

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City of Brookings
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon
September 26, 2002 7:00 p.m.

Call To Order

Chair Boynton called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance led by Commissioner Parrish.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nina Canfield, Dori Blodgett, Bill Boynton, Tony Parrish, and Pat Sherman.

Commissioners absent: Lorraine Williams, and Paul Prevenas.

Councilor Liaison Present: Councilor Frances Johns Kern.

Staff Present: Community Development Director Leo Lightle; Dennis Barlow, Supervisor of Public Works; Dave Lentz, Park Maintenance-Public Works, and Community Development Secretary Cathie Mahon.

Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and carried for approval of the August 22, 2002 minutes.

Public Appearances

Jeremy McVeety was recognized by the Commission for his assistance on special projects during the past year. The Commission wished him well on his future endeavors.

The commission was updated on the Azalea Park Snackshack project, by Don Tilton, past President of the Harbor-Brookings Rotary, and Buzz Hansen, design-engineer.

Don Tilton, explained when the *CB's* (construction battalion that does volunteer work for non-profit groups) reviewed the plans, they responded they are not experienced to do masonry for the concrete blocks. They went back to the drawing board and changed the plans to a frame building with *Hardi-plank* siding.

Buzz Hansen, explained the building will not have the cement block look we originally wanted, and the siding will have a textured look. He had a brochure to illustrate for the commission different textures for the siding. Discussion ensued regarding what kind of stone to use for the pillars: "cultured stones" or natural river stone. The river stone is less expensive than the "cultured stones" but requires more manpower.

Dennis Barlow, Public Works Supervisor, pointed out it (Hardi Plank) will be easier to repair, and remove graffiti.

Buzz stated hiring someone to do the masonry work would delay the project and increase the cost. The time-line was discussed. The rough-in plumbing and foundation can be done in a

couple weeks, followed by the roofing tiles. The concrete roof tiles will be tagged on a load from California, which will save on shipping costs and they will be stored on a secure city lot.

Mr. Tilton concluded, "there are a lot of people making sure this (project) gets done!"

Commissioner Dori Blodgett made a motion, it was seconded and carried, for the men to go ahead with their proposal. All commissioners voiced agreement with the motion.

Chair Boynton welcomed the following city personnel for attending the meeting and addressing the recent vandalism at Azalea Park.

Chris Wallace, Chief of Police, began by briefly discussing the building fire at Azalea Park. The department has a viable plan to concentrate on the recent vandalism incidents with Detective Palicki and Detective Plaster. They have been assigned to field phone calls, and follow-up on leads. There is currently no suspect but they are confident that someone will be apprehended.

Chief Wallace stated there are two issues: prevention and apprehension. A possible solution would be to place six to eight cameras within the park. The drawback is the financial issue to consider; they can cost as high as \$1000 and as low as \$40. Another issue was: would we get clarity from the film and would it be enough to identify a perpetrator. Discussion on that issue is being discussed with Jim Relaford, who provides computer services to the city.

Chief Wallace continued with his discussion describing three other solutions;

- Informational signs by the entrance with *Crime Stoppers* phone number and the message of a "cash reward" for information on occurrences of vandalism.
- Education at the schools-possibly get Police Officer Parker, school resource officer, involved at the schools.
- Investigate and research a road system in the park for a patrol.

Discussion ensued with Commissioner Dori Blodgett questioning if the *VIPS* could be involved in patrolling the park. Chief Wallace responded he would be very concerned about the safety for individuals trying to apprehend someone.

Chair Boynton thanked Chief Wallace for his suggestions and outstanding service. He stated he favored having signs at the park entrances, in addition to good surveillance.

Sherri Scott, President of the Azalea Park Foundation, entered into the discussion. She informed the commission, the gazebo has been painted several times this year. She emphasized that something must be done to curb the vandalism. Ms. Scott's suggestion was to have a warning on the signs, having the park close after dark, and if we see someone there, find out why, and possibly give them a "warning" at first. She added having "violators will be prosecuted to the fullest" might be a message to place on the signs.

Bill Sharp, Fire Chief, discussed aspects of the fire at one of the Azalea Park buildings, and some of the investigation avenues taken. He stated evidence shows it was intentionally started, that the door was not forced open, and there is not a suspect at this time. Chief Sharp concluded the investigation is continuing.

Chair Boynton thanked both Chief Wallace, and Fire Chief Sharp for appearing before the Commission.

Committee Reports Commissioner

Stout Park: Tony Parrish reported lots of weeds and tall grass are in the lower area of the park. He will use his weed eater and spread some grass seed. He added since school started there has been more trash and debris around the park.

Kidtown: Commission Dori Blodgett had nothing to report.

Skate Park: Dave Lentz, Park Maintenance for Public Works, reported grass was planted around the Skate Park, then there was a hot spell. It has been re-seeded and signs to “keep off” have been posted.

Softball/Soccer Fields: No report.

Volleyball Court- Dennis Barlow, Public Works Supervisor, was asked by Commissioner Parrish what would it take to finish up the court. Supervisor Barlow responded that the project is 95% done, but numerous loads of sand (between 10 and 20) are needed. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Dori Blodgett recommended the issue be put on hold until springtime. All commissioners agreed to the suggestion.

Chetco Point Park:

- Chair Boynton used a photograph to illustrate the current pathway along the side of the wastewater facility currently used to access the park. The property is being developed and the pathway is now included in that property. A new entrance on the opposite side of the wastewater facility is under consideration. It has been estimated to cost \$25,000 for the new expansion and fencing.
- Leo Lightle, Director of Community Development, entered the discussion. He explained the parking lot (along Wharf Street) would remain open. The area, to the other side of the treatment facility, where the new walkway is proposed, has an area outside the proposed fencing, which belongs to *South Coast Lumber*. They would have to be contacted if any of the expansion encroaches onto their property.
- Chair Boynton concluded stating recent discussions with both Mayor Hagbom and City Manager Blodgett have been very positive for the proposal.
- Both Commissioner Sherman and Commissioner Canfield discussed the morning glory problem at Chetco Park. Commissioner Sherman stated the wild morning glory is like the *bindweed*, but some morning glories are stunning. She added that work continues on identifying the plants at the park.

Liaison Reports

Azalea Park: Sherri Scott reported they are anxious to clean out the debris in the shed from the fire but are waiting until the investigation is completed. A claim has been submitted to the insurance company. After that is finalized, the shed will be rebuilt.

Ms. Scott reported on the outstanding response from the community when they (the foundation) requested replacement of the tools lost in the fire. Rakes, shovels, etc., were given to the volunteers plus money. The money will go toward replacing the fountain bowl (destroyed recently).

Dennis Barlow, Public Works Supervisor, reported the trees were picked up by South Coast Lumber and sold. The stumps will be removed and hauled away.

Commissioner comments:

Councilor Kern suggested that the American and Brookings flags be displayed at the Skate Park, with a spotlight on them. Chair Boynton responded the idea is a good one, perhaps we should consider putting one on the *Snackshack* to deter vandals.

Commissioner Dori Blodgett reported:

- She attended the *BHYA* (Brookings-Harbor Youth Association) meeting.
- On a visit to the Skate Park in Newport. She observed none of the skaters had helmets, and no laws or rules were posted.
- Saturday, September 28th is the first Harvest Festival to be held at the Port from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sherman reported the *Southbeach Clean-up* is scheduled for September 28th.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dori Blodgett moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathie Mahon
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission
October 24, 2002