

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Brookings 898 Elk Drive, Brookings
December 14, 2006

I. & II. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Frances Hartmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Michelle Benoit, Tony Parrish, Don Vilelle, Haley Farr and Chair Frances Hartmann.

Commissioners absent: Don Gallian

Staff Present: John Cowan, Director of Public Works; Craig Mickelson & Jan Willms, City Councilors.

Public present: Tom Hubka, Pilot Reporter

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

In the matter of the Brookings Skatepark, the following persons spoke in support of the Brookings Skatepark being used for the purpose it was built to serve.

Craig Mickleson – City Councilor, past president of the Skatepark Building Committee. The Skatepark was built for skateboards and inline skates only, they also need to wear helmets.

Russ Johnson – Member of the Skatepark Building Committee. Provided documents supporting the use of the skatepark for skateboards and inline skates only. Submitted photos of Skatepark damage believed to be caused by bikes.

O.K. Doyle – Opposes bikes in Skatepark.

Richard Huhn – has kids, proponent of Skatepark only, build bikes their own BMX facility.

In the matter of the Brookings Skatepark, the following persons spoke in support of allowing “Bikers” to use the Brookings Skatepark.

Chris Vanderscheaf – Stated bikes should be in their own park, but in the interim able to use the Skatepark.

Heather Weckler – Member of the Skatepark Building Committee. In support of bikes in Skatepark, says they won't hurt current park.

Cody Miller -In support of bikes in Skatepark. Submitted an online petition and numerous petitions signed by individuals in support of allowing BMX bicycles in the Skatepark.

Becky Miller – Mother of Cody Miller, in support of bikes in Skatepark.

Motion was made to revisit Skatepark Ordinance before further council action. All members in favor.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Veterans application for use of Bankus Fountain Park for sale of items.

Discussion by board members. Don Vilelle will call the applicant to get more information.

Motion was made to table this matter until the next meeting.

VI. INFORMATION UPDATES:

None

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: January 25, 2007