

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes January 24, 2002

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nina Canfield, Dori Frost, Lorraine Williams, Bill Boynton, Craig Mickelson, Tony Parrish, and Paul Prevenas

Ex Officio Commissioner Present: Lisa Nowlin

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Community Development Secretary Linda Barker

Chair Mickelson recognized Lisa Nowlin, the new Ex Officio Commissioner to the Commission. Lisa was appointed by the City Council to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission until September 30, 2002. Two years ago Lisa also served on the Commission. Ex officio commissioners vote on matters before the Commission but their vote is non-binding.

Minutes

Commissioner Boynton moved, it was seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the November 15, 2001, minutes as written.

Public Appearances

None

Committee Reports

Stout Park: No report

Chetco Point Park: Paul Stymelski, who last month was granted permission to donate a park bench to the city, has asked that the request be changed to a picnic table with attached seats. The Commission approved the change to the picnic table. The site for the table will be selected by staff with Mr. Stymelski's input.

Softball/Soccer Fields: No report

Volleyball Courts: Julie Peterson reported a contractor volunteered to deliver the sand for the volleyball courts. The permits to take the sand from Meyers Creek have been applied for but not received. Once they are received and weather permits the contractor will deliver the sand.

Kidtown: Commissioner Frost reported Kidtown looks good, but very wet. It will need work in the spring to look good for summer. The chips will need to be replaced soon. She received a donation for Kidtown and is looking at fundraisers also.

Skate Park: City Manager Blodgett noted skateboarders are using the park with a few problems reported. The next Skate Park Committee meeting is February 6, 2002. Because of the wet weather the remaining construction cannot be finished. Park construction expenses are coming in just at budget with around \$9,000 left in the account. Thrasher magazine sent a photo crew to Brookings last week for an upcoming article that will include the Brookings park. The park grand opening has been moved back until more items are completed.

S.A.Y.: The December and January meetings of the S.A.Y. committee were canceled. After presenting a summary of the S.A.Y. committee's investigation into covering the present swimming pool, City Manager Blodgett introduced a proposal by architect Richard P. Turi for architectural services for a new swimming pool/community center. He recommended approving the proposal at a cost of not more than \$8,000. The proposal was tabled until after the Council goals session which will be held January 26.

Parks Master Plan: Robert Parker with the University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop gave an overview of his firm's proposal to develop a City of Brookings Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Commissioner Boynton commented he had looked at several park master plans and the best ones were generated by the Community Planning Workshop. While the proposal indicated a cost of \$23,000, City Manager Blodgett stated this would be reduced by a change of scope of the work plan and utilization of a R.A.R.E. intern's services. Commissioner Boynton moved, it was seconded and the Commission unanimously voted to engage the Community Planning Workshop to develop a parks master plan at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Funds for this are in the current General Fund budget.

Liaison Reports

Azalea Park Foundation: Commissioner Williams presented each Commissioner with a copy of Buzz Hansen's drawing of the new snack shack/restrooms for Azalea Park. Don Tilton, Brookings-Harbor Rotary President, reported the club is prepared to donate cash and is contacting firms to donate materials. The Seabees will be doing the labor and are looking at a mid-to-late summer time frame. Commissioner Frost moved, it was seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to accept the project as presented.

Staff Announcements/Concerns/Follow-ups

Financial Report: None

Parks and Fields Use Calendar Update: None

Parking Lot—Azalea Park No. Bank Chetco softball field: None

Commissioner Boynton moved, it was seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to accept a proposal by Coos Curry Transitional House, Inc. to place a soda vending machine behind the restrooms in Azalea Park. The acceptance included preparing a written statement informing the organization of vandalism in Azalea Park. This will be handled by staff.

Brookings-Harbor Little League Bud Cross Park Improvements: Little League representatives accepted the donation of fencing from the Chetco Community Library. Weather is preventing them from making further improvements or installing the fencing. The grass that was planted last fall looks very good.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Parrish distributed a working outline for a city-sponsored golf tournament to be held this summer. Tentative dates for the tournament are August 23 through 26. He called for volunteers to form a steering committee to work with golf course management. Others volunteering to be on the committee with him are Chair Mickelson, City Councilor Johns, and City Manager Blodgett. They will meet at 4:00 p.m., February 4 in the Council Chambers. Other community members will be contacted to serve on the committee.

Chair Mickelson reminded Commissioners of the City Council goal setting session that is being held Saturday, January 26 at the Best Western Brookings Inn.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Barker
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission
February 28, 2002 _____ (Date)