

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Brookings 898 Elk Drive, Brookings
September 23, 2004

Call to Order

Chair Boynton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Brian Bullock.

Roll Call

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

Ex Officio Commissioner: Paul Cleary.

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Councilor Frances Johns Kern; Dave Lentz, Parks Foreman-Public Works, and Cathie Mahon, Secretary.

Media: Brian Bullock for *The Pilot*.

There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

Minutes

Commissioner Dave Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2004, meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

BMX:

Two teenagers, Cody Miller, and Ernie Madrid, distributed a packet with the concept of a BMX Bike Park at Bud Cross Park. They used an informational board with examples of what they would like to see built. Included on the board were photos of Bud Cross Park illustrating the area next to the Skate Park as the most desirable area for the BMX park. Photographs of different BMX parks were displayed on the bottom of the board. There was also a photo of the bike track in Grants pass, one they would like to duplicate in Brookings. Code and Ernie reported they had met with Ed Wait, Economic Director, and City Manager Leroy Blodgett, to acquaint them with their concept and get their feedback.

Cody and Ernie are aware of the expense for the park and realize it will take time to plan and raise money before the park can be constructed. They referred to the info board to discuss placement of the track, and where the rules would be posted. After checking with different companies who build tracks, they would like to have *Dreamland Skate Company* do the construction, but again it depends on finances.

City Manager Blodgett suggested a planning committee be formed consisting of two commissioners, two citizens and Cody and Ernie.

Commissioner Dori Blodgett made a motion to give Chair Boynton the authority to find two (2) people who have an interest in serving on the committee. The motion

was unanimously approved. Commissioners Farmer and Gordon volunteered to be representatives from the Commission.

Brookings-Harbor Soccer League:

Ian Leonard distributed an 8-page packet. Enclosed was a copy of a proclamation signed by both Governor Kulongoski and President Bush, dedicating September as "Youth Soccer Month". Leonard wanted the commission to know how much the soccer teams appreciate their support. He reported the Brookings-Harbor youth league currently has thirty-one teams, thirty-one sponsors, and a membership of 380 children.

With the projected increase in participation, Leonard explained he was present to appeal making the gulley between the North Bank Field and Lundeen Lane (Azalea Park) into an athletic field. He stated the soccer association is often faced with the same challenge by adult softball, and that was finding fields for practice, playing, and tournaments. He stated converting this area into a field would be a real asset to the community, the location is centrally located, and there is plenty of parking areas. He concluded asking for the Commission's approval to pursue obtaining funding, grant writing, and coordinate a committee to oversee the project.

Dave Lentz, Parks Supervisor, had several issues. His main concern was irrigation questioning: would there be enough water and pressure to reach the new field? Commissioner Gordon volunteered to be on the committee. City Manager Blodgett stated it will be a couple years before we have to look at specifics but in the meantime we can continue to look at other avenues, particularly the schools. Blodgett said once the gulley area is filled and leveled, we might be able to dedicate the field for multi-use. Leonard stated perhaps there can be a premier field and another area for the smaller kids.

Commissioner Dori Blodgett moved this new field be designated as a multiuse field when completed. Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Boynton thanked Mr. Leonard for his presentation. He stated the commission realizes more fields are needed and the commission will continue locating possible locations.

Azalea Park Foundation:

Hope Hanson, 97832 Titus Lane, informed the commission more volunteers are needed to help with the maintenance of the park. She explained she has volunteered for years but physically it is becoming more difficult to do the weeding, etc. Volunteers are needed to replace the folks that have moved away or physically cannot do the work. Her appeal is for more residents to take an interest in volunteering for work parties, to continue the legacy of the original volunteers who have worked for many years to attain the present beauty and amenities the park affords the community.

Chair Boynton assured Mrs. Hanson that the commission will work on the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stout Park: Commissioner Parrish had several items, the primary one being trash cans. He explained he found 30-gallon oil barrels to replace the Rubber Maid ones. With the start of school, more litter is tossed from Chetco and Oak streets to the schools.

City Manager Blodgett assured him the problem would be solved.

Parrish commented about the city spraying the weeds and did not want the spray to affect the azaleas. Parks Supervisor Lentz responded he is conscientious when he sprays so the chemicals do not affect flowers and bushes in the park.

Chetco Park: Commissioner Sherman reported she is contacting science and art teachers from the school to inquire if there is interest in having the students become involved in doing projects at the park. She recently contacted the art teacher with the proposal of having the students submitting drawings for possible murals on the Wastewater Treatment building.

Bud Cross Park and Softball Fields:

Commissioner Gordon reported the fields look good. He commented that Mr. Leonard's presentation of using the area by the gully at Azalea Park is a good one and would expand the number of fields.

Kidtown: Commissioner Dori Blodgett reported the park continues to look wonderful.

Easy Manor Park: Commissioner Gothard reported people are using the park but it is in dire need of repair.

Pool: Gothard reported the pool is undergoing repair construction.

STAFF ANOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS/FOLLOW-UP

Financial Report: No Discussion.

City Managers Report

City Manager Blodgett reminded the commissioners of the "Keep Brookings Clean-up" is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2004.

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Gordon moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathie Mahon
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission

10-28-04 date)