MINUTES CITY OF BROOKINGS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION December 6, 1979

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Terry Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The members present were: Vice Chairman Terry Phillips Steve Buckley, Joyce Weaver, Bonnie Litty, Michelle Fallert, Karl Larsen and Virginia Manley.

Staff members attending were: City Manager, Frank Freeman, and Building Inspector, Marshall Ferg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. No meetings were held in October and November because of lack of a quorum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations opened for election of Chairman. Terry Phillips and Steve Buckley nominated. Terry Phillips was elected by majority vote.

Nominations opened for election of Vice Chairman. Steve Buckley was elected by unanimous vote. Virginia Manley was appointed as Secretary.

REPORTS:

- 1. Chairman Phillips asked visitors to speak. There were about eight present who were, they said, just curious to see what happened at a park commission meeting. One representative from the local newspaper, and Chuck Dominick, High School Coach.
- 2. Since the City Council terminated the position of Park Director held by Pat Clancy, there is now a position of "Pool Superintendent and Parks Maintenance" open, which will be advertised locally and within the State. Temporarily, Marshall Ferg, City Building Inspector, is handling the grants.

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- 3. Report on Bud Cross Park: Foundation is in and plumber is ready for restroom facility. Fencing and backstop in the baseball fields. Grant closing date is December 31 for the first two tennis courts and Mr. Ferg is preparing the figures for audit. Two additional grants have been merged which cover the other two courts, restroom and picnic area. There is a drainage problem caused by seepage and runoff from lots above the park.
- 4. Mrs. Weaver reported on Easy Manor Park needing cleaning and benches for mothers' use. Mr. Freeman explained the lack of operating funds; because no local funds were available to match federal funds, there is now no money available for this work.
- 5. Chairman Phillips read a letter from the State Park and Recreation Division regarding a cover for the swimming pool. Under the new regulations an existing pool can be covered, regardless of financing restrictions, if the money can be raised locally. He phoned the Salem office and was told 23 Oregon cities had already contacted them concerning recovering ice rinks and pools. They suggested a representative attend the next SPF meeting, in early spring, with engineering drawings, and perhaps one half the cost could be obtained if matching local funds are available. Mrs. Fallert mentioned a solar heating cover would be eligible for federal assistance.
- 6. Discussion of the proposed recreation district followed it would encompass School Districts 17C and 23, 500 signatures have been obtained and the issue could be on the next ballot at the primary election in May. Passage would establish a tax base, boundaries, budget and commissioners.
- 7. Mr. Freeman reviewed Ordinance 158 dated 12-12-67 which outlines the duties of the Park Commission.
- 8. Steve Buckley suggested a letter to Ellis Watkins, retiring chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, expressing gratitude for his years of service, uncounted hours of volunteered time and his constant sincere interest which made so much progress possible in the city park system.
- 9. Mr. Larsen spoke of the need for a more positive feeling and better public image for the Commission.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Terry Phillips Vice Chairman

ATTEST

SECRETARY