

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 23, 1991

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Steve O'Brien
- II. Roll was called with all members present except Sandy, Jim, and Mary Lee.
- III. Minutes from previous meeting were not available to be read for approval.
- IV. Not having any scheduled public appearances, Steve mentioned he received some phone calls from concerned residents expressing a wish to be involved in the developmental planning of Azalea Park. One concern addressed the need to protect the native azaleas from removal or destruction.

Steve mentioned he was checking into private grants. More information on various grants is being requested by both Steve and Dennis Cluff.

Steve stated he gave the City Council a progress report on our commission's activities. The council was pleased to hear that the PRC would be giving a monthly report at the regular council meetings.

- V. 1. Park and Recreation Policy: It was suggested that the Park and Recreation Commission should have more guiding policies than just those noted in the city ordinance for the creation of the commission. As a follow up to the suggestion, a committee comprised of Jim, Jean and Don will look into policies or by-laws which will govern the procedures on how the commissioners will interact with one another.
2. Picnic Tables: Steve reported that in his presentation to the City Council, he recommended that the council consider and accept an offer from Harris Beach State Park for the donation of six used picnic tables. The tables would be placed at Easy Manor, Richard Street Park, and Stout Park. The City Council approved the recommendation and the city manager signed the necessary paperwork for the transfer of tables. After discussion of logistics, it was decided that Steve and Buzz would make some minor alterations to the tables. Steve and Don would transport the tables to the city park areas. After discussion about anchoring the tables, it was decided that the tables would be monitored to see if there was a need for anchors.
3. Azalea Park Master Plan: Steve reported that he tried to contact Sue Donaldson of U of O as a follow up to the Mayor's letter requesting assistance on developing a master plan for Azalea. Steve remarked that his calls and the Mayor's letter have not been responded to at this time. Steve mentioned he was contacted by Dave Freeman, American Softball League, about placing a ball field at Azalea in the pasture area. Dave's group is eager to assist the commission on a park developmental plan. Dave is checking into resolving the parking problems for the ball field area.
4. Schedule Work Study Session: After discussion, a work study session was decided for Nov. 6 at 7P in the council chambers. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays falling so close to the regular meeting dates, it was decided that the PRC meetings would be rescheduled from Nov. 27 to Nov. 20 at 7:30P and from Dec. 25 to Dec. 18 at 7:30P.

- VI. No staff announcements.

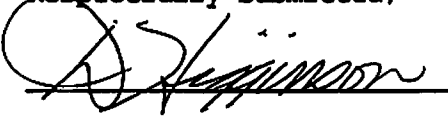
Steve read a memo from the Mayor encouraging support for intercommunication between commissions. The memo suggested commission heads meet periodically to exchange views and information. This body of commission representatives would be called the Leadership Committee. After discussion, Steve stated he would notify the Mayor that the PRC was in favor but would suggest that the meetings be held on a quarterly basis.

Steve stated he was thinking about placing an article in the paper to improve the PRC image. The article would address what the commission is thinking about and the things the commission is involved in. Let the residents know that the PRC wants community feedback, involvement, and support.

VII. No unscheduled public appearances.

III. The October 23 meeting was adjourned at 9:55P.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Stegman", is written over a horizontal line.