

AGENDA
CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Chamber - 898 Elk Drive
October 22, 2015 - 7:00 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Minutes of September 24, 2015
- V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
- VI. REGULAR AGENDA**
 - A. Appointment of New Chair & Co-Chair
- VII. INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Kidtown Playground Maintenance
- VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 24, 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made to approve the minutes of July 23, 2015; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

REGULAR AGENDA - None

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Disk Golf Course – Azalea Park** – Tony Baron advised that the baskets for the back nine have been received and a work party is planned to install the bases. The map is in process and the kiosk is completed. He advised that the course is always busy with several groups playing every day and that the completion of the back nine is highly anticipated.
- B. Azalea Park – Native Azalea Work Plan** – Tony Baron advised that the project is progressing very well and they have had two work parties so far that have done a great amount of work so far, including pruning, thinning out of the competing vegetation and fertilizing in the bandshell and gazebo area. One more work party is planned. Have received many compliments from park visitors. He hopes the efforts to educate the community with press releases, a radio interview, info kiosk at the band concert and working with the Master Gardeners will help people understand why the work is necessary and the benefits to the azaleas and the park. The Lundeen Lane trees are not scheduled yet to be taken down.
- C. Compassionate Friends Park Bench** – Georgia Cockerham submitted a bench proposal with all the names on the bench as the commission previously recommended, Tony in process of finding a location for it.
- D. Foot Wash Station – Mill Beach** – Tony Baron advised that he is coordinating with a plumber to supply a spring loaded water spigot valve that will be mounted to the exterior of building.

STAFF REPORTS

- A.** Tony advised the Pickleball group is actively using the tennis courts.
- B.** Tony has received interest for adult exercise/fitness stations which the commission considered several years ago. Opportunities now exist in Azalea Park on the new multiuse paths to create areas for that type of equipment. Thought it might be something to consider budgeting for the next fiscal year. He will research further and bring back more information.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

It was suggested installing a sign in Azalea Park detailing the history of the park and information on the native azaleas. Tony advised that the City Council had recently received a request to rename Azalea Park after Elmo Williams, and while they were not inclined to change the name they were in favor of putting up a sign with all of his contributions and that could possibly have park history and azalea information on it.

Don questioned if there had been any issues at Stout Park as he had encountered a student there smoking. Tony advised that so far this school year there has been a decrease in activity at Stout Park and there have been no problems. Tony advised that the no smoking in parks ordinance did pass through City Council and will become effective in November. Anybody caught smoking in any City Park will be cited after that time.

Thanks were given to Curry County Master Gardeners, Park Volunteers, Tony, city staff and the Parks and Rec Commission for their help in the Azalea Park Cleanup efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

November meeting rescheduled for October 22, 2015 to accommodate Thanksgiving holiday. With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Respectfully submitted,

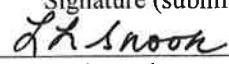
Patricia Brown, Chair
(Approved at October 22, 2015 meeting)

CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 22, 2015

Originating Dept: Parks



Signature (submitted by)


PW/DS Director Approval

Subject: Chair and Co-Chair Assignment

Motion: to appoint (insert name here) as chair, and (insert name here) as co-chair to serve for one year.


CITY OF BROOKINGS


PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 22, 2015

Originating Dept: Parks



Signature (submitted by)


PW/DS Director Approval

Subject: Kidtown Maintenance

Motion: none required

Background/Discussion: Kidtown Playground was constructed in 1994 with a budget of \$85,000 and over 1600 volunteers representing the community. The project was coordinated through the non-profit "Friends of Kidtown Playground" specifically organized to construct and maintain the playground. Following the construction of the playground a maintenance committee was formed as a sub-committee to the non-profit. In September of 1997 the non-profit organization went out of business and handed over its remaining funds and the responsibility of maintenance to the City.

The playground is just over 22 years old now and in need of significant repairs. Parks staff has removed and rebuilt areas of the rotting structure in response to citizen complaints and safety concerns over the past several years. City staff has also sealed the structure, installed new wood chips and continue to repair portions of the structure as needed. The Ford Family Foundation leadership class funded a community project in 08-09 to install ADA compliant plastic mat pathways throughout the structure.

Staff is looking for direction on where to go from here. One options could include full replacement in wood or a modern steel structure. Another option might be to phase the rebuild/replace major portions or we could continue to respond to repair issues as discovered. All options would be considered financially in the next fiscal your budget cycle. Matching grants may be available for large or small projects.

Attachments:

- a. Facebook Comments



Richy Ritch

21 hrs 10/3/2015

I think kid town needs some attention, Ive seen multiple kids trip and fall today. What if they have fallen on some exposed nails, ouch! Next time im here I will bring my drill and hammer and do what I can, which isnt much.





- [102 people](#) like this.
- **Comments**



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[Jocelyn Kistler](#) I noticed this the last time I head there also. Hope they can find someone to fix it up a bit.
[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs



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[Joseph Kucera](#) RICHY DON'T GO IT ALONE. I'M SURE YOU CAN GET ASSISTANCE.
[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 1 · 20 hrs



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[Richy Ritch](#) Well they do have the parks and recreation. Im not positive why they dont come in and do repairs.



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[Dennis Triglia](#) Hi [Richy](#). I am one of the newer Parks and Recreation commissioners for the City of Brookings and just happened across this post. I would be happy to bring this up for discussion at the next Parks and Rec Commission meeting on October 22 at 7 PM at City Hall. It would be really helpful if you and others would come to a meeting to present your child safety concerns at KidTown. This seems to be the best way to catch the attention of the City.



[Richy Ritch](#) I will try my best to attend thank you



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[Joseph Kucera](#) MAKE A CALL/OR POST THEIR NUMBER. "THEY WILL COME,IF..." YOU MAINTAIN IT!
[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs



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[Richy Ritch](#) But who yuh gunna call?

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs

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[Joseph Kucera](#) I'M PRETTY CERTAIN MATERIALS "WILL COME" FROM THE GOODWILL OF OUR COMMUNITY!

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 1 · 20 hrs

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[Joseph Kucera](#) ALL IT TAKES AN APPRECIATORY PUBLIC THANK YOU. BEST PR IN THE WORLD!

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs

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[Joseph Kucera](#) PARKS & REC? NOT GHOSTBUSTERS! LOL!

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 1 · 20 hrs



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[Richy Ritch](#) I was thinking ghostbusters haha

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 2 · 20 hrs

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[Joseph Kucera](#) OK... YOU ASKED! 541-412-0521 PUBLIC WORKS SHOP. IF THEY DON'T, MAYBE THEY CAN HELP GUIDE US THRU TO GET THIS DONE! PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: 541-469-1150. CITY MANAGER: 541-469-1100 GET THEM FINGERS BUSY! obtw, MAKE THAT MONDAY.

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs



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[Dixie Miller Goode](#) We built it as a community, surely we can do a repair day with volunteers.

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 13 · 20 hrs

1 Reply

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[Joseph Kucera](#) DO YOU REMEMBER WHO SPEARHEADED THE CONSTRUCTION?

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs

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1 Reply

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[Joseph Kucera](#) I OWN A HAMMER!

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 1 · 20 hrs



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[Richy Ritch](#) I went back with my hammer and drill and put some back in. Just some of the more dangerous ones

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 5 · 20 hrs

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[Joseph Kucera](#) DO YA THINK IT COULD NEED SOME RENOVATION?

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs

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[Joseph Kucera](#) RESTORATION, BETTER!

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · 20 hrs



Richy Ritch Yes lol I find it kinda sad they sprayed the whole place with toxic sealer. Kids touch that then put their fingers in there mouth. Any kids sick recently lol?

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 20 hrs



Jody Day I think it's been in great need of updating and repairs for awhile now. Sad they haven't paid that much attention to it...it seems anyway.

I'd rather take my kids to easy st park, but they love to go to azalea

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 19 hrs



Kristina Cristee It was built when I was in kindergarten and I'm 28 . it was done with volunteer funds and builders. Donations were collected the names you see on the boards are people that donated including my family. We have to start some fundraising

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 10 · 19 hrs



Richy Ritch Id be willing to donate. We should also try to keep it clean as well. Sometime I go there and it has piles of trash built up from candy wrappers and goody bags.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 4 · 19 hrs



Joseph Kucera TIME IS SHORT FOR THIS SEASON! THE RAINS WILL BE HERE SOON. COURAGE, STRENGTH, & PERSERVERANCE TO YOU. obtw: PRAYING FOR THE RAINS TO COME.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 1 · 19 hrs



Dixie Miller Goode Here in Crescent City, ours was built after yours, and some volunteers do get trash and things every now and then but with a metal detector they have also found old syringes and a knife blade. The vigilance has to be frequent.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 2 · 19 hrs

1 Reply



Richy Ritch I dont want scare anyone with what ive found at the park

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Chris Hamilton STOP YELLING JOE!

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 5 · 19 hrs



Joseph Kucera CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT AT 68, MY EYES NEED ASSISTANCE TO SEE?

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 9 · 18 hrs

1 Reply



[Joseph Kucera](#) MAKES MY PROOFREADING EASIER! OK? IF NOT.....

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 4 · 18 hrs



[Chris Hamilton](#) OK JOE. SORRY

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 4 · 18 hrs

1 Reply



[Barbara Cary](#) Perhaps contact Tony Barron at city parks and recreation for the city. He is very responsive to ideas from the community regarding azalea park. Maybe a fall clean-up day can be organized? I would be willing to help!

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 2 · 17 hrs

1 Reply



[Jennifer Burcham-Boronda](#) The whole park is looking really bad. I was embarrassed to take my out of town relatives there. I am willing to put in time, is that a possibility?

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 1 · 15 hrs



[Chris Hamilton](#) Free county

get your screw on

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 2 · 15 hrs

2 Replies



[Amber Holmes](#) You should see the play structure at the apartments I live at! They are falling apart frown emoticon

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 15 hrs

3 Replies



[Jessica Randolph](#) My mom spearheaded the community effort that raised all the money, designed and did the physical labor to build Kidtown. We were new to Brookings and there wasn't really any big park to play at. It makes me sad to see how Kidtown is now.

I don't know...[See More](#)

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2 Replies



[Ember Badger Overlin](#) Thank you [Richy Ritch](#).

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 13 hrs



[Jilly A Hall](#) I think this is a great idea that would be a great way to meet others in the community!! Rally around kid town!!!

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 4 · 12 hrs



[Jude Seefried-Hodge](#) Wow what a great way to bring awareness I had no idea. What if we set a day that everyone wanting to help showed up with tools? Would have to get City approval.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 7 · 12 hrs

1 Reply



[Jilly A Hall](#) I agree Jude, with enough people it could be done in one day and once again be safe again.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 6 · 12 hrs

2 Replies · 3 hrs



[Rick Bishop](#) Not to long ago I seen city employees up there with a pressure washer I hoped they were rebuilding it.but by the looks of things it's up to us to do it ,and Jude don't forget we are the city, I'll donate the first \$250.00 towa...[See More](#)

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2 Replies · 3 hrs



[Heidi Lady-Jory](#) Should never use nails...screws so they don't back out!!

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[Dawn Venturi-Allen](#) Apparently it's more than others are doing.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 1 · 4 hrs



Maggie Land We should get a volunteer group together to fix some of the issues, at least the ones that don't cost anything to fix. I wish they'd get rid of the wood chips and replace them with the rubber playground mulch. My kids always get splinters frown emoticon Plus after finding hypodermic needles and caps on the actual playground I've stopped taking my kids there. We as a community should make our parks safer for our children.

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James Jordan Noticed that a couple of weeks ago playing with cousins daughter. I actually almost tripped myself

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Rick Bishop The city should have had a annual or semi annual maintaince schedule that's what needs done after rebuilt because even as you see in the pictures even screws back out in our weather and that type of materials.We pay enough property taxes that with things maintained they will last and be there for community pride.

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Richy Ritch I heard if the city doesnt use all the grants from taxes they receive for city repairs they lose it. They should use some of the money not used to replace some of these boards.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 1 · 1 hr



Rick Bishop Richy thanks for getting this going,how many boards and what's the cost.If city won't cover it talk to me.

I will be out of town soon for a month are to so I won't be much help with labor but I got a super bunch of people working for me and know they will help with labor.

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 52 mins



Richy Ritch Unsure I havnt really inspected any of the top or the bottom structure. Its just what I saw when I was there

[Like](#) [Reply](#) · 14 mins



William McGregor A community work party might be a good idea, as long as the powers that be won't have a problem.

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Separate post on 10/4/2015:

Joseph Kucera

Yesterday at 12:13pm

ANOTHER ONE OF "THOSE" REQUESTS. KIDZTOWN NEEDS REPAIRS! WE HAVE A HUGE SECOND GROWTH REDWOOD THAT GAVE UP THE GHOST. NEED A PORTABLE MILL, WILLING TO DONATE TO HELP US PROVIDE THE MATERIAL PLANKING FOR THE WALKWAY! WANNA GAIN SOME MAJOR PR? IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WILLING? NO NEED TO HAUL AWAY, THE LEFTOVERS. THEY WILL GO IN OUR STOVE! GIVE ME A CALL. THANKS! JOE/THE THINGMAN 541-469-4648