

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
October 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patricia Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Trace Kather, Garth Richey, Don Vilelle and Chair Patricia Brown.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made to approve the minutes of September 25, 2014 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Azalea Park Foundation – Tony Baron advised that the Azalea Park Foundation while recently reviewing their by-laws discovered that a current member of the Parks and Recreation Commission was to sit as a member on their board. Members of the Azalea Park Foundation introduced themselves and invited a Commissioner to join their board. The Foundation has recently been revived with new members and many new ideas for Azalea Park are developing. Their meeting time has yet to be determined. Don Vilelle volunteered to take the position. **Motion made by Garth Richey to appoint Don Vilelle to serve as the Parks & Recreation Commissions representative on the Azalea Park Foundation Board; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

B. Bud Cross – Municipal Pool site expansion for proposed recreation center – Tony Baron presented a summary of information on Bud Cross Park and presented it as a possible site location for a Brookings Community Recreation Center that is being discussed by a community task force. Staff believes Bud Cross is currently the only feasible city property that could accommodate the facility and the pool is already in place. Tony advised this would be a phased in project and would take years of phasing into a larger full functioning community recreation center. The Parks and Recreation Commission has agreed to facilitate a meeting with the Community Recreation Task Force scheduled for October 23rd with YMCA directors from other facilities discussing how their communities were able to build and operate recreation centers. **Motion made by Garth Richey to recommend to City Council the use of Bud Cross Park as the site to extend improvements to the municipal swimming pool for a recreation center; motion seconded by Commissioner Kather and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.** Matter forwarded to City Council.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2015

STAFF UPDATES

A. Tony advised that he has received a volunteer commissioner application for Tom Bozack that he is forwarding to City Council. Garth Richey advised that when his term is up February 1, 2015 he will probably not be reapplying.

B. Austin Dunn advised he is still documenting the azaleas in Azalea Park and will be working with the Azalea Park Foundation.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Vilelle - questioned when Chetco Point Park would be reopened. Tony advised that the park reopened just the day before with new ADA paved pathways to the trail and the multi-use area. He is also working with Robert Trust who is interested in donating benches to be installed out on Chetco Point. Discussion in the future will be where to place restrooms at the park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Brown, Chair

(approved at January 22, 2015 meeting)