

AGENDA
CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Chamber - 898 Elk Drive
December 20th, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of November 29, 2007
- V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
 - A. Azalea Park Foundation
- VI. REGULAR AGENDA**
 - A. Review proposal of re-planting trees in Azalea Park due to SOD and make recommendation for City Council consideration.
 - B. Review proposal to remove trees by Coos Curry Electric Co-op and make recommendation for City Council consideration.
- VII. INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Easy Manor Park Update (Commissioner Brown)
- VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT** (Next meeting January 25th, 7 pm)

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
November 29, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent: Michelle Benoit

Others present: City Councilor Jan Willms, City Manager Gary Milliman, Public Works Director John Cowan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of October 25, 2007 as written; motion was seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Loraine Woods, PO Box 7097, Brookings, OR, Azalea Park Foundation member. She would like the foundation notified when maintenance on the azaleas in their section is needed so azaleas are cut back correctly.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Review proposal to remove trees by Coos Curry Electric Co-op and make recommendation for City Council consideration -- Public Works Director John Cowan read Agenda Report concerning removal of eight designated hazard trees in Azalea and Stout Park due to their proximity to power poles.

Pauline Olsen, 317 Memory, Brookings, spoke in opposition of removing the designated trees in Stout Park and of the value they are to the community. Provided names of registered arborists able to determine the necessity of removing the trees.

Ed Gross, 177 Julia Way, Brookings, tree farmer and USFS retired Soils Scientist, observed the Stout Park trees as being healthy, 60 to 80 years old and wind firm, meaning they have grown in the open and their root structure has accommodated many storms over the years. Believes no urgency to remove the trees but there is a hazard to power lines from branches falling onto them which could be prevented by pruning.

Judy Kaplan, 441 Buena Vista Loop, Brookings, believes pruning of the trees would be adequate rather than to cutting down the trees.

Brian Woosley, owner of Western Pacific Tree Service, Brookings, advised that the tops of these trees have been blown out, the trunks are not straight and the upper branches have grown out sideways and up (dog leg) and grown up over the power lines, so unable to trim the trees without branches falling unto the power lines. Believes the tree tops will blow out again and are a threat to the CCEC power system. Trees on Lundeen Lane are leaning over, have multiple tops and one is within 10 feet of the transmission line. CCEC is trying to protect the electric system by removing all the trees and will replace trees at their expense.

Commission discussed tree removal and options. **A motion was made by Commissioner Vilelle to remove the four trees in Stout Park and four on Lundeen Lane and the matter be referred to the City Council; the motion was not seconded and did not pass. A motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann to postpone any decision until the Park & Recreation meeting on December 20th pending input from Arborist Kristin Ramstad; the motion was seconded and the Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Flagpole at Azalea Park Bandshell Area – Chair Parrish advised that an anonymous donor is interested in installing a flagpole at the Azalea Park bandshell. Discussed whose responsibility it would be of raising flag for events and possibly locating flagpole at the ballfields instead. Donors have stated they are not interested in that location. Commissioners stated they do not wish to pursue the matter of installing a flagpole, Chair Parrish will advise interested donor.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Easy Manor Park Update – Commissioner Brown presented minutes of the November 11, 2007 subcommittee meeting. Advised grant information is forthcoming and turnstyle has been removed at Easy Manor Park.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Vilelle attended Azalea Park Foundation meeting where concerns were expressed regarding the trimming of the azaleas. Attended two Nature Coastal Holidays meetings where they discussed the Christmas light show at Azalea Park.

Chair Parrish advised that the Santa March was very successful. Believes trash at Stout Park has decreased for the time being. For safety reasons would like parking regulations on Oak Street at Stout Park to be looked into, large trucks from Brookside Nursery are parked there daily hindering vision.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Parrish, Chair

(approved at December 20, 2007 meeting)


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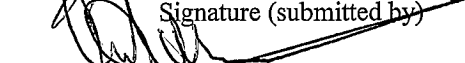
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 20, 2007

Originating Dept: Public Works



Signature (submitted by)


City Manager Approval

Subject: Re-planting of trees in Azalea Park, from ballfields to North Bank Chetco River Road.

Recommended Motion:

Motion to recommend to City Council the planting of trees in Azalea Park by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Financial Impact:

There will be no cost to the City of Brookings for the reforestation of the treated area of Azalea Park.

Background/Discussion:

On November 26, 2007 staff e-mailed Alan Kanaskie of the Oregon Department of Forestry to inquire the status of the Azalea Park Sudden Oak Death Treatment. Attached is his reply. Staff would like to recommend the re-planting of trees (Fir or Redwood) in the area between the parking lots at the ballfields and North Bank Chetco River Road. Staff would also recommend not planting trees within 100 feet of the existing power lines which parallel Lundeen Lane, so that there will not be a future maintenance conflict.

Policy Considerations:

None

Attachment(s):

Alan Kanaskie email dated 11-30-07

Parks & Recreation Commission Review and Approval for Placement on Council Agenda:

Tony Parrish, Chair – Parks & Recreation Commission

John Cowan

From: KANASKIE Alan [AKANASKIE@ODF.STATE.OR.US]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 3:11 PM
To: John Cowan
Subject: RE: Status of Azalea Park in Brookings

Hi John -

The handwork is done for now, according to Bill Woosley. I looked at it last weekend and it seems pretty good to my eye. We may clean up a few things once weather dries out and depending on our sampling results. We deployed some spore trap buckets at a couple of places this week.

I have not yet found a contractor to inject Agrifos near the Gazebo area, but I'm working on it.

Reforestation can begin as soon as January, depending on crew and seedling availability. The city should decide which areas will be planted and with what species. We can only do planting of readily available forest tree seedlings such as Douglas-fir, cedar, alder.

The burning pit may be filled in at any time.

Next week we will take some soil samples from a few areas that receive foot traffic to determine if there is any risk of transmitting the pathogen from these areas. I encourage you to keep the SOD signs up, but you can remove the keep out signs. People can move through these areas but they will need to take precautions as indicated on the signs (no plant material, clean mud from shoes, etc.).

Alan



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From: John Cowan [mailto:jcowan@brookings.or.us]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2007 11:37 AM
To: KANASKIE Alan
Cc: Gary Milliman
Subject: Status of Azalea Park in Brookings

Alan, I have not heard from the Oregon Department of Forestry since the major activity at the park has ended. Is there still hand work which needs to be done? Have you found a contractor to apply the Agrifos to the trees around the Gazebo area? Do you have any kind of time line on when reforestation could take place in the treated

areas? Is the City of Brookings able to fill in the burning pit to eliminate the hazard to the public? Any and all information would be greatly appreciated. From the City of Brookings end of things we have the quarantine signs posted approximately 50' apart, with KEEP OUT signs at approx. 150' apart. We are doing our best at limiting public access to the treated area. As you know though, as time goes by the public has a perception that the treatment is done and why can't they have access to that part of the park. Thanks, John Cowan

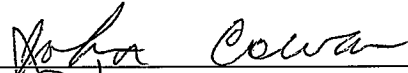
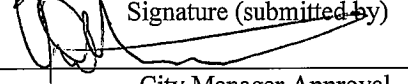
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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 20, 2007

Originating Dept: Public Works


Signature (submitted by)

City Manager Approval

Subject: Request by Coos-Curry Electric Coop (CCEC) to remove, at their expense, four hazardous trees on Lundeen Lane near Azalea Park and four hazardous trees at Stout Park adjacent to Oak Street due to their close proximity to major power lines.

Recommendation: Authorize CCEC to remove the eight trees at their cost.

Background /Discussion: Staff was contacted by CCEC's tree removal contractor regarding hazardous trees, four at Stout Park and four on Lundeen Lane in Azalea Park, which either overhang or lean toward power main feed lines in those two areas. Fallen limbs from trees at Stout Park caused the downtown power outage approximately two weeks ago. Staff has received an email from Randy McDonald, CCEC representative, which is included with this agenda item. The removal of these trees would reduce the probability of power outages due to falling or wind blown tree limbs from city property.

CCEC has agreed to cut the trees down in log form so that the City can sell them to South Coast Lumber under our current permit.

Financial Impact(s): None. If trees are removed in log form approximately two truck loads of logs could be sold to South Coast Lumber, generating approximately \$3,000 from the sale of logs and those monies could be put toward planting new trees in the parks away from power lines.

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