

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 3, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Tony Baron, Don Vilelle, Chair Tony Parrish.

Also present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Parks Facilities Planner Cody Erhart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Motion made by Commissioner Baron to approve the minutes of January 27, 2011 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Length of Commissioners Term Discussion – Gary Milliman provided a list with the Commissioners current term dates which presently run for four years. Commission discussed if terms were shortened to two years if more people would volunteer for the Commission. **A motion was made by Commission Vilelle that the term of a Park and Recreation Commissioner be reduced to two years. Commissioner Baron seconded and the Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously. Matter forwarded to City Council.**
- B. Skate Park Competition Use and Fees – Gary Milliman advised that a local group is interested in holding a skateboard competition and currently a use fee does not exist to use the Skate Park. Commission concluded the Skate Park is part of Bud Cross Park and is included in the Park Use Application Permit with existing fees and insurance requirements. Richard Clark and Eddie Washington of Main Street Skate addressed the Commission, advising that they are interested in conducting the event, but unsure of the steps required and costs/insurance required. Commission advised that Park Use Application Permit and insurance is required for any organized event and that having their event sanctioned and obtaining sponsors could help offset the costs of park use fees and insurance.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Lower Stout Park* – Chair Parrish passed out the new Lower Stout Park Beautification Project brochure. They are planning to be part of the April Art Walk, where they will make the bricks. Some trees and heather have been delivered and ready to be planted once soil is in place.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. DRAFT 2011 Parks Master Plan Distribution – Cody Erhart reviewed the Parks Inventory and listed Park Concerns as related to the actual park inventory from the new master plan draft. Reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan which included possible future park improvements/projects. Requested Commissioners review and provide comments. Commissioners requested projects be itemized and prioritized and will submit their priority lists at next meeting.
- B. Make a Difference Day – Cody Erhart advised that the first sub-committee meeting of interested organizations have met and reviewed the plans so far. They are trying to get local support, more organizations involved and projects defined. Individuals will be able to participate by joining up with a project they are interested in helping.

COMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Baron – Advised that the Slippery Banana Softball Tournament went well and was successful. Azalea Park Field #2 with the soil conditioners held up very well. Field #1 was very sloppy reinforcing the idea of relocating this field.

Chair Parrish – Advised that the Stout Mountain Railway will be running March 13th and is now on Facebook.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Next meeting scheduled for March 24, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Parrish, Chair
(approved at March 24, 2011 meeting)