



**CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 27, 1990 - 7:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pat Cropper.

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Pat Cropper, Commissioners Jean Littell, Sandy Calta, Buzz Stewart, Jim Harness, Cheryl Bavaro

Others Present: Mayor Fred Hummel, City Manager Dennis Cluff, Recreation Services Supervisor Jeanne Nelson, Virginia Manley, Tom Davis, Mitch Maycox, Bill Schlichting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Stout Park Project

In the absence of Eagle Scout Nathan Fox, Chairwoman Pat Cropper gave his report. The cleanup in Stout Park is being scheduled for early August. Nathan will be supervised by his mother and father with strict ground rules set down. Nathan will request the help of Commissioner Jean Littell and the garden club to tag shrubs and greenery that are not to be disturbed. Areas will be blocked off and assigned to adults who will do the cutting. No young people will handle power equipment. Instead, they will be responsible for cleanup and removal of debris.

Youth Programs

Skateboard Issue Discussed - Mayor Fred Hummel stated that City Manager Dennis Cluff will present a plan. The tentative plan is for a 50'x24' area with a wall of 5' and 7' which could be used by most anyone. The labor is to be done by the skateboard group. The rules have not been submitted. There will be no graffiti. The estimated cost will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and will probably be a bare-bones project

to begin with. Mitch Maycox asked that the Commission give him a plan to submit to the Elks Lodge for their assistance.

Mayor Fred Hummel stated that the city will offer the property and a rough sketch. He also said that insurance would be covered by a city liability policy. Tom Davis said that a realistic figure would be \$5,000 and should be made as modular as possible. We could benefit from the experience of Bandon and Port Orford. Street skateboard projects are also a possibility. Chairwoman Cropper stated that Mayor Fred Hummel and City Manager Dennis Cluff will coordinate a plan for this project and that the skateboard project is now out of the hands of the Commission.

Commissioner Calta asked about insurance for other group projects for youth recreation. City Manager Dennis Cluff stated that volunteers will also be covered by city insurance liability policies but there will not be any medical coverage.

Arts and crafts activities are needed for younger children. A qualified volunteer is needed as a recreation director and perhaps the community could raise funds for this. Recreation Services Supervisor Jeanne Nelson suggested that a list of activities for these youth projects be published in the Curry Coastal Pilot. A tennis instructor would be helpful as well as plans for a bicycle rodeo project. Mayor Hummel suggested low key projects and that organized volunteers are needed for all these projects.

Commissioner Harness stated that a work study session is needed in addition to the regular meetings and Mayor Hummel noted that public notice laws must be followed. City Manager Dennis Cluff requested that he be contacted regarding these sessions.

PARKS POLICY

Virginia Manley asked about available funds for Stout Park and Chairwoman Cropper asked about maintenance.

Use of lands donated to the city was discussed regarding the use of such land for other purposes than was originally intended. City Manager Cluff stated that it might not be possible to do this without going to court. Park land and recreational facilities are both necessary and plans should be made for low maintenance for all neighborhood parks. Chairwoman Cropper suggested that the commission have a work session to go over this step by step. Chairwoman Cropper will get in touch with each member of the commission regarding this.

Commissioner Harness stated that the commission needs copies of the Comprehensive Plan and City Manager Cluff stated that they are being updated by a consultant and copies will be available.

Commissioner Calta asked that all members bring their calendars so that dates for these meetings, etc., could be set up. Mayor Hummel said that the commission should check with city hall about the availability of the meeting room.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hummel stated that there is a Parks and Recreation budget. Commissioner Harness asked if any other money is available. Mayor Hummel stated that there is a League of Oregon Cities available which could give the commission information but he asked that one person be appointed to make these calls. The phone number is 800-452-0338.

Recreation Services Supervisor Jeanne Nelson stated that money is included in the budget for pool activities and this is an all-year expenditure and not just for summer activities.

Commissioner Littell asked about the Richard Street Park area and how this could be used. A map was distributed to commissioners showing the park area. City Manager Cluff advised that there are no facilities available at this time.

Mayor Hummel stated that an ad would be placed to ask for a replacement for Commissioner Judy Herrod. This is a volunteer position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Pat Cropper
Chairwoman

Myrtle Armstrong
Recording Secretary