

AGENDA
CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Chamber - 898 Elk Drive
May 22, 2008 - 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Minutes of April 24, 2008

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

VI. REGULAR AGENDA
A. Youth Legacy Program – Grant Opportunity

VII. INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Stout Mountain Railway/Lower Stout Park (Commissioner Parrish)

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT (Next meeting June 26th, 7 pm)

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
April 24, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Others present: John Cowan, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Correct the minutes to indicate under Information Updates/Discussion, item #B, Chair Parrish should be Commissioner Parrish. **Motion made by Commissioner Vilelle to approve the minutes of March 27, 2008 as corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- A. Chris Hart – Basketball Courts at Azalea Park. Mr. Hart did not appear, Commissioners reviewed letter and discussed the issues related to his request. Five outdoor courts are already available for use at the schools plus one court at Bud Cross Park, volleyball court location is not logistically feasible and according to the Azalea Park Master Plan Azalea Park is built out and unable to build anything further. **Motion made by Commissioner Brown to deny the request; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Azalea Park Planning/Operations – Gary Milliman, City Manager requesting the Park & Recreation Commission to establish two subcommittees. One to work with city staff and the Azalea Park Foundation to develop a long-term plan for the maintenance of the heritage Azalea area and one to work with City Staff and the Capella developer to develop a transition plan for ownership of the building and a long-term maintenance/operation plan. Commissioners Parrish and Barkema appointed to the Capella committee; Chair Benoit and Commissioner Hartmann appointed to the Azalea Park Foundation committee.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Easy Manor Park Update* – Chair Benoit. Waiting to hear on the grant, have received three comments from natural resource agencies on the impact of the park to fish and wildlife, waiting for fourth response.
- B. *Stout Mountain Railway* – Commissioner Parrish. Have started laying down tracks, bridges are done, plantings are in the process. Grand opening scheduled for Azalea Festival weekend, May 24th at 2 pm.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Parrish advised that the tree removal at Stout Park was very destructive to some of the azalea plants. Park needs to be cleaned up once removal/planting of new trees is done. Requests that the Myrtlewood and Madrone tree stumps on Oak Street be ground out/removed by CCEC. Water faucet located, waiting on electrical outlet decision from City Manager.

Commission Vilelle attended an Azalea Park Foundation meeting, they continue to try and recruit new members and need more members to continue. Chair Benoit and Commissioner Hartman will attend the May 9th meeting as Park & Recreation representatives. The Azalea Park Foundation would like to pursue the issue with the city about a caretaker in Azalea Park.

Chair Benoit interested in the plantings that the Capella Committee will be putting in when landscaping is installed. To keep as natural as possible would be best for low maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Benoit, Chair

(approved at May 22, 2008 meeting)

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

May 8, 2008 Meeting

Agenda Item:	12	Information
Topic:	Oregon 150/ Youth Legacy Parks Projects	
Presented by:	James Hamrick	

There are now two Youth Legacy Projects for the sesquicentennial. One will involve high school age youth in a visioning exercise on statewide issues that may have relevance in 2059 and will culminate in a Symposium at Willamette University in 2009

The second project, overseen by Governor Barbara Roberts, involves designating four local or county parks statewide as sesquicentennial legacy parks. The project is a collaboration between Oregon 150, OPRD, and the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association.

The four parks are to be developed or improved in two ways. One will focus on a permanent commemorative area, perhaps with a monument and vegetation. The Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects may assist in the design of that feature.

The second aspect will involve improvements that relate to the so-called Children in Nature or Kids in the Woods movement, which is geared toward getting kids outdoors and has educational, recreational, and health goals.

A special grant award process using Local Government Grant funds is being undertaken. A maximum \$200,000 is available. Factors in choosing the four parks will include need, geographic location, youth engagement, and consistency with the Children in Nature theme.

Grants will be chosen by the Local Government Advisory Committee in August. Governor Roberts, Youth Legacy Project Chair Henry Balensifer, and ORPA Executive Director Frank Jagodnik will assist in applicant evaluations.

The OPRD Commission will be asked to approve the grants at their September meeting, and we expect to roll-out the projects and the Children in Nature program at the late September annual ORPA meeting in Bend.

Action Requested: None

Prior Action by Commission: None

Prepared by: James Hamrick



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Re: Youth Legacy Program - Grant Opportunity

In 2009, Oregon will celebrate its 150th birthday. Oregon 150 and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) are gearing up to celebrate this remarkable state—its history, the outdoor recreation it affords us, and the natural resources we are entrusted with. Our state park system is the envy of the nation, and it is one of the most significant legacies Oregon gives its citizens.

But the trend for the future is worrisome. Children and young adults today aren't getting outside and enjoying local and state parks the way they used to. The reasons are many and complex, but the implications are straightforward. Childhood obesity is on the rise, leading to major health problems. When children grow up without an understanding of the natural resources around them, the commitment to conservation and stewardship is more difficult to convey. And worst of all, the intangible, even spiritual connection found in the natural world may be lost to them forever.

Oregon 150 and OPRD have teamed up to help reconnect kids with nature through creation of the Youth Legacy Program. This program will provide four grants up to \$50,000 each for projects that will engage children in the outdoors while providing a meaningful and enduring contribution to local parks and communities—in the spirit of the state's sesquicentennial.

The grant applications are due July 11. Presentations before the Selection Committee will occur on August 20. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2009. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/GRANTS/index.shtml>.

You can help reconnect our children to the outdoors and their communities. Thank you for your ideas and your participation.

Sincerely,

Tim Wood
Director

Barbara Roberts
Vice Chair
Youth Legacy Program

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