

MINUTES  
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
November 21, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Commissioners Garth Richey, Don Vilelle and Chair Patricia Brown

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Motion made to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013 with names corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Robert Trust, Chetco RV Park - thought a picnic table or park bench out on Chetco Point would be a great asset. He offered to donate the costs for a bench and donation plaque. Tony Baron advised that there are picnic tables in Chetco Point Park and did not want to encourage picnicking out at the Point where it would be difficult for staff to maintain, however, a park bench might be possible, depending on the type and how it would weather. Tony to review matter further.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

None

**INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Adopt a Highway Program - Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron advised that PW Director Loree Pryce is interested in developing an Adopt a Highway Program with volunteers from businesses or organizations donating time to pick up trash, especially in the area north on Chetco from Arnold to Dawson. Commissioners expressed support for the program.
- B. Ferry Creek Reservoir Recreation Area - Tony reviewed the Ferry Creek Reservoir and possible development of the area for recreation. The earthen dam is no longer part of the City water system and repairs have not been made to it since 2009. Currently the area has no parking or public access which would require support and easements from the property owners to develop. Possible jogging or walking trails and recreational fishing. City Council will be reviewing at a future workshop.
- C. Development of a Recreation Component to Parks Master Plan - Tony advised he is researching and will bring up for discussion in the future the possibility of developing recreational programs staffed and run by the City, such as softball leagues and summer youth programs using the parks and pool.
- D. Dedication of Dog Park - Tony received a request to dedicate a bench and name the planned dog park in honor of Catherine Powers, the late Curry County Animal Control Director. Commissioners all agreed with the idea, the matter will be placed on next Park and Rec Regular Agenda.

**STAFF UPDATES**

- A. No Smoking at Bus Shelter - Ordinance adopted, signs have been made and are due to be installed.
- B. Community Garden - has been put on hold, details still unfolding.
- C. No Bullying Signs - ready to be installed.
- D. Project Progress - Mill Beach progressing, road paved. Bud Cross Park - backstops are complete and made additional improvements around spectator area. Skatepark recently

tagged. Tony plans to have future discussions to put a fence around the skatepark to keep bikers out. Mill Beach, Bud Cross, Capella and Azalea Park are all having new security cameras installed. Pool building recently painted, VISION Council planning to paint new mural on pool building.

E. Volunteer Appreciation Day - picnic went well, many volunteers attended.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vilelle - thanked Tony for installing a trashcan at the Chetco Bridge. Requested the bench at Bankus Park be moved to another location to possibly reduce the number of cigarette butts. Also requested more bark mulch.

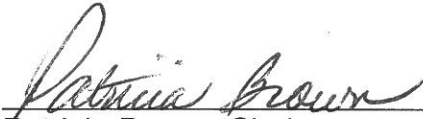
Commissioner Richey - Advised he will not be able to attend the January 2014 meeting. Next meeting rescheduled for February 27, 2014.

Chair Brown - wondered what was the status of the dog park at Stout Park. Tony advised that the City Council approved the idea but requested the area be fenced, so if there is any money left in the budget to pay for fencing it will move forward.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Brown, Chair

(approved at February 27, 2014 meeting)