

CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 25, 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, Cheryl Bavaro, Tom Davis, Buzz Stewart, Jim Harness

Others Present: Mayor Fred Hummel, Councilman Fred Schutt, Councilman Mike Page, Robert MacLean, Bill Schlichting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Youth Activities

A tennis tournament is scheduled for August 7th, 9th, 14th and 16th. This will be for youths 10 through 18 years of age. Time: 1 p.m. and sessions will be for one hour. Robert MacLean is the instructor and will be in charge of this event. He will furnish whatever supplies are needed. There will be awards given and Mayor Hummel will contact City Manager Dennis Cluff to provide funds for prizes etc. He will also check with City Manager Cluff regarding insurance. Commissioners Calta and Bavaro have been working on this project for the past month.

Commissioner Calta asked about the responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Commission, she felt there is a need for volunteers and that the volunteers should come to us. Chairwoman Cropper stated that someone like Recreation Services Supervisor Jeanne Nelson should be in charge of this. She stated that the commission has money for maintenance for Stout Park only. Mayor Hummel stated that if we have a successful program this year perhaps money could be had for these programs in next years budget. He stated that a volunteer coordinator is needed, there are about 75 volunteers working for the city at present.

Councilman Schutt asked if the city had any funds to get a program like this started and Chairwoman Cropper stated that our success would determine if we will be able to get financial help next year.

Commissioner Calta has contacted the Pilot regarding a Youth Activities column but they replied that it would not be feasible at this time. However, Commissioner Bavaro will see that the tennis tournament will be published in the Pilot.

Commissioner Davis asked if it is the business of the commission to advise or are we to advise and consent? He also asked if we could get programs started that would interest older citizens or are we working only on youth activities. Mayor Hummel stated that we should get a program together and present it to the city council. Commissioner Davis felt that we need our own budget. Chairwoman Cropper stated that we will present a plan to City Manager Cluff.

PARKS POLICY

Commissioner ~~Harness~~ stated that parks policy and youth activities should be combined, what is going on now, what are churches doing now and what activities are now programmed.

Commissioner Littell is working with 4H groups making flower arrangements.

Commissioner Calta is working with Girl Scouts.

Commissioner Harness stated that if we are to be effective we need to know more about these programs and work with the planning commission and the city council. A representative from the planning commission, the city council and parks and recreation commission could meet once a month, this would be helpful.

Chairwoman Cropper stated that we are just getting started and laying a foundation for the Parks and Recreation Commission. She asked Commissioner Davis if he would represent us at the Urban Renewal meetings. Commissioner Harness stated that he would like to know more about the Urban Renewal and Mayor Hummel stated that we must move fast and that Parks and Recreation Commission should be involved.

Regarding unimproved land that could be used as parkland Commissioner Harness stated we should know who owns the property, is there a clear title and deed. Property should be vacated. Any legal process that would be necessary would be the responsibility of the city. Commissioner Harness asked that this be tabled and get on with our workshop.

WORKSHOP REVIEW

The workshop meeting was most successful and it was agreed that we will schedule these meetings each month before the regular meetings.

Chairwoman Cropper asked that members let her know one week in advance of anything that should be scheduled for the next meeting so that it can be put into the agenda.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A workshop session is scheduled for August 2nd at 7.p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Pat Cropper
Chairwoman

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Myrtle Armstrong
Recording Secretary