

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting – March 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Tony Baron, Tony Parrish, Don Vilelle, Chair Patt Brown

Also present: Gary Milliman, City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Prudden – 99796 Chetco River Road, Brookings advised that she does not believe dogs should be allowed in Easy Manor Park, and that her child was recently bitten at the park. She has seen dog feces in the park near the equipment, unsupervised children in the park with dogs and dogs on the equipment. She also doesn't think dogs should be allowed in the grassy part of the park either as owners would take the dogs off the leash.

Bill Hamilton – Brookings, wanted to inform the Commission that because of ADA requirements service dogs should be allowed in the park.

SPECIAL AGENDA

- A. *Dogs in Easy Manor Park* – Gary Milliman, City Manager advised that this matter has been brought back to the Commission earlier than originally proposed because since the “No Pets” sign was removed several calls from concerned parents have been received regarding a child being bitten, unleashed dogs in the park, dog feces in the park, and the danger of mixing young children with dogs. Staff believes these are valid concerns and dogs need to be prohibited from Easy Manor Park. Commissioner Parrish believes any regulations need to include KidTown playground area. Possibility of allowing dogs in lower park area discussed. Commissioners agreed with the exception of service dogs, no pets should be allowed in any part of Easy Manor Park. **A motion was made by Commissioner Vilelle that no pets be allowed in any part of Easy Manor Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parrish and the Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.** An ordinance to be drafted to go before the City Council on March 22nd. Further regulations on pets in parks to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Patt Brown, Chair

(approved at March 25, 2010 meeting)