

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 1981

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Carl Larsen at 7:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Vice Chairman Carl Larsen; Commissioners Lonny Draheim, Virginia Manley, Jim Harness, Martin Palmer and Michelle Fallert.

Staff present: City Manager Lynn Stuart, Building Official Marshall Ferg and Secretary Praecilla Pruitt.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Manley, seconded by Commissioner Palmer that the minutes of the September 3, 1981 Parks & Recreation meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Phase V Development Plan

The City Manager reported that the ad hoc committee consisting of Commissioners Larsen and Fallert had reviewed the Phase 5 Development Plan and a drawing prepared by Mr. Ferg. The documents had been forwarded to the City Engineer to obtain the estimated cost for construction. As soon as the Staff received the Engineer's cost estimate a request for bids would be made. The City Manager stated that since it was late in the year it might be necessary to request an extension of time on the grant which would be acceptable with the State.

2. Publicity outline for park improvement donations - Commissioner Palmer

Commissioner Palmer reported that because of the poor economic situation at the present time that he felt the publicity outline should be deferred for a couple months. He indicated that he would be using the media. Councilman Geraghty stated that since people were out of work there might be some people willing to donate labor to help in the way of donations toward the matching funds. The City Manager reported that a pledge had been made for \$1,000 for the pool cover. Vice Chairman Larsen brought up the possibility of using the amount of money donated for the pool cover for repairs on the swimming pool. The City Manager stated that at the last meeting the Hans Koschmieder and Geraghty Memorial Fund were not for a water surface cover but for a pool enclosure cover. The amount budgeted through the City was for a water surface cover and those were the funds that could possibly be used for pool repair.

V. MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tennis repair funds

The City Manager reported that the City had been successful in obtaining a \$2,995.00 grant through the County from the State and an official request for the funds would now need to be made. The deadline for completion of the project with all funds being used would be July 1, 1982. It would be necessary to obtain matching funds. The City Manager stated that there were some funds in the City budget which could be utilized to repair the tennis courts. As soon as the City Staff received the City Engineer's estimate of costs it would be taken to the Council during October to call for bids.

2. Swimming pool repair estimates

Marshall Ferg informed the Commission that he had talked with the Medford Pool Construction firm and they had suggested that the City go back to the builders of the Pool. He then had contacted Emerald Pools in Eugene and the cost to repair and replace the tile, chip the present plastering, sandblast and then to replaster would be approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000. The company had mentioned that the City would need to maintain a very definite chemical pH balance in the pool to insure that this would not reoccur. They had testing facilities available and would be willing to analyze the water and show the City employees what chemicals are necessary to keep the pool in balance. Commissioner Fallert felt that it would not be feasible to buy a pool cover to cover up something that was damaged. Commissioner Harness asked the City Manager if the City employees could keep the pool in good condition for 12 months a year and the City Manager responded that the pool would be maintained all year around. Commissioner Harness expressed his feelings that funds donated for a specific purpose should be set aside and used for that purpose. He suggested that the City re-prioritize their funds and use them for the pool repairs. He also asked about requesting BOR funds from the County on a separate issue. The City Manager stated that he would be contacting Mr. Curt Baker concerning utilizing funds on Phase 5, and the Staff would make every effort to keep the pool in operable condition for the use of the community. Councilman Geraghty suggested that the Commission wait until January when the budget process begins to try to obtain the necessary funds. The City Manager gave the Commission alternative suggestions including waiting until spring to purchase the pool cover unless the Commission desired to place it in a maintenance program, or making all repairs except the plastering this year and budgeting for the remainder of the repairs next year. There had also been a request from the Little League that the grounds be fertilized which would cost in excess of \$1,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Harness that the City funds budgeted for the pool water surface cover for the present fiscal year be used for major maintenance of the swimming pool. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Palmer requested a financial accounting of the budget for each meeting. The City Manager stated that the books were closed yesterday and would be impossible to have a statement for this meeting. Commissioner Palmer then asked the City Manager if he had received the information from the pool company in Beaverton and the City Manager replied that it was higher than the other estimates and of poorer quality. Vice Chairman Larsen then requested that the swimming pool repair be tabled until further information was received.

3. Committee report

Commissioner Manley showed the Commission photographs of a drinking fountain to obtain the Commission's opinion concerning building a similar fountain for Bud Cross Park. She stated that there was \$650 available to build the fountain but had been unable to obtain the cost. She would attempt to obtain the cost and report back to the Commission later. The City Manager stated that the committee had given direction as to where the fountain should be placed and when the decision is made concerning the style we could proceed.

Commissioner Manley reported that the Garden Club volunteers had been working at Stout Park. The City Manager stated that the fence at Stout Park had been

repaired by Councilman Lovejoy. Vice Chairman Larsen requested that a hearty thanks be given to Councilman Lovejoy.

Commissioner Manley reported that Commissioner Harness and her had met with the Community Center group and would make a report at the next meeting.

4. Other discussion

Commissioner Harness questioned if the two recommendations made by the Commission had been referred to the Council. The City Manager stated that the Engineer was preparing an estimate of costs and it could not be taken to the Council to ask for bids until we have received this estimate. The request for funds for the tennis court had been taken to the Council and the City had already received the approval of the grant.

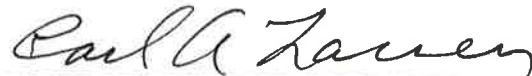
Commissioner Palmer requested that the experimental grass plot at Bud Cross Park should be maintained. The City Manager explained how the sample grass plots came into existence and that the City was responsible for the upkeep of the plot and he would see that it was mowed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Harness, seconded by Commissioner Draheim that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

This meeting is recorded on tape and is on file in the City Recorder's office.



Vice Chairman Carl Larsen

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