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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Business Meeting Notes  
March 25, 1992

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve O'Brien at 7:30pm.
- II. All commissioners were present with the exception of Carolyn Hubbard. City Councilman Tom Davis attended.
- III. The minutes of the February 26 business meeting were read and approved.
- IV. Scheduled Public Appearances.
  - A. Although they had requested agenda time, no one was representing the Curry County Sheriff's Possee. Steve O'Brien reported to the commission that the group is interested in an equestrian use area at Azalea Park.
  - B. Tom Owen (469-3246) representing Brookings-Harbor Little League requested that the PRC facilitate gaining permission for attendees of ball games at Bud Cross Park to use the adjacent vacant lot on 3rd Street as parking area. The League would like to gravel the area. Ownership of the lot is unknown. Another potential parking area is the lot under the power lines on the west side of Bud Cross. That site is currently occupied with root wads and other debris. Councilman Davis suggested that the PRC determine ownership of the 3rd Street lot and ask the City Council to negotiate with the owner. Pete Smart of Curry Transfer and Recycle should be approached about cleaning up the power line right of way. His company may donate removal and dumping services.

Steve O'Brien will determine who the owner of the 3rd Street lot is and report the situation to the City Council.
  - C. Mari-Helen Pitts-Campbell urged the PRC to help the skateboarders find a site they can use after May. Steve told her to have the Skateboarders come up with a proposal to present to the City Manager, who can then look into donation of work and materials to develop the lot behind the police station. The Skateboarders will meet the first Saturday in April at Evergreen Federal, the PRC is invited.
  - D. Shelley Ross (469-2872) of the Brookings -Harbor Soccer League urged the PRC to consider putting a soccer field in Azalea Park. Their group has seen examples of successful multiple-use playing field in Corvallis. Soccer is played on the outfield of the baseball field. The possibility of modifying Bud Cross to accommodate a soccer field was discussed. Ms. Ross will look into the suitability.
  - E. Deanna Switt and Lowell Wing (469-5159) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) discussed with the commission progress of plans for Stout Park improvements. The following facts have been determined: Maps of the park are being reproduced by the City Council. The only possible bathroom site is on the big lot, near the orchard. the existing maintenance practice is to disk the area each

year. The azaleas need mulching. Possible improvements were discussed: the hill across from the nursery could be terraced and piped with water. Trails could have tread of gravel, bark, or pavement. Wildflowers and bulbs can be planted this year. Garbage cans are needed now, but may create a dumping problem. Signing of the park would be a good first step to instill public pride in the park.

Decisions: LDS volunteers will pick up litter and clear some of the brush in April. The city will install garbage cans. The LDS will come up with a proposal for development to present to the City Council in May. LDS will work up a press release, inviting other people to help with the clean up day. Buzz Stewart volunteered to make a sign for Stout Park.

V. Commission Business.

A. Azalea Park Sub-Committee Reports

1. Activities - see attached document
2. Maintenance - see attached document
3. Funding - did not meet. This committee may not be necessary until acquisition and development take place. Steve O'Brien withdraws from this committee but will continue to act a liaison between all committees and the City Council. Steve is pursuing the water bill donation as a source of PRC funding.

B. Commissioner Don Higgenson presented the PRC with a maintenance schedule for all the city parks to give to the City Council for them to implement.

Steve moved that the PRC recommends to City Council implementation of Don's plan. Buzz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Steve asked for items to include in the upcoming quarterly report the the city council. It will include a request to get council members to solicit help with litter control at Stout Park from the school kids.

D. Steve reported that Frenchie and Jean Arel have requested permission to plant flowers around Bankus Fountain. Jean Littel will act as liaison for PRC and Steve will present the idea to the City Council.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

*submitted by:*  
*Angela Dillingham*