

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Tom Bozack, Trace Kather, Dennis Triglia, Don Vilelle and Chair Patricia Brown

Tony Baron introduced new Commissioner Dennis Triglia

Also present: Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron and Austin Dunn, RARE employee, and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes corrected on page 2, Information Updates, Section C to read Drew Carter. **Motion made to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015 as corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A. Silas Pieper – 17163 Parkview – appeared to request a foot shower at Mill Beach. He has seen lots of sand in the restroom sink causing the drain to clog. Tony Baron advised he will check further into costs and location and place on next meeting's agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Compassionate Friends Memorial - Georgia Cockerham presented her request to place a memorial bench and monument in Azalea Park. The monument is on a base, stands @2' high and holds 40 engraved names. They currently have @20 names to be engraved on the monument and additional names can be engraved on it. Commissioners concerned that the monument looks like a headstone and the possibility of vandalism. Georgia advised that the shape of the monument could be rectangular. Commission discussed accepting the bench but not the monument as they believe it will lead to more people wanting to erect memorials. Georgia stated her group would not want to place just the bench as the memorial has the names of the individuals. Commission suggested having the names engraved on the bench and making it a half circle or two benches. **Motion made to approve the bench and monument at Azalea Park, motion seconded, and the Commission voted, one in favor, four opposed; motion fails. Motion made to approve up to two benches, curved if possible to be placed in Azalea Park without the monument and have the names be engraved on the benches if possible; motion seconded and Commission voted; four in favor, one opposed, the motion carries.** Georgia to bring to the next Parks & Rec Commission meeting further details on the bench.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Disk Golf Course – Azalea Park – Austin Dunn advised the disc golf course recently had its ribbon cutting ceremony. Tee Pads, tee signs and baskets are complete and a kiosk with course map and rules is in progress. An inauguration tournament is scheduled July 25th. The back nine fairways have been cut, they still need grooming and the high school robotic class will build nine more baskets this school year. Tony advised he has budgeted for completion of the back nine with the help of volunteers and the project will continue after Austin leaves. He believes it is a positive addition to Azalea Park, encourages park use and will cut down on transients in the park. Austin will be leaving July 31st; he thanked the commission for their dedication and plans to continue his degree in landscape architecture and planning.

- B. Azalea Park – Native Azalea Work Plan** – Tony is developing work plans to cut trees and prune azaleas, making plans on getting information out to the public so positive communication is established to educate the public on the project and has scheduled tentative dates for work parties. Plans to include the Master Gardeners, Azalea Park Foundation, the Garden Club, volunteers and the public in the project.
- C. Pickle Ball Lines on Tennis Court** – Paul Wittenmeier, 15709 Pelican Bay Drive, Brookings presented a request to have pickleball lines painted on the tennis courts. Pickleball, played with a paddle and whiffle ball, is becoming popular and a local group plays weekly in the high school gym. The local pickleball group is willing to paint the lines however is approved by the City. Local tennis players advise the additional lines would not be distracting, just not white in color. Tony will go over further details with the group regarding paint color and striping.
- D. Azalea Park Ball Field Reconfiguration** – Tony advised that the City had been awarded a grant from Oregon Parks & Rec for the Azalea Park Ball Field Reconfiguration and many projects are underway. Currently in the process of installing electrical service in the ball field area for the Wild River Music Festival who has donated \$5000 towards the project. The overall budget was projected at \$350,000, the grant is for \$225,000, the remaining amount will be from community support donations, the Softball League, West Family Foundation and the public. Phase I of the project will include a maintenance building, a restroom/concession building, two new backstops, and accessible pathways. This was the second year Tony had applied for this grant and it was ranked 13th of 17 funded, and had lots of competition. Hopes that since they granted Phase I they will also grant Phase II when the time comes.

STAFF REPORTS

- A.** Tony advised that staff will be draining the Elmer Bankus fountain and spraying for the weeds. Plan to schedule a time when coordinated with the flushing of fire hydrant so as not to waste water.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Vilelle – wondered if plans for reconstruction of Chetco and Fifth Street intersection were still being discussed. Tony advised that he did not know of any.

Commissioner Bozack – questioned if anything further had been determined for a community rec flag football program. Tony advised it is too late to pursue this season and thought the interested group had found another means to establish themselves. Currently no recreational managing/programming is being pursued by the City due to lack of staff and funding. A much larger parks plan is required, City's present aim is to maintain facilities that currently exist, in future that may change. Willing to look into partnership with volunteers/groups to discuss possible future basic recreational programs.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Brown, Chair

(Approved at September 24, 2015 meeting)