

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
October 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patricia Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Trace Kather

Also present: Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made to approve the minutes of September 24, 2015; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Appointment of New Commission Chair & Co-Chair – A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Tom Bozack as Chair and Commissioner Dennis Triglia as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Kidtown Playground Maintenance - Tony Baron provided Kidtown history and background information. The play structure/area was built in 1993 by a non-profit volunteer group that turned over responsibility and maintenance of it to the City in 1997. The play structure is deteriorating with age and in need of maintenance and repairs that has sparked citizen complaints and concerns. Tony reviewed the regular maintenance the area receives and costs. Advised that the structure needs a long term maintenance plan and/or replacement possibilities determined. Community involvement planned and built the original structure and thought there might be groups or individuals interested in coming together again and pursuing rebuilding or replacement. He thinks there might be grants available and foundations willing to donate to the refurbishment.

Billy ? - 722B Pioneer Road advised that the initial cost to replace would be high but thought replacing the structure with a new steel playground would be cheaper to maintain than the wood structure and safer. He thought replacing the wood posts going into the ground with steel posts might be possible to keep the costs down if keeping the original play structure was decided.

Luke Collins, 14716 Oceanview Drive – advised he loves Kidtown and goes frequently with his son. He would like to keep Kidtown as it is, does not feel a steel structure, although it would be nice and new, offers the same adventure and play opportunities for kids. Advised that his employer Bishop Mazda and employees are willing to donate their time, man hours and man power to help keep Kidtown maintained, and they don't believe it is solely the City's responsibility to maintain. Would like to see residents be involved and help with upkeep of the structure. Suggested a monthly work party be organized to examine, repair and/or replace any problems to keep it safe and functioning. His employer has tires they are willing to donate for replacement tire swings. He also believes the restrooms are dirty and a detriment, Tony advised that they are prone to vandalism and hopes more people will become involved with the Park Ranger program so the restrooms can be opened and locked daily to prevent some of that.

Tony believes the public likes the character of Kidtown and that it is a large wood play structure. He suggested having a contractor come look at the structure and advise what is needed to be done to keep it from deteriorating, what materials and techniques are needed to maintain it and the costs. He believes the public will become engaged in keeping Kidtown and in volunteering to refurbish it. Suggested Bishop Mazda and the community start an "Adopt a Park" type of program that would coordinate some of the repairs with the City.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

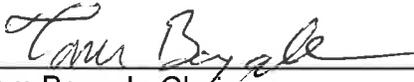
Commissioner Triglia thanked the individuals who came and spoke and offered to be involved in maintaining Kidtown.

Chair Brown suggested if new swings are needed to incorporate a new type called "Expressions" baby seat swing for moms and babies.

ADJOURNMENT

November meeting canceled to accommodate Thanksgiving holiday, next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2016. With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Bozack, Chair

(Approved at January 28, 2016 meeting)