

CITY OF BROOKINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 1990 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pat Cropper.

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Pat Cropper, Commissioners Jean Littell, Cheryl Bavaro, Tom Davis, Buzz Stewart

Others Present: Mayor Fred Hummel, Recreation Services Supervisor Jeanne Nelson, Councilman Fred Schutt, Virginia Manley, Tony Ardagna

There was a correction of the minutes of the last meeting, Mike Page was erroneously listed as Councilman Mike Page. Otherwise the minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chairwoman Pat Cropper announced that tonight marked our six months as a commission, what has happened, what has been done and what are the plans for our future.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Bavaro is the coach of the T ball area. There has been more than 150 kids involved in her programs. This started in mid April through the middle of July. She helped with the tennis work shop which was very successful. Would like to see something in the paper crediting Bob MacLean for all his help with the tennis tournament. Twenty seven kids participated in the tennis tournament. She would like to see another tennis tournament scheduled for this fall. Her soft ball league for adults started the first of June and is continuing through this week. There were four tournaments which consisted of 16 teams, the banana belt - 32 teams. Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Bend and many others participated in these events. Commissioner Bavaro's other programs consisted of a Fish Day, Rodeo Day and Beach Day.

Chairwoman Cropper asked about costs for these activities and Commissioner Bavaro said \$50 would be ample at this time.

Mayor Hummel suggested that a reception be given for all the volunteers of the City of Brookings.

STOUT PARK

Chairwoman Cropper stated that Stout Park is nothing but trash and we must get it cleaned up. The work will not be completed by this weekend. Adults only have been using the power tools and the young people have been doing the cleanup work.

Commissioner Davis asked about the \$30,000 trust fund money and Mayor Hummel stated that it is for Stout Park only. Virginia Manley stated that this money could not be used for anything but improvements. Interest from the trust fund could be used however. Garden maintenance

must come from the City and not the Trust Fund. Details should be taken up with the City Manager regarding maintenance.

BEAUTIFICATION

Commissioner Littell gave a report of her tour of the City of Brookings. There are weeds along the shoulders of East Street between Richard and Third. The N.E. corner of 3rd and Ransom is solid with weeds and brush. 1115 Ransom and the adjoining lot is covered with weeds and trash. Boats, trailers etc. are being stored on the corner of Ransom and 2nd Street. The corner of Pioneer just off Ransom is covered with blackberries, dock and weeds. Commissioner Littell will tag all shrubs that are to be preserved.

Brookings has some famous Historical houses, the Ward House, Chetco Inn and the Central Building. Chetco Inn is well kept and Ward House is beautifully landscaped. Central building is draped with many colors. The City is doing an attractive planting on 5th Street.

Commissioner Littell mentioned that over half the area that is designated for parkland on Richard Street is not used. Chairwoman Cropper stated that we should have marked boundaries for our park areas, many people do not know where these areas are.

Mayor Humel stated that a survey would be costly but the city would get some help in our park areas. This help would be given by people who have to do community service work, however they must be supervised.

OTHER COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Stewart drew up a map of the running trails in Brookings. The running group is no longer active but there are good trails in several areas in Brookings. Azalea Park and Harris Beach and also a bike trail that leads to Harris Beach. The track area by the school is also used.

Jean Nelson asked about the bike path on Railroad and Mayor Hummel stated that it is considered an unsafe area for bikers.

Commissioner Davis asked the children who were using Easy Manor Park what they thought about it. He received positive reports and that they would like to see more gym equipment. He stated that a lot of young people are coming into Brookings and our park areas should be made usable. He stated that having a brochure showing our park areas and other points of interest be distributed so that more people know what Brookings has to offer. Also suggested that perhaps some of the construction people in Brookings might donate materials etc. We are not using all of our resources, make this more public.

Jeanne Nelson told about fitness trails and programs. Perhaps grants would be available if we could match the amounts and credit would be given for volunteer work. She oversees seven employees at the swimming pool. Pool fees will have to be increased.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Services Supervisor Nelson announced that the pool is closing September 8th. She now has six life guards who are certified. Also has classes in water areobics.


Winter maintenance plans are being made. There is only one maintenance worker, John, and more are needed.

Chairwoman Cropper announced that a work schedule session will be held at Stout Park, September 13th at 12 noon. Everyone is to bring a bag lunch.

Chairwoman Cropper stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission has made progress in these past six months. The help from Mayor Hummel is greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Pat Cropper
Chairwoman


Myrtle Armstrong
Recording Secretary