

MINUTES  
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
July 24, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Commissioners Trace Kather, Garth Richey, and Chair Patricia Brown

*Absent:* Commissioner Don Vilelle

*Also present:* Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Motion made to approve the minutes of February 27, 2014 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Forest Duncan of Harbor appeared before the commission expressing interest in the dog park at Stout Park, and would like to have the park dedicated to the late Catherine Powers, dog lover and Manager of the Curry County Animal Shelter. He also volunteered to help make dog park happen. Tony advised that the park has been approved, but fencing the area is required which he is in the process of trying to budget for, with hopes of accomplishing by September/October. Commission had previously agreed to dedicate park to Catherine.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

None

**INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Park Master Plan Update/Addendum - To include trails and recreation programming**

Tony discussed desire of his and Loree Pryce's to develop a hiking trail map into the Parks Master Plan, which would be part of a RARE students job that we are currently interviewing for. Also part of the RARE position is to research and develop a plan to create a City recreation program utilizing City parks and facilities. Commission agreed those were good ideas.

**STAFF UPDATES**

- A. Stout Park lighting & power CIP project** – Tony advised that four electrical pedestals are being installed at Stout Park, which is being readied for the Art in Stout Park Festival, Aug 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>, with 70 vendors. The lights poles will be installed in late August.
- B. OPRD grant application** – Tony advised that he had applied for two grants this year for Azalea Park, Phase I and neither had been granted. He plans to scale project down and reapply next year.
- C. Bench installation at Chetco Point Park** – On hold until WWTP slope stabilization project is complete, probably in September/October.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kather – wondered if there had been any interest in installing exercise program functional movement equipment, like pull ups bars, balance beams, and/or a climbing wall in parks next to trails. Tony advised the idea had previously been discussed and could be pursued again. He believes there are areas in Azalea and Stout Park that could accommodate those items.

Commissioner Richey – is impressed with the parks and how many people are using them. He appreciates the effort that is being made by the group that is pursuing a new pool plan.

Tony advised the pool is doing well this summer and is being used more by the public and swim lesson programs filling up. Tony would like to schedule a walk-thru of Azalea Park with the Commissioners to review some projects that are planned for the area. Date to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Brown, Chair  
(approved at September 25, 2014 meeting)