

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 27, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Michelle Benoit, Patricia Brown, Frances Hartmann, Don Vilelle & Chair Tony Parrish

Commissioners absent: Hayley Farr - Hayley has missed three consecutive meetings unexcused, referred to city council to vacate position. Elizabeth Grodin has formally resigned.

Others present: Jan Willms, City Councilor, John Cowan, Public Works Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **A motion was made by Commissioner Vilelle to approve the minutes of August 23, 2007 as written; the motion was seconded and the Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Change of November & December meeting dates. Because of holidays, the November meeting was changed to November 29th and the December meeting to December 20th.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Easy Manor Park Update – Commissioner Brown presented a review of the Easy Manor Park Ice Cream Social. Over 100 parents and children attended enjoying ice cream and games. A presentation was given on the playground equipment and play areas. Possibly a volunteer neighborhood steering committee can be established to help attain funding for new playground equipment. The next subcommittee meeting will be October 5th at 2:30 to review the comment cards submitted at the ice cream social.
- B. John Cowan reviewed proposed changes in the Park Use Rules & Regulations application form. Discussion pursued and clarification made regarding proposed changes including sign posting, leashing of pets, park damage, conflicts of use, Bankus Park regulations and regulation enforcement. Commissioners suggested a sign with park rules be installed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Vilelle to approve the proposed Park Use Rules and Regulations Application form as presented; the motion was seconded and the Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Sudden Oak Death Park Update – John Cowan advised the commission of the current schedule and procedure by the Department of Forestry for removal of affected trees from Azalea Park. Signage has been put in place advising of Sudden Oak Death. The herbicide treatment has been done and ODF will be back in approximately two weeks to begin the burning/removal of the infected Tanoak trees. Four fir trees that were dead and a danger have been removed along with two fir trees adjacent to Lundeen Lane which were removed by Coos Curry Electric Contract crew. ODF is looking into a contractor to apply the AGRIPHOS fungicide to the trees around the gazebo that we are trying to save and not yet infected. ODF will also be checking trees in Stout Park for signs of the disease.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Vilelle – Nature’s Coastal Holiday not meeting yet; Azalea Park Foundation meeting did not have a quorum for the September meeting.

Commissioner Hartmann attended the community wide Sudden Oak Death informational meeting held at the library and appreciated the information that was provided to the public.

Commissioner Brown appreciates being kept informed of the Sudden Oak Death circumstances and the affects it is having on the park and community.

Chair Parrish was contacted regarding the donation of a 30’ flagpole at the Azalea Park Bandshell. The matter was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion. Stout Mountain Railroad progressing, have sold sponsorship buildings to several local businesses.

Public Works Director John Cowan advised that the new bandshell cover will be replaced by the company because of the two tone fabric used when making it.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Parrish, Chair

(approved at October 25, 2007 meeting)