

AGENDA
CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Council Chamber - 898 Elk Drive
March 4, 2010 - 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of December 17, 2009
- B. Minutes of January 28, 2010

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Stout Park Bicycle Plan
- C. Tree Removal at Azalea Park
- D. Dogs at Easy Manor Park
- E. Azalea Park Field Master Plan
- F. Parks & Recreation District Formation

VII. INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Parks and Recreation Annual Report - Chair Vilelle
- B. Lower Stout Park – Commissioner Parrish
- C. Bankus Park Rehabilitation – Commissioner Parrish

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

IX. STAFF REPORTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next meeting March 25th, 2010

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
December 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ken Barkema, Tony Baron, Patricia Brown, Tony Parrish

Absent: Chair Don Vilelle, Commissioner Hartmann

Also present: Gary Milliman, City Manager and John Cowan, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Correct spelling of Lions Club in the October minutes Information Updates/Discussion Items on Easy Manor Park. **Motion made to approve the minutes of October 22, 2009 as corrected and minutes of November 19, 2009 as written; motion seconded and the Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

None

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish advised that a final decision has not been made yet to join with the Wild Rivers Foundation, the exact agreement language is being reviewed. The group continues to think of fundraising ideas. They have sold over \$2000 in bricks.
- B. *Bankus Park Rehabilitation* – Commissioner Brown advised she has the plant list and will contact Winchuck Nursery to order the plants.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Parrish advised that Stout Mountain Railway has had big crowds coming to see it, that they have signed up new sponsors and have received many donations.

City Manager Gary Milliman advised that the City Council had some questions on the KASPER program and have delayed their approval until the information is received on the number of children who are non-city participants and if there should be a higher fee charged for non-city participants. They also delayed action on approval of the sports field reconfiguration. They requested written consent from each of the sports organizations involved. They did approve the bus shelter location.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm. Next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Vilelle, Chair
(approved at March 4, 2010 meeting)

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 28, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ken Barkema, Tony Baron, Patricia Brown, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish

Absent: Chair Don Vilelle,

Also present: Gary Milliman, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of December minutes continued to next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

None

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Lower Stout Park* – Chair Pete Chasar resigned from the Stout Park Subcommittee. Commissioner Parrish advised that the Stout Park Subcommittee has reviewed public feedback and decided to remove the water fountain sculpture from the Stout Park plan. They are working on the design, landscaping and water feature, possibly putting cistern well into service. He also advised that they will not be associating with the Wild River Foundation for funding and they will be sending letters to everyone who purchased bricks to inform them of the design change and offer a refund. Commissioners requested a presentation of the changed design before approving.
- B. *Bankus Park Rehabilitation* – Commissioner Brown advised that she is working on the plan for plant placement and will need approximately 30-40 plants. Public Works crew will remove mesh and prepare soil, Lions Club and volunteers to do the planting. Commissioner Baron suggested removal of the larger rhododendrons as they do not blend well with the proposed new plantings.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Hartmann requested the status of Mill Beach access. City Manager Gary Milliman advised that we are awaiting a response from South Coast Lumber for additional right-of-way. She also advised that she will not be seeking reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission and discussed various projects she has been involved in. Commissioners thanked her for time and service.

Commissioner Baron reported on the status of the Azalea Park athletic fields indicating they are ready for upcoming tournament.

City Manager Gary Milliman reported City Council will be conducting a workshop on February 1, discussing formation of a Park and Recreation District. Also advised that the City Council has referred the Azalea Park Field Master Plan revision back to the Park and Recreation Commission and this matter will be on the February agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. Next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Vilelle, Chair
(approved at March 4, 2010 meeting)

Bicycle Plan for the City of Brookings
March 4 , 2010

The City Council tasked the Planning Department with developing a bicycle plan for the City in fiscal year 2009- 2010. In the City's Comprehensive Plan/ Transportation System Plan (TSP) Highway 101 (Chetco Ave.) is designated as the Oregon coast Bike Route in the Statewide Bicycle Plan and in the area between Easy St. and Pacific St. there is a marked bike lane. There is a bike path adjacent to but separated from the Hwy. in the area from Harris Beach to nearly Ransom St. In addition there is a bike path located adjacent to but separate from Railroad St. between Wharf St. and Oak. Presently that is the extent of designated bicycle paths.

There has been discussion concerning abandoning some right-of-way adjacent to the north side of Azalea Park Road . The right-of-way in this area is 100 ft. wide. Planning Staff expressed the desire to retain enough right-of-way to create a bike path separated from the roadway by a grassy strip of land to provide a safe, inviting recreation opportunity for those travelling from the School District facilities to Azalea Park. There isn't sufficient right-of-way to create this kind of facility on all City streets, but where the possibility exists, or there is an alternate means of getting bicycles off the roadway, this is an amenity that would increase the livability of our community for residents and visitors alike.

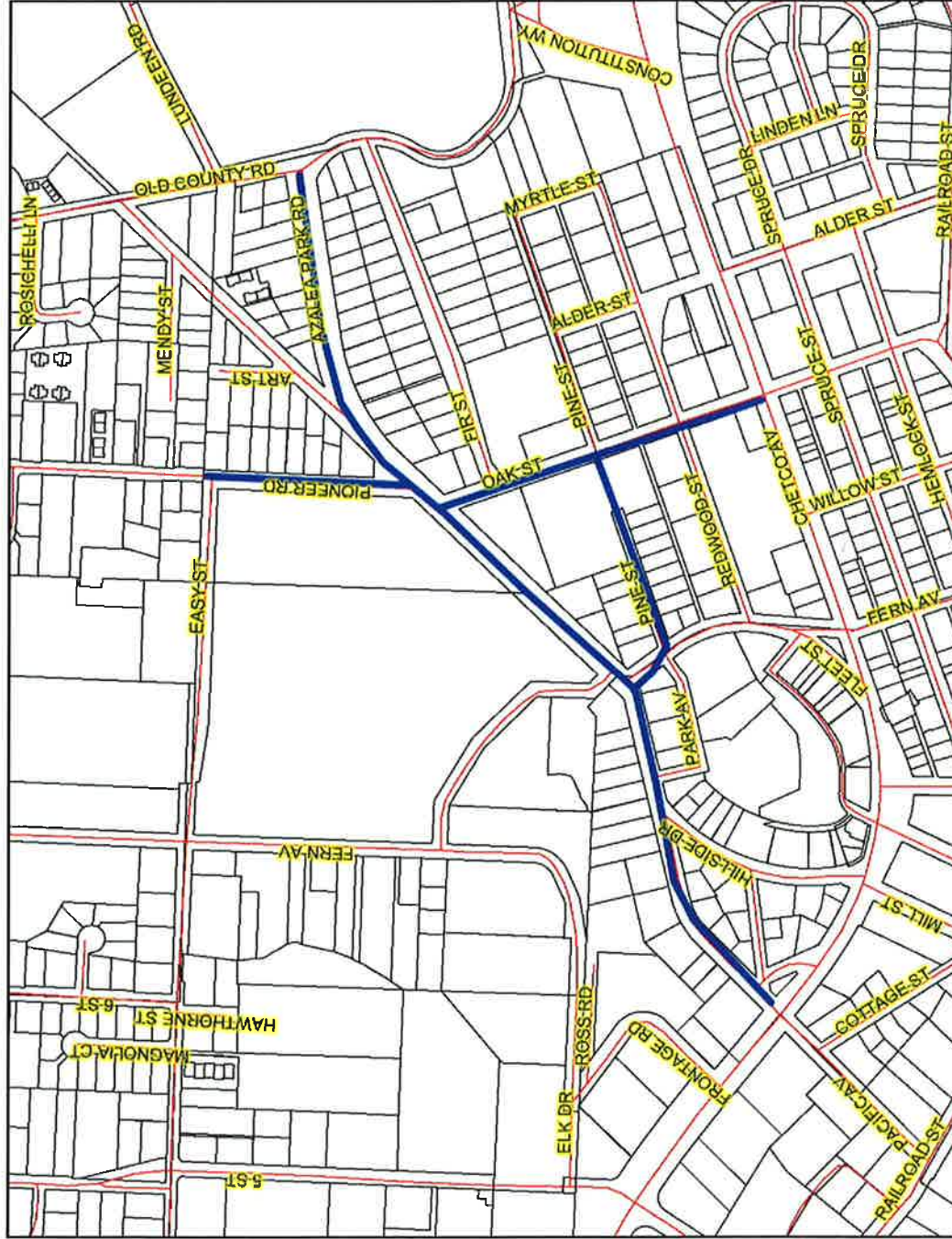
Staff has made numerous field visits to find property line markers to make a determination of where the right-of-ways are located as they relate to the physical improvements (roadways, sidewalks, curbs, utility poles, hydrants, etc.). Preliminary maps have been drawn covering the area served by Azalea Park Rd, Pacific Ave., and Oak St. only as far south as Chetco Ave. Staff has had preliminary talks with the School District about dedicating an easement on the Districts property north of the existing sidewalk on Pacific St. for a bike path on that block.

Another area that already has installed curb, gutters and sidewalks and insufficient right-of-way to construct a bike path behind the sidewalk is Oak St. from Pacific to Chetco Ave. If the Presbyterian Church is willing to dedicate an easement on their property for a bike path behind the sidewalk, it would be possible to link Stout Park to the proposed facility. Using or modifying the existing paved paths within the park or possibly constructing some additional paths is something to be considered. The bike path might then continue on one side of Pine or Redwood St., then turn north on Fern St. to connect with the proposed bike path on Pacific Ave.

Staff is looking for input about incorporating Stout Park in the bike path plan. It would be advantageous to bring further attention and use of this beautiful park by both visitors and residents.

The final plan will include Easy St., Railroad Ave., with connections to Chetco Point Park and Mill Beach, as well as other areas in the City. A comprehensive plan is required when the City applies for grant funds. The plan is the first step to making this recreational amenity a reality. The Parks and Recreation Committee's assistance is appreciated.

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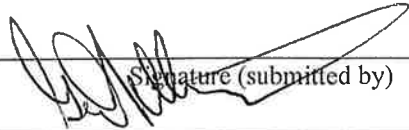
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Notes: Blue line indicates where on-street bike lane or off-street bike path are proposed.

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 4, 2010

Originating Dept: City Manager



Signature (submitted by)

City Manager Approval

Subject: Tree Removal at Azalea Park

Background/Discussion:

We have received a request from Rusty Strain and Joey Glazebrook to remove a tree located behind the backstop of Field #2 at Azalea Park. According to Mr. Strain the tree impedes the vision of outfielders trying to observe the location and distance of a ball batted into left field. Western Tree Service has agreed to remove the tree at no cost to the City.

Attachment(s): Photographs of tree

Tree located at Azalea Park behind Field #2 backstop area



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Signature (submitted by)

City Manager Approval

Subject: Dogs at Easy Manor Park

Background/Discussion:

Following the completion of the Easy Manor Park redevelopment project, a sign was posted by the Public Works Department prohibiting dogs. This action was taken based upon the following considerations:

- The area of the park between the restrooms and the street is intensely developed as a playground for small children. Staff had safety concerns regarding mixing dogs and small children in this area.
- Portions of the new play area have a ground covering made of synthetic material. Staff had concerns regarding the introduction of animal excrement on these surfaces as a slip hazard and health concerns.

Apparently, these concerns were not reviewed with the park subcommittee. One Brookings resident has expressed concern about not being able to take their dog into this playground area.

Staff is requesting that the Commission discuss this matter and make a recommendation. One alternative would be to prohibit animals in the playground area while allowing dogs in other areas of the park.

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Signature (submitted by)

City Manager Approval

Subject: Azalea Park Field Master Plan

Background/Discussion:

The City Council reviewed the proposed change in the athletic field configuration at Azalea Park as recommended by the Commission.

The Council referred the proposed change back to the Commission requesting that the Commission develop a schedule and funding plan for the change.

Note that we have a preliminary commitment from one donor, who wishes to remain anonymous at this time, to contribute \$20,000 toward the development of the soccer field. We have also submitted a preliminary application to the U.S. Army Reserve for assistance in grading the site; they are awaiting verification that the plans have been approved.

Gary Milliman

From: Ron and Rose Hedenskog [skoog2@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Gary Milliman
Subject: Azalea Master Plan

Hi Gary,

After last night's meeting, I thought I should attempt to make myself clear about my discussion regarding Azalea Park master plan.

To be sure, I am not apposed to the proposed change to the master plan. Parks and Recs has done a good job of planning, and to confirm that, they have the support of the major stakeholders in the community. That confirmation was my last hold out, and it has been accomplished. Last night, Councilors brought up the issue of "what if" construction starts on implementing the new change, and funds run out. Would that mean that we could suffer a loss of one or more fields, with no known timeline for completion?

My motion to remand the plan back to Parks and Recs is for the purpose of addressing an answer to that question. I don't think it will be very well accepted if construction started and then halted for any reason leaving less ball field facilities than we now have. Once the Commission addresses this issue, I am willing to go forward with a change in the master plan.

The consensus of the council was that there will be no funds available from the City to implement the change, with the exception of the water line, and sewer line.

I am inclined to think that everybody should understand that once a commitment is made to begin construction, 1) the other two ball fields should not be disturbed, 2) if any of the fields are disturbed, a plan should demonstrate the ability to complete the project, within an acceptable timeline.

Thanks for all the work you and the Commissioner have done on this issue.

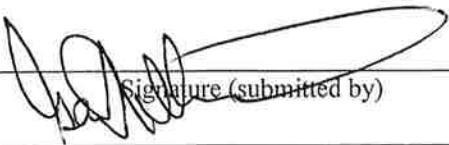
Please forward a copy to the Parks and Recs Chairperson, Pat Brown, after your review.

Ron

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Signature (submitted by)

City Manager Approval

Subject: Parks and Recreation District

Background/Discussion:

The City Council requested a report on the feasibility and process for formation of a Parks and Recreation District. A report was presented at the City Council workshop of February 1, at which time the matter was referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for deliberation and recommendation.

Attached is the report as presented to the City Council.



MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager

GARY MILLIMAN

City Manager

TO: Mayor and Council ✓

DATE: December 3, 2009

SUBJECT: Park and Recreation District Formation

The City Council has requested a report on the possible formation of a Parks and Recreation District. The key issue driving consideration of a Parks and Recreation District is to more equitably share the cost of park facility development and maintenance, and recreation services among users...both City residents and unincorporated area residents.

Currently, the only local public park and recreation facilities serving Brookings and Harbor area residents are located within the City Limits. The activity field located on property owned and maintained by the Port District is also used for community events, such as the kite derby. All sports fields are located within the City on either City or Brookings Harbor School District property. The City operates the following park facilities:

- Azalea Park – includes KidTown, two athletic fields, Capella, performance stage, large grass activity field, heritage Azalea area, garden area, wilderness area/trails, snack shack.
- Bud Cross Park – includes two athletic fields, three tennis courts, outdoor pool, skate park.
- Chetco Point Park.
- Easy Manor Park.
- Various other grass/landscape areas used for passive recreation.

The City also provides funding for a summer recreation program offered through the non-profit Kids After School Program of Education and Recreation (KASPER). The City is the major source of funding for this program.

The City currently spends approximately \$354,000 annually on parks and recreation services. This does not include periodic cleanup work at the parks performed by public works employees who are not budgeted in the parks department budgets.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS GENERALLY

A special district is a unit of local government formed by the residents of an area to provide a needed community service. Throughout Oregon, over 950 special services districts provide a broad range of community services. That's more than three times the number of cities in Oregon. State law (ORS 198.010 and 198.335) provide for the creation of 28 types of special districts. Locally, we are familiar with a number of special districts, including the sanitary and water districts serving areas south of the Chetco River, the library district, the hospital district based in Gold Beach, and the 18 fire districts located in Curry County. Currently, there are no parks and recreation districts in Curry County.

Most special districts have the authority to tax property inside their boundaries for finance the services they provide, and are all directed by a governing body elected by the voters.

The value of special districts as a separate governmental form has been debated in many states. Critics question whether there are too many districts and whether they are accountable. A study by the Washington State Local Governance Study Commission made the following observations concerning special districts:

Strong Points of Special Districts

- Special districts can tailor services to citizen demand and concentrate on efficiently providing limited services.
- Special districts can provide a source of financing for an urban service such as fire protection or parks and recreation other than through the general fund of a city.
- Special districts can directly link costs to benefits. General purpose local governments (cities) levy general taxes to pay for an array of public services and taxpayers often do not perceive that the services they receive are directly related to the amount of taxes they pay.
- Special districts can be very responsive to their constituents because most special districts are geographically small and have fewer residents than counties and cities. This advantage, however, can be lost as regions grow and governments become more complex.

Criticism of Special Districts

- Too many governments. Local government would be more effective and efficient if there were fewer units of government.
- Lack of voter participation. Fewer voters participate in the election of special district officers, making the districts a less representative form of government.
- Lack of visibility. Citizens may have a hard time determining which government is responsible for providing certain services and "who is in charge" when separate special district provide water, sewer, parks, library and fire protection services to the community.

- Inefficiency. It costs more cumulatively to administer stand-alone single-purpose public agencies than to administer a single unit of government providing a variety of services.
- Lack of regional coordination. Coordination between special districts and general purpose governments is often lacking, especially with regard to regional planning.

In addition to the formation of a Parks and Recreation District in the Brookings-Harbor area, there has also been discussion of the consolidation of fire districts and the City fire department...creating one separate consolidated fire district...and the formation of a police district. These discussions appear driven by a number of issues, including a sense of fairness in sharing the cost of providing services and the lack of adequate services in the unincorporated area.

As we study the matter of district formation further, it is important for the City Council to keep in mind that, while the formation of a special district and the ceding of a service to that district may initially reduce the burden on City taxpayers, the City also loses control of the future. The residents of a new special district may choose to enact a new property tax levy or levy higher fees for service than Brookings residents are paying today. With the exception of utility districts, special districts are primarily property tax based, while cities can use a variety of revenue sources to pay for the same services. An elected special district board of directors...a fire district board for example...could enact fire regulations and code interpretations that may impact building and road construction activities in the City. These are a few examples of the pitfalls of moving toward providing services through special districts.

PARKS MASTER PLAN

The City adopted a Parks Master Plan in August 2002. The Master Plan identified the need for park facilities in both the City and the unincorporated territory. The Plan discusses the concept of forming a Parks and Recreation District (see attached excerpt from the Plan) as a method of spreading the cost of park development and maintenance across a larger tax base.

HOW TO FORM A PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Parks and Recreation districts are governed by ORS Chapter 266. ORS 266.110 provides that "A community may form a municipal corporation to provide park and recreation facilities for the inhabitants."

Formation of a District may be initiated through the filing of a petition with the County Commissioners by either 1) 100 registered voters from within the proposed district, or 2) the owners of 10 per cent of the acreage within the proposed District. The petition must include information such as the number of proposed members of the board of directors, the proposed tax rate, financial feasibility study and other information. Essentially, someone must develop a plan of organization and financing for the District before the petition can be circulated.

District formation may also be initiated by the County Board of Commissioners. The same types of information must be developed and made available to the public.

If the proposal includes a permanent tax rate, an election on the formation of the District is required. An election is also required if the County Board receives requests for an election by at least 15 per cent of or 100 registered voters. There are also several opportunities for registered voters and property owners to challenge the formation of a District. The District is formed only after a majority vote at a subsequent election.

PAST ATTEMPT AT DISTRICT FORMATION

Records indicate that there was an effort to form a Parks and Recreation District in the Brookings-Harbor area in 1995. There is no information in City files that indicates why this proposal did not go forward. I was able to contact one former member of the citizens committee who was working on the formation; his recollection was that the effort failed due to opposition from the City.

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN A PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

There are a number of policy decisions, some affecting other units of government, that need to be addressed before a plan for formation of a Parks and Recreation District would move forward. These include:

1. Would the ownership of existing City-owned parks be transferred to the new district?
2. Would the District be responsible for maintenance and programming on school athletic fields? School sports buildings?
3. Would the District provide recreation services as well as parks?
4. Would the District assume ownership of the golf course?
5. Would the District assume responsibility for coastal access points (i.e. Mill Beach, Tanbark)? Social Security Bar?

WHY WOULD AN UNINCORPORATED AREA VOTER SUPPORT FORMATION?

The formation of a Parks and Recreation District would require voter approval. If cost sharing of parks and recreation services is a goal, why would an unincorporated area resident vote to form a district and levy a property tax sufficient to support the operation of that District if they are currently receiving services at no cost to them?

The MCRPD has experienced two annexations since its original formation in 1973. The Mendocino area annexed to the MCRPD in 1982 and the Point Arena area annexed in 1989. Both of these areas annexed because there were no public parks and recreation facilities or programming in those communities and the MCRPD agreed to plan for and develop facilities and programming in those outlying communities.

I believe that, for a District formation effort to be successful in the Brookings-Harbor area, the plan for the new District would need to include providing something new to the taxpayers...perhaps a new swimming pool, recreation center or additional parks in the unincorporated area.

WHAT WOULD A DISTRICT LOOK LIKE?

ORS Chapter 266 outlines the basic organizational structure and authorities of a Parks and Recreation District. These include, but are not limited to:

1. The election of a 3-5 member Board of Directors.
2. Methods for execution of contracts.
3. Financial reporting.
4. Authority to develop rules and regulations.
5. Authority to establish fees and charges.
6. Authority to hire employees.
7. "To compel all residents and owners within the district to connect their houses and habitations with the street sewers, drains or other sewage disposal systems."
8. Authority to issue bonds.

A good analogous situation is in Fort Bragg, California, (population 6,623). Fort Bragg is located within the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks District. The MCRPD was formed in 1973 and encompasses an area serving the incorporated Cities of Fort Bragg and Point Arena (pop. 474), and the unincorporated communities of Casper, Mendocino, Rockport and Gualala. The MCRPD is governed by a five member board of directors elected at large. The boundaries of the MCRPD use the combined boundaries of the Fort Bragg, Mendocino and Point Arena school districts.

The MCRPD budget is \$1.2 million. The District operates a 21,000 square foot aquatics/recreation center in Fort Bragg, a community center located in an old schoolhouse in Mendocino, a 47-acre botanical gardens (leased to a non-profit), a five acre park (includes a dog park), maintains all school athletic fields in Fort Bragg and Mendocino, and programs the recreational use on two small City-owned parks (tennis court and "wilderness" park) in Fort Bragg. The City manages coastal access points apart from the District. The MCRPD conducts recreation programming, including aquatics, fitness classes, sports camps, after school study labs, summer programs, and coordinates the use of athletic fields on school district property. The MCRPD also owns a 600-acre parcel upon which they plan to develop a golf course and regional park. The MCRPD has 12 full time employees and a cadre of seasonal part time employees/instructors.

More recently, the MCRPD has experienced a financial crisis (see attached) that has resulted in layoffs and program curtailments. Reports are that the City of Fort Bragg may be called upon to assist the District with its operations cost shortfall.

Based upon an Assessed Value of \$1,419,214,669 (Chetco Library District) a property tax rate of \$0.27 per \$1,000 AV would be needed to support a budget of \$354,000. This presumes no increase in cost for administration or new capital improvements. An operation similar in size to MCRPD would require a tax rate of more than \$1.00 per \$1,000 AV.

District Boundaries

In the Brookings-Harbor area, the Park and Recreation District boundaries could emulate the Brookings-Harbor School District boundary, the Chetco Community Library District boundary or some new configuration. In the 1995 District formation effort, there was strong opposition from Pistol River area property owners to being included in the District, and that area was excluded by the formation committee.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives to forming a new, stand-alone Parks and Recreation District would include:

1. Adding a parks and recreation function to the existing Chetco Community Library District authority.
2. Adding a parks and recreation function to the existing Brookings Port District authority.
3. Forming a County Service District under ORS Chapter 451

Adding Parks/Recreation to Existing District Functions

Under this alternative, the voters of the Chetco Community Library District or the Brookings Port District could add parks and recreation as an authorized function of the District. A property tax rate spreading the cost of providing parks and recreation services across all of the properties within the District could accompany the ballot measure. Policy and management of parks and recreation facilities and services would then revert to the Library District Board or the Port District Board.

County Service District

ORS Chapter 451 authorizes the County to form special Service Districts. ORS 451.010(d) specifically authorizes the formation of a Service District for the purpose of "Public parks and recreation facilities, including land, structures, equipment, supplies and personnel necessary to acquire, develop and maintain such park and recreation facilities and to administer a program of supervised recreation services."

Service Districts formed under ORS 451 are distinctly different from Parks and Recreation Districts formed under ORS 266 in that there is no separate, stand-alone governmental agency formed. The County Board retains governance and administrative authority over the Service District.

Formation of a Service District may be initiated by petition or by the County Board itself. This is, essentially, what has been discussed in connection with the formation of the Law Enforcement District. Essentially, the purpose of the Service District is to provide a funding mechanism (property tax) to support a specific service desired by the residents within an unincorporated territory. A City may consent to have the area of the City included in a Service Area.

A master plan identifying the financing needs, projects, boundaries and tax rate needed to provide the facility and/or service must be prepared. The County Board has the authority to levy a property tax of up to 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for a maximum of five years to fund the services provided by the Service District. A permanent tax rate may be established by the voters, who can also approve a tax rate for servicing bonded indebtedness.

Under this concept, (for the purpose of this discussion, Concept 1) the County could form a Service District in the unincorporated area that is benefitting from parks maintained by the

City, levy a property tax within that area, and then remit the proceeds to the City through a contractual arrangement by which the City agrees to make parks available for the use of unincorporated area residents. A master plan would be needed to determine the cost of park maintenance/operation, recreation services and new facility development to fairly distribute the cost among City and unincorporated area residents.

Under Concept 2, the County could form a Service District and, with the consent of the City, include the area of the City within the District, levy a property tax within the District to fund the full cost of providing parks and recreation services, and contract with the City to provide those services and facilities. The City could reduce its tax rate by a like amount.

Either of these concepts would be more efficient than forming a separate stand-alone Parks and Recreation District...with its own administrative overhead. It would achieve the City's goal of spreading the cost of parks and recreation services to all of the beneficiaries. It would avoid the issues of transferring parkland ownership and management to a new entity.

I will schedule this matter for discussion at the February City Council workshop.

Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants administered by the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, for example, require that the proposed project be consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Because grants are usually highly competitive, staff time should be allocated carefully to apply for grants that are a good fit.

Because many grant agencies look favorably upon collaborative projects, a potential benefit of grant proposals is that they can foster partnerships between agencies, organizations, and the City. Appendix A outlines organizations' goals and provides contacts for state, regional, and federal grant opportunities.

Park and Recreation District

Many cities utilize a parks and recreation district to fulfill park development and management needs. This may have merit in an area such as Brookings-Harbor, where many park-users live outside the city limits. ORS Chapter 266 enables the formation of a park and recreation district. According to statute, there are several initial steps required to form a park and recreation district.

Formation of a parks and recreation district should involve all interested citizens within the area proposed to be served by the district. The City and interested residents should consider the following:

- The area to be served (rough boundaries should be established, specific boundaries will be required with the formal proposal)
- The assessed valuation of the area to be served
- Sources of potential revenue, such as taxes, user fees, grants, etc.
- The anticipated level of services to be provided
- The cost to provide these services

One aspect associated with forming a park and recreation district is that city staff would give all or partial control of parks and recreation to another organization. This could be viewed as a drawback as the City loses control over park acquisition and maintenance or a benefit as the City's parks facilities would be maintained and paid for through a separate source.

A benefit of a park and recreation district is the potential formation of a permanent tax base from property tax assessments specifically for parks. Upon formation of a district, the chief petitioners must complete an economic feasibility statement for the proposed district. That statement forms the basis for any proposed permanent tax rate. The assessment must include:

- A description of the services and functions to be performed or provided by the proposed district
- An analysis of the relationships between those services and functions and other existing or needed government services
- A proposed first year line item operating budget and a projected third year line item operating budget for the new district that demonstrates its economic feasibility²⁶

Based on this analysis, the chief petitioners can determine the permanent tax rate for the district. If there is a formation election held, the permanent tax rate, if any, must be included in that election.

Park and recreation districts require a commitment from residents and staff. Outreach and surveying are two important aspects of delivering needed services. If Brookings-Harbor residents are interested in pursuing a park and recreation district, they should also consider who would make up the board and what other funding mechanisms would be pursued—such as a park and recreation foundation.

In Brookings, it may be worthwhile to explore the possibility of combining a park and recreation district with the established library district or creating a district that is limited to the provision of only a covered pool and community center.

Land Trusts

Land trusts use many tools to help landowners protect their land's natural or historic qualities. Land in land trusts may provide open space for aesthetic, visual or recreation purposes. Tools used by land trusts include:

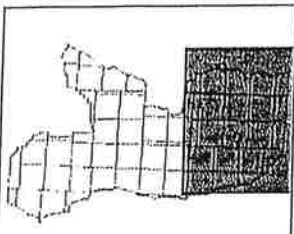
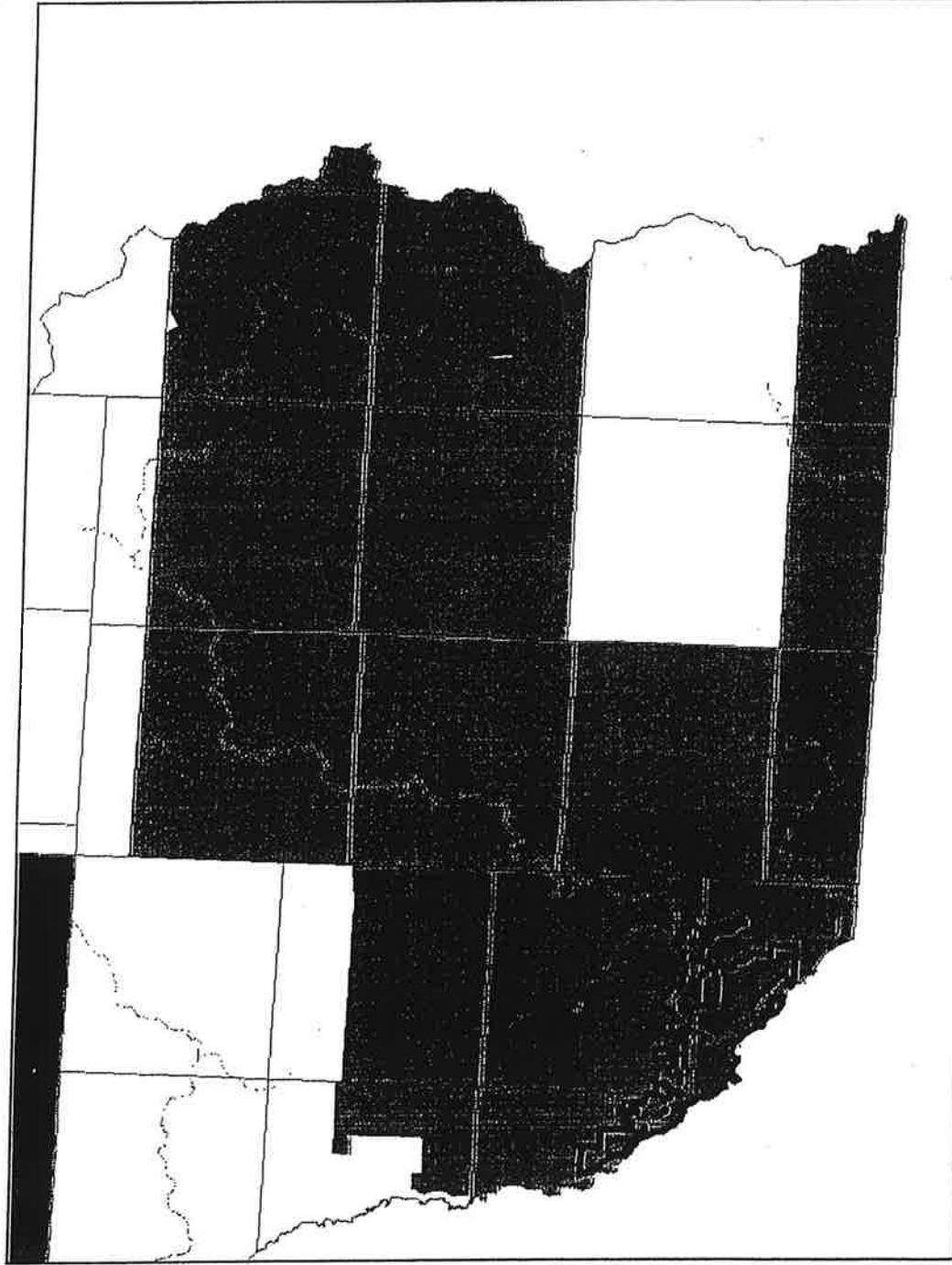
- Conservation easements (which allow land to be protected while a landowner maintains ownership)
- Outright land acquisition by gift or will
- Purchases at reduced costs (bargain sales)
- Land and/or property exchanges

A landowner can donate, sell, or exchange part of their land rights to a land trust, in cooperation with the City. There is a tax incentive to donate the land as a charitable gift, although it is the responsibility of the landowner to pursue the tax deduction.

Collaborating with land trusts and landowners takes considerable time and effort. Steps included in the process are:

- Determining the public benefit of a landowner's property for preservation. This step identifies the natural or historic values of the land
- Working with the landowner to develop goals and objectives for the land

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Rec district wrestles with cash flow crisis

By CONNIE KORBEL Staff Writer -

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The recently opened C.V. Starr Community Center has excellent, spacious, comfortable, fully-equipped, and, of course, brand new meeting room facilities available to rent. In ironic contrast, last Wednesday's Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District board discussion focused on the quickly spiraling out-of-control financial situation.

The fiscal discussion was prefaced by about 90 minutes of public comments about fees, schedules and minor facility glitches experienced during the first month of operations.

Jumping forward to finances, Business Manager Michelle Gordon was asked to comment on the district's cash flow.

"Where we're at right now? I called the bank yesterday, — we had one of the biggest payrolls we've ever had — after the [two-week] payroll and claims [\$53,000 to be approved] tonight, we're down to \$148,000 in the bank," said Gordon. "We definitely need a finance meeting. The money is dropping very quickly."

The Sept. 15 payroll was \$60,000, including considerable one-time-only overtime pay, according to board President David Yeomans.

Copies of the closing statement for the year ending June 30 were distributed; the report reveals a 12-month operating loss of \$136,784 encumbered before moving into the new facilities.

President Yeomans said, "\$136,784 in the red is not surprising to me, [but] not great news by any stretch of the imagination."

MCRPD still does not have an approved budget for 2009-10, which began on July 1.

Community members Peter Glusker, M.D., and Mara Thomas had prepared a statement they submitted to Yeomans registering their comments.

"Both Mara and I are deeply concerned because our review of the preliminary budget suggests there may be some unexpected problem areas that really underlines what you just heard [from Gordon]," said Glusker. "The appearance of problem areas of this magnitude are a great concern."

On the expense side, Glusker cited the election line item as just one example. The budget allows for \$5,000.

Irwin confirmed the expense will actually be \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the Nov. 3 election and the adjustment would need to be made.

"The cost of the election is only [one] example," said Glusker. "With what I do know, there's tons of things in that budget that disturb us."

Glusker asked the board to have an independent certified audit conducted.

"Ideally sooner than later because of the urgencies of what's happening," said Glusker. "We're really worried. The budget just doesn't make sense. The numbers just don't add up right."

Yeomans clarified questions raised by Glusker related to the line item on donations that have been committed to for the current year, which he said were, in his opinion, conservative. He also confirmed the district has annual independent audits. The 2008 audit has just been completed and will likely be discussed at the October board meeting.

"I recognize the fundamental changes we are going through and the potential for very great, dire financial circumstances in this district," said Yeomans. "I don't question that. I think we all recognize there's the potential for a hugely looming cloud."

Thomas took a different approach to the same concerns. She asked numerous critical questions, including how much of the \$340,000 advance on property tax assessment from the county was left, what remains in the contingency fund for emergencies, and how much money the new facilities are generating in the early weeks.

"Are you anywhere near meeting the revenue projected on the budget?" Thomas asked.

Irwin replied, "We haven't gotten that far yet."

Thomas wanted to know how Irwin came up with twice the



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revenues that were projected by former district administrator Beth Pine for the C.V. Starr Foundation.

"I went through a month-to-month assessment of the whole year of all the fees that were before the proposed fees and charges at the [Aug. 19] public meeting where a lot were eliminated or combined," Irwin said. "I came up with what I felt [is] a very realistic figure based on looking at the projections done by the consultant two years ago and Beth Pine's assessment. I had to agree with her [Pine]; she was right on target on a lot of things."

Thomas said, "It's my understanding that it's [revenues] double Beth's estimate."

Pine, who was in the audience spoke up.

"It is double my estimate," she said.

Yeomans pointed out that almost \$450,000 of the Fort Bragg revenues are from two after-school programs and have "nothing to do with revenues from the facility."

Thomas argued that the revenues projected for Fort Bragg alone are twice — \$780,000 vs. the current \$1.4 million — what was provided to the C.V. Starr Foundation for the first year's operating budget.

"The new budget being proposed is \$1 million for 10 months. That is apples and oranges with my budget. My budget was for the entire year and it was for \$700,000," Pine said. "It was never projected at \$100,000 a month. We never projected 100 percent cost recovery. This budget projects 100 percent cost recovery."

The room went quiet until Yeomans said, "I don't particularly feel I'm the person to be the driving force behind evaluating that."

Thomas plowed forward.

"You've listed \$135,000 in facility passes. That's a lot of people coming in buying passes; \$270,000 in facility admission — you have 10 months to make that. It means you have to have \$885 a day, seven days a week for the next 10 months. That's 220 people a day to come through paying four bucks.

"I think you need to look at these figures now and figure out if you're anywhere near making the revenue you expect to

make from this facility. Otherwise, you've gotten most of the property tax through the fiscal year, where are you going to get the money to operate?"

Irwin offered to meet with Thomas privately to explain how he arrived at his projections.

"I don't think it's just me that this needs to be run by; it's the community," Thomas said. "The community is extraordinarily concerned that we've got this brand new facility and we don't have the money to run it. It sounds like you're out of money [by] next month."

Irwin said the following:

"We knew we were going to make some adjustments in the first three months of operations. We're still getting settled in. We don't have all the computers up tracking the attendance. We will be cutting back. It wasn't intended to be a year-round [payroll] situation.

"I've heard about 20 comments tonight in criticisms about why don't you pay for this, why don't you have staff here, why don't you do this My gosh, if we were to listen to all people want, want, want, we wouldn't have the money to operate it. We have to make some tough decisions, yes, on who do we lay off, what positions can we do without? What do we essentially need? It's a wants vs. needs scenario.

"What do you do? You're damned if you do and damned if you don't. You're [Thomas] right. It needs to be reevaluated. That was the plan of this board [based] on what's coming through the gate. Our registration on programs is poor, from what I'm understanding. Adjustments will have to be made.

"You need \$400,000 to \$500,000 right now and don't have it and you're going to have to bite the bullet and go to the public and say, how important is the Rec and Parks in your community to you and help sustain it.

"I'm telling you as a professional grant writer, there are just not many people who are going to ante up and pay your bills. Public agencies depend on public resources — public taxation. It's going to take more than user fees to cover expenses. It's no surprise.

"We can't be open 24-7 here. There are going to have to be some sacrifices by the public, [such as] I guess we can't use the pool today, they don't have enough money to operate it.



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Rec District plans cutbacks

By CONNIE KORBEL Staff Writer -

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Following District Administrator Bruce Irwin's mutual severance agreement with the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District, the board of directors has divvied up the job's responsibilities and created teams to carry forward everything from special projects to daily oversight.

In addition to standing (finance and personnel, in particular) and special ad hoc committee sessions, the full board is meeting weekly with staff support and public input. President David Yeomans is now the temporary interim administrator.

No rock is going unturned, as they say; the board is uncovering, assessing and re-evaluating every nook and cranny of the organization that celebrated completion of the C.V. Starr Community Center and Sigrid and Harry Spath Aquatic Facility in August.

Financial situation

At last Friday's board meeting, Yeomans submitted a report from Wednesday's three-and-a-half-hour finance meeting. Summarizing the situation, he said:

"MCRPD is currently facing some very difficult times. In addition, there is not a very bright or hopeful picture ahead of us for the next year or two. That being said, we can either give up or continue to do what we have been most successful at, that being pushing forward [through] the impossible.

"For our immediate future, the balance of this fiscal year, it is likely that we can be successful if we can manage to significantly reduce our expenses while continuing to increase both the usage and accompanying revenue for our facilities.

"A combination of community contributions of time and money, coupled with a commitment to support the district with a sustaining revenue stream (possibly a property tax measure), will allow MCRPD to be successful in providing a broad range of recreational and community building opportunities to the Mendocino Coast.

"It would be difficult to overstate the level of concern that the

board, our staff and our community have about this situation. We have spent all of our time and resources building the Starr Community Center. We did not receive any operational funds with the generous gifts that built this facility.

"Our budget has doubled this year without any new revenue, aside from some funding unique to this year. We did not figure out how to manage it, further we opened after our peak summer revenue season at the height of the worst economic period in this country in many years. The little bit of extra money we may have in this fiscal year is not going to stretch very far."

Financial strategy

Yeomans continued: "The finance committee considered a broad range of topics [Nov. 3] including our current cash position, our short-term cash strategy, including increased revenue and expense reductions, possible sources of credit or lending, and our longer term working capital plans. The discussion about what we will need to accomplish in the second half of this fiscal year to make ourselves viable in the next year is an ongoing one.

"Most of our focus was on increasing revenue and reducing expenses. The expense reduction discussion includes reduction of staffing hours, coverage levels, salary cuts, health insurance copay and district expense reductions. The discussion could also include furlough days and change in holiday benefits.

Action taken

"The only recommended action item for today [Nov. 3] was to institute a 15 percent reduction of expenses districtwide," Yeomans said.

"This means that all employees and managers are being asked to be creative in their thinking about how to be more efficient in their work, to be more cautious in how they use the time and resources of the district.

"We have not progressed to the point of having supervisors with budget responsibility. We will get there, but for now the employees who need to spend, schedule or manage the resources of the district, need to do that with the goal of reducing by 15 percent."

Other activities



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Board members Bob Krebs and Jon McColley are evaluating the scheduling, including the aquatics program, staffing levels and appropriateness of the existing management structure.

"As that work progresses, we will have a much better idea of what savings are possible," Yeomans said.

"We are not going to achieve all of our needed financial goals in the context of employee cuts, whatever form they may take.

"None of us are taking this lightly. This is the beginning of the discussion. The difficult part of this process is that there is not a lot of time for the discussion to go on. Our cash position is very weak and will remain so into the next year."

Next meeting

The finance committee will meet at 9 a.m. this Friday, Nov. 13, followed by the full board at 11 a.m. at the Starr Center's conference room.

Pistol River taken from park district

By TRACY REED
Pistol Staff Writer

The proposed park and recreation district will not include Pistol River, a citizens group decided Thursday.

The group met to discuss the progress of subcommittees and clarify a question raised at the last meeting.

Steering committee member Keith Pepper said Rocky McVay, county commissioner, told him he had heard from many Pistol River residents who were unhappy with the idea of being included in the new district.

Pepper asked for a show of hands of those who thought Pistol River should be excluded from the district.

Nearly everyone in the room favored excluding Pistol River.

The group decided the district should follow the lines of the the Chetco Community Library District, which includes property owners from the state line northward to just south of Pistol River and east to the national forest.

As originally proposed, the district would have been the same boundaries as the Port of Brookings Harbor district.

Several subcommittees delivered reports to the group about goals that had been defined at the last meeting.

Stacey Randolph and Joe Cello explained how the

to develop a recreational program for young people.

"We don't have to have a building for a YMCA," Randolph said. A storefront office would be sufficient.

Jeanne Nelson listed options the swimming pool subcommittee discussed.

"We all agreed that we would like to see the pool open at least to the level we are currently operating (three and a half months)," she said. They also wanted to extend the season to five months. Eventually, they would like the pool enclosed and operating year-round.

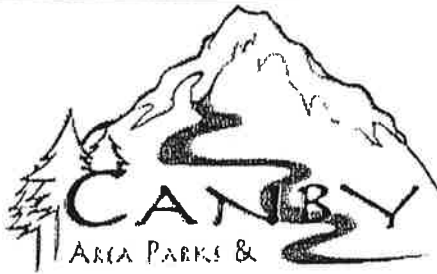
But this doesn't mean expenses will be met, she said. It means you're going to go in the hole 12 months instead of four.

Other subcommittees gave reports on the work that had been accomplished, including a report by Elmo Williams on an idea for a Butchart Gardens type of project in Azalea Park. The subcommittees were asked to continue to firm up their ideas.

Joe Rogers announced that the next meeting would be postponed until after the elections at the end of March.

It will be announced later, she said.

If the district is formed, the town of Brookings residents will no longer pay the full bill for recreation.



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"It is our vision is to create a legacy for future generations by strengthening and uniting our community through parks and recreation. It is our goal to enhance the quality of life and recreational opportunities for our citizens through improved facilities, programs, services and personnel."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Monthly Board of Directors meeting

2nd Thursday of the month

7:00 pm

Meets at the City of Canby
- City Hall Conference Room.

Welcome to Canby Area Parks and Recreation District

Like the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District in Beaverton, and the Chehalem Park and Recreation District in Newberg, the Canby Area Park and Recreation District (CAPRD) is a special district with a defined service area, and an independent, elected board of directors. In Oregon, special districts were able to be formed to provide a specific service to the citizens within specific boundaries. Often these districts provided water or sewer services in unincorporated areas. Recreation districts were often formed in areas that included both incorporated cities, and adjacent unincorporated areas. This is what happened in the Canby area.

In 1964 the voters in the southern Clackamas County approved a measure to form the South Clackamas Recreation District (SCRD). The District's boundaries roughly mirrored those of the Canby Union High School District. At that time, the voters did not approve a corresponding tax base for the District. Because of that, the District is currently unfunded.

Over the past four decades the name of the South Clackamas Recreation District was changed to the Blue Heron Recreation District (BHRD), and in November 2006 changed to the current Canby Area Parks and Recreation District (CAPRD). The Board of Directors felt that the current name more aptly described where we are, and what services we want to provide.



It is our vision is to create a legacy for future generations by strengthening and uniting our community through parks and recreation. It is our goal to enhance the quality of life and recreational opportunities for our citizens through improved facilities, programs, services and personnel. We are working with the City of Canby to explore new and innovative funding options in order to responsibly build a funded district. We are reorganized, re-energized and moving forward to become a more efficient and effective organization. With community support, partnership and action Canby can have a thriving parks and recreation system.

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Area News



New Policy on Fees For City Residents Living in the Park District

History of City Residents Living within the Park District Boundaries

For the past 30 years, District residents who constructed homes on their property, or constructed substantial additions to their existing homes, have been required to annex to the City of Eugene.

To address this loss of revenue, an intergovernmental agreement between the District and the City of Eugene was implemented in 1982. Each year, the City of Eugene would reimburse the District for those in-district residents that had been annexed to the City of Eugene. The amount of the reimbursement peaked at \$117,000 in 2002 and has been at \$100,000 for the last 6 years.

In April 2008, the City of Eugene indicated that it will no longer reimburse the District beginning with the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010).

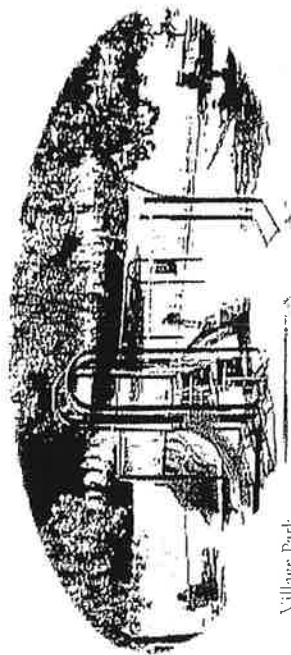
City of Eugene Residents Living within the Park District Boundaries will pay Out-of-District Fees.

Since City of Eugene residents residing within the District boundaries do not pay taxes for the operation of the park district, the District must now charge out-of-district fees for those city residents. Therefore, City of Eugene residents living within the park district boundaries will be charged out-of-district fees beginning September 1, 2009. The registration process for Park District activities will require additional time and steps to verify whether residents residing within the park district boundaries are city residents so out-of district fees can be charged.

Can Anything be Done to Reverse this Policy?

The Board of Director's had a historic meeting in July, 2008 with the Eugene City Council. The Board made an unsuccessful bid in convincing the Council to reconsider the annual \$100,000 payment. Several months later the District found out that the Eugene City Council previously unanimously approved the River Road Santa Clara Transition Agreement that stated the park district should continue to be funded and to increase the funding as more annexations take place. The Board of Directors sent letters to all City Councilors and none responded. We sent a second letter to Councilor Andrea Ortiz, who represents City residents in River Road, to which she did not respond.

California Recreation & Park Districts



Village Park,
Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District

CARPD Fostering Quality and Excellence

Since 1958, the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts has been dedicated to improving the quality and efficiency of recreation and park districts. Through two joint powers authorities, CARPD recreation and park district members are eligible for reduced rates on workers compensation coverage and liability/property damage insurance – saving local communities thousands of dollars. The board of directors is made up of representatives from CARPD recreation and park districts and tracks legislation and other issues that affect member districts. Each spring, CARPD hosts an annual conference and awards competition to recognize outstanding programming, facilities, and service to the community.

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- Sunrise Recreation & Park District
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- Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District
- Wasco Recreation & Park District
- Weed Recreation & Park District
- Western Gateway Recreation & Park District
- Westside Recreation & Park District

Bay Area Recreation & Park District

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

According to the California Public Resources Code, section 5780, recreation, park, and open space facilities and services are essential services to improving and protecting the quality of life for all Californians. These services support the public peace, health and welfare of California residents.

For at least seven decades, state laws have authorized recreation and park districts to provide recreation programs, local parks, and open spaces. In October 2001, the legislature revised Senate Bill 707 (The Recreation and Park District Law) with the intent that:

Recreation and park districts continue to provide recreation programs, local parks and open spaces to serve the diversity of their community and residents while working in cooperation with other agencies and organizations

Local Accountability

California's 67 recreation and park districts function as local government to provide recreational opportunities within a specific boundary. Service areas range in size from small to very large and often cross other county borders to serve the recreational needs of a community. Today's recreation and park districts provide services at the highest levels of accountability and responsibility to the public.

Community Partners

Recreation and park districts as local service providers are empowered to participate in a wide variety of community endeavors. They frequently form informal

partnerships with other government units, care groups, and private sectors to enhance services to their constituents. These relationships take the form of joint powers agreements, personnel resources, and mutual aid pacts for emergency response. Working with city, county, and school districts, recreation and park districts maximize local government resources to effectively and efficiently meet community needs.

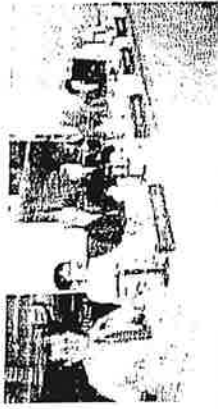


Senior Volunteer, Pleasant Hill RPD

Leaders

Recreation and park districts are governed by boards of directors who are directly accountable to the public.

Board members are local residents who may be elected or appointed for fixed terms. Their actions are subject to the Brown Act and related public governing agencies. Board members have usually been involved with their local recreation and park district activities and continue to interact within the framework of the community. Thousands of dedicated people have served on the districts' boards of directors, aided by able administrators, recreation leaders and parks staff.



Board of Directors, East Bay Regional Park District

Funding

Funding for recreation and park districts comes from: property taxes (a percentage of the "one percent" property tax); program fees and charges; assessment districts; local, state and federal grants; and donations.

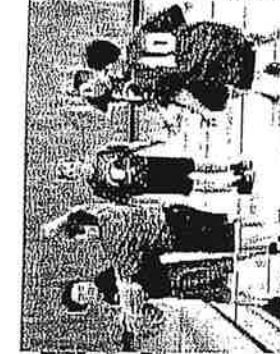
As in any form of local government, recreation programs have increased dramatically in recent years, although Recreation and Park Districts have consistently shown the slowest rate of spending growth among local government. Districts are independently audited each year and are subject to state and public scrutiny (as any form of local government).

California Recreation and Park Districts are local and regional providers who work together with others to meet the recreational needs of their local communities.



Bille Park Expansion, Paradise Recreation & Park District

Contact your local recreation and park district for information on the specific services, parks, open space and recreational programs they offer to your community.



City of Brookings
Parks and Recreation Commission
2009 Annual Report

March 4, 2010

It has been my privilege to serve as the Chair of the Brookings Parks and Recreation Commission from March 2009 to February 2010. The following is a brief summary month by month of the developments that transpired during my tenure as Chair:

March 2009

-----the KASPER after school program will be starting March 31st. 40-50 students are expected—cost is \$150 for the ten week program.

-----Kid Town Enhancement—the Commission approved the enhancement program to make Kid Town ADA accessible.

-----Swimming Pool—after hearing City Manager Gary Milliman's presentation of the pool budget, the Commission voted 3-2 to increase the daily, ten swim pass, and season swim pass fees as presented.

April, 2009

-----Swimming Pool—after more discussion on pool group rates, the Commission voted to increase those rates.

-----A presentation was made to the Commission on the budget process to give the Commission a better understanding of budget requirements.

-----Kid Town Enhancement—fundraising is continuing for making the ADA improvements.

May, 2009

-----Tennis backboard—a proposal was made and passed on to the City Council to install a 10 foot by 16 foot backboard at the Bud Cross tennis courts.

-----Easy Manor Park—prep work will start next month on improvements that are scheduled to be completed in September of 2009.

June, 2009

-----A review/update on the Capital Projects List was presented and the 2009-2010 budget was discussed. The commission will meet at Kid Town July 25 to tour the parks and prioritize projects.

-----Easy Manor Park—now closed to the public as improvements continue.

July, 2009

-----Azalea Park/Rotary Club Sidewalk grant—a proposal was heard, discussed, and approved to construct an ADA wheelchair accessible sidewalk, concrete pad and shelter near the Azalea Park band shell.

-----Lower Stout Park—plans for the parks improvement continue to be modified as memorial bricks will be for sale.

August, 2009

-----Park Capital Improvement Plan—the Commission gave City Manager Gary Milliman a list of the top items needing attention. Updating will be done and brought back for discussion before the October meeting.

September, 2009

-----Azalea Park Volleyball Courts—discussion was held on the removal of the volleyball courts. Issue was tabled until the October meeting in order for the Commission to get public input.

-----Easy Manor Park—was opened to great fanfare on the 15th of the month.

-----Lower Stout Park—fundraising continues.

October, 2009

- KASPER program—a report on and a request to continue the program in the summer of 2010 for an amount of \$15,000. The program has been very successful to this point.
- Azalea Park Volleyball Courts—the issue will be tabled until next fall as there seems to be substantial support for keeping the courts.
- Mill Beach access—the Commission discussed the idea of developing additional property for the purpose of making safer public access and camping.
- Azalea Park Master Plan—a reconfiguration of the athletic fields was presented and approved.
- Park Capital Improvement Plan—was approved unanimously.
- Bus Shelter—was discussed for Bankus Park.

November, 2009

- Port Park—Commission heard a presentation about constructing a playground in the Harbor Port area. Commission cannot and did not make a decision as the Port is outside the city limits.
- Bus Shelter—the area for the shelter has been staked out at Bankus Park.

December, 2009

- Lower Stout Park—still in limbo. Fundraising ideas are still being considered.
- Bankus Park landscaping—Winchuck Nursery will be contacted regarding plants for the project.
- KASPER—the City Council still has some questions about the program and has delayed approval.

January, 2010

- Lower Stout Park—Chair Pete Chasar resigned from the Stout Park subcommittee. Changes will be made to the original design. Parks and Recreation Commission requested a presentation of the design before approval.
- Bankus Park Landscaping—public works will begin the task of getting the ground ready.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow commissioners for the chance to Chair our group in 2009. Having a group of individuals who are willing to express themselves and who sincerely work to make Brookings a more beautiful community makes our Commission a more viable entity.

Respectfully submitted

Don Vilelle
Chair

Lower Stout Park Beautification Project

Plant Material

Section A

Red Twig Dogwood, Sarococa,
Heather, Helebores,
Mock Orange,
and Magnolia Tree.

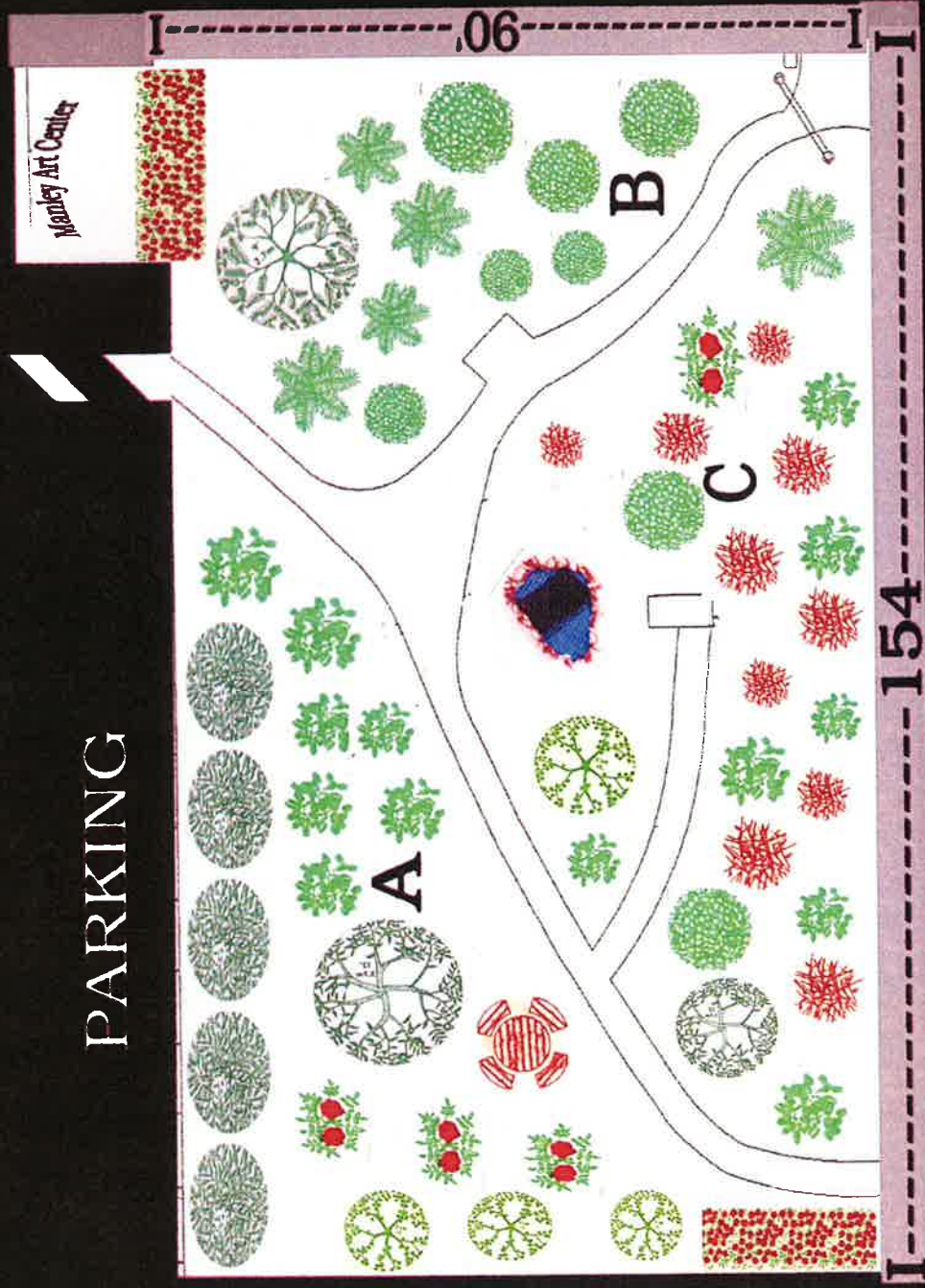
Section B

Flowering Plum Tree,
Ceanothus, Leptospermum,
and Bulbs

Section C

Ginko Tree, Deutzia,
Dwarf conifers, Ceanothus,
Fountain Grass,
Chinese Fringe Flower.,
Golden Shower Tree,
and a special
Rock Water Feature.

PARKING



Redwood St.