

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
December 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Garth Richey and Don Vilelle; Chairperson Patricia Brown

Also present: Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron

Absent: Commissioner Don Laque

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made to approve the minutes of September 27, 2012 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

None

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Parks Capital Improvement List of 2013-2014 - Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron reviewed the 2011-2012 Capital Improvement List and provided informational updates on the projects status. Many projects have been completed or are in progress. Tony to compile a new list of projects and requested Commissioners review and prioritize the projects before the January meeting.
- Dog Park - Tony introduced discussion of developing an "Unleashed Dog Area" at a city owned location, as dogs are not allowed unleashed in parks and believes there may be city areas that could be developed for pet owners to allow dogs to run off leash. "Unleashed Areas" are typically two separately fenced flat grassy areas to allow separate areas for incompatible dogs. Stout Park, Easy Manor Park, Bud Cross Park, Azalea Park all mentioned as possible sites, all sites would need fencing. Commissioner Vilelle and Richey both stated they would rather see the skate park fenced before spending money on fences on a dog park. Tony Baron believes interested dog owners will come forward and initiate efforts to take on the project. He will map out three different areas and submit to Commissioners for review.

STAFF UPDATES

- Maintenance of Chetco Bridge Overlook - No new progress, still waiting to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with ODOT to take over some of the maintenance of the roadside in the Chetco Bridge area. Tony advised that Brian Tillung is trying to install a flag pole in that area also. Eventually hope to have a park area established.
- Progress on Parks Projects
 - *Bud Cross Park* - moving along, sidewalks/ramp almost complete.
 - *Azalea Park Foundation* - Memorandum of Understanding has been signed which includes the formal gardens and their input on how to handle the native azaleas. The Foundation volunteers are dwindling and hope is to recruit younger members.
 - *Lower Stout Park* - no updates or minutes from their meeting. They are trying to get the transformer and irrigation to the well.
 - *Social Security Bar Access* - Path of river has changed and now a pothole with a pool of

water is at the foot of the boat ramp and people are crossing the pool to get across to the sandbar and riverbank thus deepening the pothole, possibly getting stuck and having vehicle oil eventually washing into the river. Oregon Parks & Rec is now involved, as the pothole can no longer be filled without going through the process of obtaining a permit from Army Corp of Engineers and having various organizations establishing rules on crossing the river which have people taking sides.

- *West Family Foundation Grant Award* - Tony applied for and has received a \$10,000 grant to partially fund the replacement of the \$26,000 backstops at Bud Cross Park. Hopes to fundraise or obtain further grants to raise the rest of the costs.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

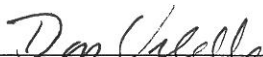
Commissioner Richey - wondered the amount of time the City contributed to lighting up Azalea Park for Natures Coastal Holiday. Tony did not know the total amount of time, but the PW crew did spend a great amount of time on the event. Commissioner Richey advised the volunteer groups putting up the lights this year dwindled greatly and not as many people showed up to help. All of the organizations are suffering from low turnout of volunteers; need to encourage more groups of people to volunteer for various activities, with leaders providing organizational direction.

Congratulations to Commissioner Vilelle for his award of the 2012 Volunteer of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



~~Patricia Brown, Chair~~ Don Vilelle, Co-chair
(approved at January 24, 2013 meeting)