

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Brookings 898 Elk Drive, Brookings
February 26, 2004

Call To Order

Chair Boynton called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Sherman to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Dave Gordon, Pat Sherman, Dori Blodgett, Bill Boynton, and Daryn Farmer.

Commissioners Absent: Nina Canfield and Tony Parrish.

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Economic and Urban Development Director Ed Wait; Councilor Frances Johns Kern; Dave Lentz, Parks Supervisor; and Community Development Secretary, Cathie Mahon.

Minutes

A motion was made, it was seconded and carried to approve the minutes for January 22, 2004, as written.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Disc Golf Course

Three members of the Brookings Harbor Leadership program; Commissioner Farmer, April Gothard, and Jeremiah Huber, presented a request for *Disc Golf*, also referred to as "Frisbee Golf". A report of the proposal was circulated to the commissioners. Their presentation included the popularity of the game, course placement at Azalea Park, and a target date for construction. The report explained the concept of "disc golf". Special discs (Frisbees) are used, thrown to a target (baskets); the number of times it takes to hit the target is the score. The proposed course would have 9 holes, requiring 9 cement tee pads, 9 tee signs, and a message board for regulations. The request for course placement is an area in Azalea Park, above Constitution Way and along Old County Road.

Commissioner Farmer discussed costs of setting up the course. He plans to request approximately \$3,000 from the Rotary Club for materials: discs, cement for the tee pads, steel baskets, miscellaneous signs, and trashcans to keep the course litter-free. \$2000 was an estimate for a plan design for the course, but they plan to design the course themselves to keep expenditures down. Volunteers will be sought for the design and construction; donations of time, tools, equipment, and supplies will be required.

Commissioner Farmer concluded that they were present to ask the Commission for an endorsement to allow the game at Azalea Park. He stated it is a fun game, all ages can participate, it can be played year-round, and it is a low cost sport. He added "Disc Golf" would be a good addition to the park and an asset within the community.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Sherman questioned if *Poison Ivy* is in that area. Dave Lentz, Parks Supervisor, responded in the affirmative. He questioned if the landscaping would be affected. Commissioner Farmer said they would remove some of the undergrowth but would not harm trees or bushes.

Dave Lentz stated he has misgivings because of the steep terrain on the proposed area in Azalea Park, conveying the terrain would be flatter in Stout Park. Commissioner Farmer added he had discussed the proposal with Elmo Williams, who was enthusiastic about the use at Azalea Park. Commissioner Sherman suggested contacting the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to engage them in volunteering with the project. Commissioner Gordon suggested they return next month to present a layout of the course. He added he would present the proposal to the BHYA (Brookings-Harbor Youth Association) and ask if they would be interested in volunteering and give some financial assistance.

Chair Boynton concluded the discussion by asking if the representatives from Brookings-Harbor Leadership would be ready by the next meeting to present the proposed course. It was agreed Commissioner Farmer, April Gothard, and Jeremiah Huber would be on next month's agenda to present more information.

Oregon Ocean-Coastal Management Program

Ed Wait, Economic and Urban Development Director, circulated a packet of information on the *306A Coastal Resources Management Improvement Grant*. Director Wait informed the Commission the grant specifies two types of projects: coastal land acquisition and small scale projects. The objectives are: redevelopment of deteriorating waterfronts or ports, and provide public recreational access to ocean shore. He stated Chetco Point Park is a "good fit" and applying for the grant would get funding for projects there..

Director Wait continued with his presentation emphasizing Chetco Point Park fits the criteria on the issue of providing access to the ocean, particularly for handicapped accessibility. The grant funds could also be used to pave the parking lot, do landscaping along the paths, and create picnic areas. He explained the filing and financial procedure. \$50,000 is the limit that can be awarded with matching "in kind" funds of the same amount by the City. The application of the grant requires submittal to the Oregon-Coastal Management Program office by March 31st. He emphasized the grant is financial assistance for one project for the 2004-05 time period.

Discussion ensued. The Commissioner's expressed their appreciation to Director Wait for the information and were enthusiastic about the possibility of upgrading and completing areas within Chetco Point Park. Commissioner Sherman offered to meet with Director Wait and assist with the application. It was decided that City Manager Blodgett, Economic Director Wait, and Commissioner Sherman tour the park to make notes about park improvements.

BMX TRACK: Park Supervisor Lentz explained he was recently contacted by a woman who was interested in helping construct the track. She stated she has previous experience with constructing BMX courses but would need to use City equipment. Park Supervisor Lentz concluded the project remains in the talking stage. He concluded stating the course will remain a small scale track, geared for children ages 11 to 13 years old, and will be located along side the Skateboard Park. The target time for completion of the project is the end of this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stout Park: Commissioner Parrish was absent.

Easy Manor Park: Discussion ensued centered on what should be done at the park. Park Supervisor Lentz stated his viewpoint is that it remain a neighborhood park because it is the only City park completely fenced, making it possible for children to play freely within it. City Manager Blodgett questioned if equipment replacement should be considered. He suggested the

Commissioners tour the park and come up with some input on what should be replaced and any other improvements.

Chetco Point Park: Commissioner Sherman reiterated she plans to have a tour of the park for plant identification; one in April and another in May.

Bud Cross Park and Softball Fields:

Commissioner Gordon stated all the fields are water-logged and have scattered branches from all the rain storms.

Azalea Park Ballfield:

Quincy Coons was scheduled to present a request to do an *Eagle Scout* project. His request is to construct stairs from the parking lot on Lundeen Lane to the ball field. Quincy was not able to attend to present his request. An exhibit of the plan was projected for the commissioner's review. It was decided to have Chair Boynton and Dave Lentz meet with Quincy, and if they felt this was a doable project, for him to proceed.

Kidtown: City Manager Blodgett reported bark had been located in Eugene at a more reasonable cost than previously thought. Park Supervisor Lentz explained the park will probably need to be closed down for approximately a week during removal of the old bark, staining all the equipment and placement of the new bark.

Azalea Park Foundation: Commissioner Canfield was absent. Commissioner Sherman reported they had a couple work parties and planted flowers. City Manager Blodgett reported he met with Elmo Williams recently to discuss some of the items to work on this year and hopefully get some done before the *Azalea Festival* in May. A storm drain, gutters for the tool shed and the snack-shack, and resealing the asphalt on both parking lots.

STAFF ANOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS/FOLLOW-UP

Financial Report: City Manager Blodgett briefly commented that we're in good shape.

City Manager:

Swimming Pool: Discussion ensued on the status of the pool. City Manger Blodgett explained the concerns are: the boiler room, loose tiles, rusted pipes in the pump room, and the lack of a safety room. He estimated it would cost approximately \$50-60,000 to re-plaster the pool; and could cost at least \$125,000 to bring the pool up to code. The discussion concluded that the pool be used through the season and then be re-assessed.

Tour:

City Manager Blodgett suggested a tour to visit some of the parks. It was decided to meet at Azalea Park, Saturday, March 13th at 10 a.m. Items on the park itinerary are: walk-through Azalea Park, check Kidtown, checkout the proposal to build steps between the parking area and the baseball field on Lundeen Lane; assess Stout Park, check the new access at Chetco Point Park, point out the area for the BMX track at Bud Cross; assess Easy Manor Park for replacement equipment, and study the swimming pool problems.

Other:

Commissioner Dori Blodgett reviewed community events for the coming months. The *Beachcombers Festival* is March 20th and 21st, followed by the *Home Show* on March 26th, and 27th. The *Festival of the Arts* is scheduled for August 28th and 29th.

Chair Boynton circulated the 2003 Activities Report. He mentioned he presented it to City Council at the February 23rd meeting.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathie Mahon,
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission

03/25/04 (date)