

MINUTES  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY OF BROOKINGS  
MARCH 1, 1979

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Ellis Watkins.

Present: Terry Phillips, Clay Cox, Joyce Weaver, Virginia Manley, Stephen Buckley.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of the Temporary Park Attendant, John Appanaitis, was received and an advertisement for a new Park Attendant employee has been made.

The lease on the Bud Cross Park property between the County and the City was signed by the City Council, and a copy has been sent to the State Parks Office in Salem. This 20 year lease will satisfy the Land and Water Conservation Fund agency, and now they will send the papers to Seattle for final approval of our application for a grant of \$28,000. for phase VI project.

There was a discussion of the tennis court lights. They still need to be adjusted when we can arrange with the Coos-Curry Co-op to furnish a motor hoist to adjust them.

A preliminary review of the Parks Budget was made. Beside salaries, we will ask for a \$500 fund for administrative uses, and a \$750 fund for material and supplies.

The City Council approved our request for upgrading the position of Aquatics Director to Parks Director, with increase in salary.

Discussion of petition and letter requesting that the City build a fence and facilities at the end of Iris Street at the oceanview look-out. It was agreed to reply that the Parks Department had no funds for such a project, and that it did not come under the scope of Parks functions.

In discussion of an agenda prepared by the Parks Director, we reviewed proposals for landscaping of Easy Manor Park, Chetco Avenue between Mill and Wharf Street, and on Spruce Drive. Chairman Ellis Watkins reported that this had been attempted in the past, and there was no conclusive desire on the part of the retail merchants, Chamber of Commerce, and citizens, to support such a landscaping.

Chairman Watkins reported on the meeting February 28, 1979 in Gold Beach with the city Mayors of Curry County, on the distribution of the \$25,000 county funds for parks. Terry Phillips proposed we focus on the Easy Manor Park for our next fiscal project, and ask for a sum of at least \$5000.

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After review of the Stout Park situation and the Chairman explaining the past vote on project priorities, Virginia Manley moved and Clay Cox seconded, it was voted and passed, to reverse our previous motion to apply our efforts and priorities on the Stout Park until such time as that Park was under our complete jurisdiction.

Terry Phillips mentioned that the owner of the property adjacent to the swimming pool had recently passed away. This brought up the matter of attempting to purchase both private properties in the Bud Cross Park area. Chairman Watkins reviewed the matter of acquisition for Park uses, and it was agreed that we should ask permission of the City Council to pursue the matter by approaching the owners of the property, and communicating with the State Parks Department about acquiring the properties. Moved by Terry Phillips and seconded by Clay Cox, passed, to send such a letter for approval to the City Council. Further discussion involved the proper and most necessary uses for this property if acquired....consideration of parking areas, administrative offices, multipurpose play courts, such as handball, volley and basketball, etc.

There was further discussion of possibilities for further equipment at Easy Manor Childrens Park. Also the idea of asking school classes to participate in this project.

Terry Phillips moved and Steve Buckley seconded and passed that we ask the County for \$5,000 for matching funds and another \$5,000 for swimming pool maintenance for the next fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY