

City of Brookings  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
2009 Annual Report

March 4, 2010

It has been my privilege to serve as the Chair of the Brookings Parks and Recreation Commission from March 2009 to February 2010. The following is a brief summary month by month of the developments that transpired during my tenure as Chair:

March 2009

-----the KASPER after school program will be starting March 31<sup>st</sup>. 40-50 students are expected—cost is \$150 for the ten week program.

-----Kid Town Enhancement—the Commission approved the enhancement program to make Kid Town ADA accessible.

-----Swimming Pool—after hearing City Manager Gary Milliman’s presentation of the pool budget, the Commission voted 3-2 to increase the daily, ten swim pass, and season swim pass fees as presented.

April, 2009

-----Swimming Pool—after more discussion on pool group rates, the Commission voted to increase those rates.

-----A presentation was made to the Commission on the budget process to give the Commission a better understanding of budget requirements.

-----Kid Town Enhancement—fundraising is continuing for making the ADA improvements.

May, 2009

-----Tennis backboard—a proposal was made and passed on to the City Council to install a 10 foot by 16 foot backboard at the Bud Cross tennis courts.

-----Easy Manor Park—prep work will start next month on improvements that are scheduled to be completed in September of 2009.

June, 2009

-----A review/update on the Capital Projects List was presented and the 2009-2010 budget was discussed. The commission will meet at Kid Town July 25 to tour the parks and prioritize projects.

-----Easy Manor Park—now closed to the public as improvements continue.

July, 2009

-----Azalea Park/Rotary Club Sidewalk grant—a proposal was heard, discussed, and approved to construct an ADA wheelchair accessible sidewalk, concrete pad and shelter near the Azalea Park band shell.

-----Lower Stout Park—plans for the parks improvement continue to be modified as memorial bricks will be for sale.

August, 2009

-----Park Capital Improvement Plan—the Commission gave City Manager Gary Milliman a list of the top items needing attention. Updating will be done and brought back for discussion before the October meeting.

September, 2009

-----Azalea Park Volleyball Courts—discussion was held on the removal of the volleyball courts. Issue was tabled until the October meeting in order for the Commission to get public input.

-----Easy Manor Park—was opened to great fanfare on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

-----Lower Stout Park—fundraising continues.

October, 2009

-----KASPER program—a report on and a request to continue the program in the summer of 2010 for an amount of \$15,000. The program has been very successful to this point.

-----Azalea Park Volleyball Courts—the issue will be tabled until next fall as there seems to be substantial support for keeping the courts.

-----Mill Beach access—the Commission discussed the idea of developing additional property for the purpose of making safer public access and camping.

-----Azalea Park Master Plan—a reconfiguration of the athletic fields was presented and approved.

-----Park Capital Improvement Plan—was approved unanimously.

-----Bus Shelter—was discussed for Bankus Park.

November, 2009

-----Port Park—Commission heard a presentation about constructing a playground in the Harbor Port area. Commission cannot and did not make a decision as the Port is outside the city limits.

-----Bus Shelter—the area for the shelter has been staked out at Bankus Park.

December, 2009

-----Lower Stout Park—still in limbo. Fundraising ideas are still being considered.

-----Bankus Park landscaping—Winchuck Nursery will be contacted regarding plants for the project.

-----KASPER—the City Council still has some questions about the program and has delayed approval.

January, 2010

-----Lower Stout Park—Chair Pete Chasar resigned from the Stout Park subcommittee. Changes will be made to the original design. Parks and Recreation Commission requested a presentation of the design before approval.

-----Bankus Park Landscaping—public works will begin the task of getting the ground ready.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow commissioners for the chance to Chair our group in 2009. Having a group of individuals who are willing to express themselves and who sincerely work to make Brookings a more beautiful community makes our Commission a more viable entity.

Respectfully submitted

Don Vilelle  
Chair