to be installed to comply with the grant conditions, location to be determined. Received request to install a drinking fountain, one was not installed due to expense and vandalism.

B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish advised that the Stout Park subcommittee has almost reached the \$2000 amount needed to open an account with the Wild River Foundation who will help with further fundraising. They continue to schedule presentations to groups for sponsorships. KBSC continuing to get park footage for the park program.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Brown – has received comments on possible Chetco Point Park improvements including access to Mill Beach, restrooms, replacement of the bridge, removal of non-native plants, and measures to preserve the fragile ecology on Chetco Point. Diane Cavenness would like to put on a powerpoint presentation for the Lower Stout Park subcommittee to show how many birds are in the park and be involved in the planting of the park to keep it bird friendly. Commissioner Parrish will contact her. Received appreciative comments on the new Fifth Street sidewalks, John Cowan advised that the next phase will be sidewalks from Barbra Lane to Ransom

Commissioner Hartmann – congratulated Commissioner Parrish on his state Volunteer of the Year award and complimented Gary Milliman on his public forum newspaper article concerning public safety.

Commissioner Parrish - Stout Mountain Railway is getting ready for Halloween and inviting the public to participate in writing short stories using the railway as the stage/backdrop. Railway pictures will be on display next month at Chetco Pharmacy.

Commissioner Baron – wanted to share that he witnessed a delivery truck jumping the curb and wiped out five azaleas at Bankus Park. Ray's Food Place advised they will replace the plants. Suggested placing landscape rocks in the area to stop trucks from jumping the curb and continuing to do this. Advised he is undertaking the project of excavating/reconditioning the Azalea Park softball fields with Public Works.

Chair Vilelle – advised that Debra Dudley is trying to remove Shirley Hyatt from the Azalea Park Foundation.

Staff – City Manager Gary Milliman advised that the October meeting will include a report on the KASPER program. The next draft of the Capital Improvement Plan will be on the October agenda, one of the items included the installation of a bus passenger shelter at Bankus Park, he has been in contact with Curry Transit who can secure funding to purchase a bus shelter, but they do not have the resources to install it. Pursuing the possibility of a joint venture with them. Commissioner Baron suggested the Commission be involved in the selection/designs of the bus shelters

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm. Next meeting scheduled for October 22, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Vilelle, Chair

(approved at October 22, 2009 meeting)