

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF BROOKINGS
REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 1981

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Terry Phillips.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were: Terry Phillips, Jim Harness, Martin Palmer, Michelle Fallert and Bonnie Litty.

Staff members present were: City Manager Lynn Stuart and Marshall Ferg, Building Official. Also present was Councilman John Geraghty Jeanne Russ and Lonny Draheim.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 1981 meeting were read and approved.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

1. Parks Maintenance Memo - City Manager

The parks maintenance memorandum from the City Manager, Lynn Stuart was read and discussed.

2. Parks Budget.

The parks budget was presented by the City Manager. Budgeted at this time is a Parks Director who will be a full time employee and will work full time seven months of the year and half time the other five months. Also included in the budget is a full time maintenance man who will alternate in Public Works during the slack time of the year.

3. Swimming Pool maintenance

Swimming pool cleaning and repair was discussed. The City Manager reported that he and Jeanne Russ had met with former Parks Director John Dejarnett. They determined that the pool can be cleaned without draining. After the pool is cleaned, any repairs that may be necessary will then have to be considered. Jeanne Russ reported that she planned to open the pool on April 20th, 1981.

4. Phase V grant discussion

The Phase V grant was discussed. The Commission discussed the parking and street problems around Bud Cross Park. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION by Commissioner Litty, seconded by Commissioner Palmer that the City Manager be directed to call B.O.R. and identify the status of the

Phase V project, and if possible modify the grant to a multi-purpose court and parking area at Third and Ransom Street and a parking area at the existing ball field, and to delete the picnic area. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Special meeting set

A special meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was set for Wednesday, March 11, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the grant.

6. Bud Cross Park concession stand

Lonny Draheim presented a plan to build a concession stand near the new restrooms in Bud Cross Park. The Commission was receptive to the offer but advised that before any recommendation could be made to the Council they would need a definite plan and commitment by all groups that will be involved.

7. Secretary request

Commissioner Jim Harness questioned the Commission about not having a secretary. He felt that possibly a couple of students might be recruited to fill the need. The Commission approved a student secretary and asked Commissioner Harness to pursue the matter.

8. Parks & Recreation overview - Councilman Geraghty

Councilman Geraghty discussed his memorandum on Parks and Recreation overview. He stated that the Commission should operate in a professional manner. The Commission was created to act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council and that they should be making specific recommendations on park issues. Councilman Geraghty felt that the Commission should consider an abbreviated agenda of only one or two items. He stated that Staff will prepare an Agenda packet that will be assembled and available by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the Commission meeting. He felt that the Commission should consider a recommendation regarding soliciting donations of money, materials and labor from various public sources. Also recommended was that the Commission should establish a priority list of projects.

9. Questions of concern by Commissioner Harness

Commissioner Harness had some questions of concern that he felt should be addressed which were:

1. What has the City done on plans adopted in long range development in City Parks & Recreation?
2. When was the last time a new City park was acquired or received by the City, excluding Stout Park?
3. What is the City position or policy on annexation of property into the City Limits for providing additional parks?

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4. What is the Planning Commission role in City Parks & Recreation?
Mr. Harness felt that there was a conflict between the Planning Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission in regards to parks.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Litty, seconded by Commissioner Fallert that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman Terry L. Phillips

Carla Hansen

ATTEST:

Marshall Ferg

Marshall Ferg, Building Official