

AGENDA
CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Chamber 898 Elk Drive
July 26th, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following the approval of the minutes the meeting will adjourn for a **joint work session with City Council** to review and discuss the Azalea Park Use Plan.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of June 28, 2007
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

(Next meeting August 23rd, 7 pm)

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 28, 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: Patricia Brown, Haley Farr, Elizabeth Grodin, Don Vilelle, & Chair Tony Parrish

Commissioners absent: Michelle Benoit, Frances Hartmann

Others present: Ron Hedenskog and Jan Willms, City Councilors; Tom Hubka, Media

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of May 24, 2007, motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Tennis backboard at Bud Cross Park. Reference letter of May 24, 2007 from Rich Hayashi advocating addition of a backboard to the Bud Cross Park tennis facility (letter attached). Discussion ensued. The question of cost in materials and labor was raised as preliminary to seeking funding for this item which has not been budgeted for in the 2007-08 City of Brookings budget. Commissioner Parrish volunteered to obtain materials pricing locally and put together a cost estimate. He will attempt to get Mr. Hayashi involved in design and project proposal. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brown that project cost estimates be obtained with the intent of asking for budget approval once a proposal can be written; motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Azalea Park Master Plan. In discussions with staff, Chair Parrish and Mayor Sherman it was suggested that a combined work session including the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council, and Public Works Director John Cowen be scheduled at the July 26, 2007 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Commission will convene, approve minutes, then adjourn the meeting and start the joint work session with the city council to review and discuss the Azalea Park Use Plan.
- C. Easy Manor Park. Commissioner Brown presented preliminary plans for the Fall Ice Cream Social designed to get public interest and input into equipment upgrades for Easy Manor Park. A tentative date of Saturday, September 15, 2007 has been set. A sales representative of Rainbow Playground Equipment in Roseburg has been contacted and has agreed to prepare a color playground design once he has park dimensions and a tentative budget in hand. If the City decides to proceed with this plan, the equipment vender will dispatch a representative to meet with parents and children, as well as City staff and Commissioners on the day of the park event. Pending is a grant possibility through the state to match local funds for this project. Mayor Sherman is in contact with the Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant Program regarding application procedures and timelines. Discussion of this project ensued and the planning subcommittee will proceed with gathering the information necessary to go forth and present progress at future Commission meetings (see Commissioner Brown's report attached).

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Farr announced this year's Renaissance Fair is July 28, 2007, in Azalea Park.
- B. Chair Parrish will be presenting the Stout Park railroad project proposal at the July 9th City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Farr expressed concerns with what she considers to be rude behavior of the staff toward parents at the Municipal Swimming Pool. It was suggested that she, as a concerned parent, speak to the pool supervisor about her perceptions.

Commissioner Brown applauded Commissioner Vilelle’s continuing commitment to picking up trash along Chetco and Railroad, plus the connecting streets, from 5th south to Triangle Park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Parrish, Chair
(approved at _____ July 26th, 2007 _____ meeting)

May 24, 2007

Parks and Recreation Commission
c/o John Cowan, Public Works Director
City Hall
898 Elk Drive
Brookings, OR 97415

Commissioners,

My name is Rich Hayashi and I would like to promote tennis in the Brookings-Harbor area. Tennis is a lifelong recreation that can be enjoyed by all. An addition of a tennis backboard to the Bud Cross Park facility can enhance tennis activity and get more people out to play tennis. Apparently there was one before that was not maintained and was eventually taken down. Tennis classes might also be considered as a summer activity sponsored by the city for the kids as well as adults. I would be happy to discuss either of these proposals and how they can be implemented.

For the tennis backboard, I suggest using the vacant space just south of the basketball court at the corner of Ransom Ave and 3rd St. The board can be mounted against the side fence of the tennis court. Players will be able to use the wall without taking up court space. The pavement is a little rough but will be OK for now. Errant balls will go into the first tennis court and not into traffic.

I would suggest a wall that is 20 feet wide and 10 feet tall. This is large enough for 1 beginner player or 2 intermediate players together. For reference, a regular singles court is 27 feet wide while a doubles court is 36 feet wide. It would be nice, but not necessary, to paint court lines for reference. The distance from the wall to the baseline would be 39 feet. Backboards can be made out of wood, plastic or concrete. Wood would have the least cost to put up but would require regular maintenance and will have the shortest life expectancy. There is also a noise factor with wood. Plastic does not require maintenance. Wind may be an issue for either wood or plastic. Someone needs to look at the mounting structure with respect to the winds that we can have here.

I am attaching some information on tennis backboards. I am willing to do the leg work here, if I know this is in the realm of being possible and you let me know what rules and parameters I have to work to. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like some additional information.

Thanks for your consideration,
Rich Hayashi

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Easy Manor Park Playground Equipment Project First Report

On Friday, June 22nd Mayor Pat Sherman, Councilwoman Jan Wilms, Commissioner Michelle Benoit and I had a workshop meeting discussing the Easy Manor Park and its need for new playground equipment. We decided to hold the annual Ice Cream Social at the park and to invite the community to get involved. The date we decided on is Saturday, September 15th. I have contacted the sales representative of Rainbow Playground Equipment in Roseburg. His name is Stan Nored... He has asked me for the dimensions of the park and what our budget might be for purchasing equipment. I explained to him that we will be asking for grant money and some public support to fund the new equipment. He told me that once he knows our space requirements and budget, he can produce a color playground design. He has given my information to their representative in Eugene who is willing to be here in Brookings for the Ice Cream Social. I feel good that we have a contact that seems to be willing to work with us.

The playground equipment must be attractive, be able to withstand our coastal weather conditions, be geared to a particular age group, like 2 to 10 years old, and be within our budget. We also discussed the need for a couple of picnic tables and trash cans at the park, and maybe some changes to the existing fence. We would definitely like to remove the existing turnstile as it makes it hard for any handicapped person to get into the park, especially if they are in a wheelchair.

Marketing the event will be targeted to the schools, and advertising could be in the Pilot newspaper by either a features article or part of community news by a news reporter. The local TV station can also be contacted for coverage and I will design flyers that will be placed around town before the event.

I think this will be a worthwhile project and I am enthusiastic about working towards our goals of a better park for our city's children.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Brown
Parks and Recreation Commissioner