

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF BROOKINGS
March 10, 1982

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Carl Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Those present: Vice Chairman Carl Larsen; Commissioners Virginia Manley, Michelle Fallert, Lonnie Draheim and James Harness.

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Terry Phillips; Commissioner Martin Palmer.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Harness, seconded by Commissioner Manley that the November 5, 1982 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously. (There was no December, January and February meeting)

IV. MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Vehicular Parking - Stout Park

The City Manager reported that there had been a request for parking along the area bounding on the alley between Pine and Redwood which would extend along the alleyway from Oak Street to the building which would house the Pelican Bay Arts Association. He was proposing to have the Public Works Department grade and gravel the area and fill in the swale. The area would cover 200 lineal feet and would go back approximately 20' into the park area. Commissioner Manley stated that she had talked with Mrs. Stout and she was in favor of establishing the parking area. Commissioner Manley suggested that while the grading was being done that a plot plan be made for future landscaping, and enlist community assistance in getting trees and shrubs that would be suitable for the area. Vice Chairman Larsen was in favor of the proposal and questioned if the number three section of the park could be cleared. The City Manager stated that there was limited manpower available and also desired to insure that the City crews did not remove any valuable bushes. Commissioner Manley felt that one area should be completed first before proceeding further.

2. Bud Cross Park

Phase V. Review: The City Manager reviewed the previous Phase 5 program and reported that Mr. Curt Baker of the State had informed the City that the \$3,000 in State grant funds would be reduced 50%. Also Mr. Baker had changed his mind concerning the Federal grant monies and was now saying that the project was funded by old money and would need to be utilized for specifically what it was originally approved for in the project. In talking by phone to Mr. Baker, Mr. Stuart had suggested spending the money for maintenance work and repairs and then in July continue with the Bud Cross Phase V development. The City Manager was to write Mr. Baker and confirm the conversation. He also stated that a request had been given to the City Council for funding Phase 5 in the 1982-83 fiscal year Budget.

Tennis Court Repair: The City Manager reported that the westerly tennis court was deteriorating and the City Engineer had recommended a 2" asphaltic lay down and then put on a plastiflex surface. The asphaltic mat would cost approximately \$10,000 and the plastiflex surface for the top about \$7,000 making a total of \$17,000. He suggested that we pursue calling for bids to obtain a cost for the asphaltic mat, and an alternate cost for the plastiflex surface. The City crews had cleaned up the drainage and solved the hydraulic problems and the City Engineer did not feel that there was any hydraulic pumping from below. He was proposing to proceed with repair work which would include a light for the tennis courts costing \$400, repair the existing surface of the tennis courts,

painting and refinishing the floors in the swimming pool building, and repair the chlorinator and pump bearing at the pool.

Shrub Planting Offer: The City Manager reported that Mr. Ross Jones, who owns property adjacent to Bud Cross Park across Third Street, had offered to donate fotinia shrubs to be planted from the beginning of the ball field and go to the other end of the park. The purpose was for beautification and to screen Mr. Jones' development. He had agreed to plant and nurture the shrubs, and then they would be turned over to the City for final maintenance. They were to be planted just outside the fence line on the street side.

MOTION by Commissioner Fallert, seconded by Commissioner Draheim that we accept the donation of the fotinia shrubs to be planted just outside the fence line. Motion carried unanimously.

Fence Repair: The City Manager reported that an area on the West side of Bud Cross Park where there were two residences, needed to have a segment of fence installed. The two proposals would be to purchase 280' of 6' high chain link fence which would go to the back of the property and to Second Street and cost approximately \$2,240; or 165' of 6' high chain link fence costing \$1,650 which would go to the back of the property, turn the corner and go to the swale. Councilman Geraghty suggested that this matter could be brought up to the Council and Budget Committee for the next fiscal year. After discussion, Vice Chairman Larsen requested that the matter be tabled.

3. Parks & Recreation Summer Program

Pool Schedule: The City Manager reported that there had been a request to lengthen the time of the pool being opened. After checking with Ms. Jeanne Russ it was found that because of excessive gas costs it would not be cost effective. Ms. Russ had recommended that the pool open on May 3rd. The City Manager stated that he was to meet with the Budget Committee at the School to discuss the feasibility of the amount of funds which would be expended at the pool. Commissioner Harness stated that there would be no monies budgeted for the school programs. Councilman Geraghty stated that the Council had approved the purchase of a water surface pool cover which would save from 30% to 40% of the heating costs. He also suggested looking into the feasibility of solar heating to make the pool more energy efficient.

Rate Review: The City Manager stated that he had requested Ms. Jeanne Russ to review the rate structure. She had submitted a schedule with 10%, 20% and 25% fee increases along with the present fees. Also she submitted a comparative sheet of the City pool rates as compared with rates of other cities. She was recommending a 20% admission fee increase and a 25% lesson fee increase. Commissioner Harness mentioned that perhaps the savings on the pool cover could offset the 10% raise because of the poor economy, and that raising the rates would keep many youngsters from using the pool. Councilman Geraghty stated that if the rates were raised we would still be competitive with pools in other areas, and he suggested offering a full season ticket using present rates and when the season begins the rates would increase. Commissioner Harness did not feel that people could afford a family package and he and Commissioner Manley were opposed to raising the rates. The other Commissioners expressed their opinion that the rates should be increased. After discussion it was recommended that after the City Manager had met with the School perhaps the Commission could come to some compromise and make a decision at the next meeting. Vice Chairman Larsen requested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting.

4. Fountain Park

The City Manager stated that he was suggesting the feasibility of removing the juniper and other shrubs in the area of Fountain Park on Highway 101 because of the weed problem. The City crews would then sow grass and the area would look nicer. The shrubs that were removed could be replaced around City Hall, Stout Park and other parks in the City. It was the consensus of the Commission that the City proceed with the project.

V. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mrs. Peggy Goergen appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Brookings-Harbor Little League requesting permission to use the ball park at Bud Cross Park from April 17 to June 19, 1982. The City Manager stated that the City liaison person this year would be Jeanne Russ who would work with the groups to co-ordinate the scheduling between the different groups. Ms. Goergen also asked if it would be possible to use their own movable concession stand. It was suggested that Jeanne Russ meet with the soft ball leagues and work out a mutual agreement which would be acceptable to all parties, and then make a recommendation to the Commission. Ms. Goergen then questioned about garbage removal, and the City Manager requested that the two leagues handle their own garbage.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Vice Chairman Carl Larsen

ATTEST:

Marshall Ferg, Building Official