

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 1992

- I. Meeting called to order by chairperson Steve O'Brien.
- II. Roll was called with all members present except Gary and Olivia.
- III. Minutes of meeting held on October 28, 1992 were not available for approval.
- IV. Steve announced that Olivia Abbott was appointed to replace Carolyn Hubbard on the PRC. Due to a previous commitment out of town for Thanksgiving, Olivia could not attend the meeting.
- V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES
No one from the public sector was in attendance. Mary Jane Brimm, council member, joined the commission later after conclusion of council's workshop.
- VI. PRC BUSINESS
 1. AZALEA PARK: Steve mentioned that the state parks commission approved the transfer of Azalea from the state to the city. The city may be looking at a ribbon cutting ceremony with the governor in attendance.
 2. STOUT PARK AZALEA MULCH: Steve stated he contacted the county extension office for some expertise on the care of azaleas. The extension office did not have anyone knowledgeable in the care of azaleas but advised that USFS be contacted. Contact with USFS yielded an individual with a B.S. in botany and soils. The individual mentioned she had been following the controversy and stated the mulch should be removed. She also added that the azaleas should be fertilized just before budding and to be careful not to use too much because the plants are not used to being fertilized and may go into shock.
 3. PRC ORDINANCE: Steve mentioned he attended the city council meeting informing the council of the PRC's desire to review and amend City Ordinance No. 91-0-482 (creation of PRC) and that the PRC would be working on those directives as outlined.
 4. BACA: Steve and Bill reviewed with the PRC their findings from attending a BACA meeting. Use of a grant was discussed for upgrading the Azalea stage. Apparently, a BACA committee will be created to raise funds for stage development. Another area of discussion, which did not draw much interest from BACA, was the expansion of the summer youth program to include adults and to extend the program into winter. Steve and Bill stated they plan to reapproach BACA for recreational grant support. In checking for grants to upgrade the Azalea stage, Steve mentioned the deadline for submitting a facility grant request through the Oregon Arts Commission had past. Steve was advised to try the Economic Development Commission.
 5. MEMBERSHIP: Bill made a motion that the commission recommend to the city council the possibility of allowing the PRC to become a member of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Association. Motion

passed with unanimous approval.

6. STOUT PARK PLAN: Don asked that the Stout Park Plan be reviewed by PRC in its entirety before being sent to the council for action. Steve stated the plan is being typed and members could pick up a copy on Wednesday, 11-25-92, at city hall. If serious corrections are needed in the plan, a special meeting would be called.

7. PRC ORDINANCE REVISION: Steve asked for comment changes on Ordinance NO. 91-0-482. Since the responses were not comprehensive enough, Don stated it might be better if each commissioner reviewed each paragraph on their own time and returned to the next meeting with their written comments. After all concurred, some concerns were discussed which included: term of offices, who does chairperson report to when absent, and PRC part of selection process when filling vacancies on commission. Mary Jane Brimm stated she supported the upgrading of the PRC ordinance to allow more latitude for decision making.

8. FUTURE GOALS: Steve mentioned that the PRC needs to be thinking about future projects for the commission to tackle. After some discussion, the following ideas surfaced as possible goals with no priority set at this time.

Tree Ordinance; Donations and memorials; Comprehensive recreation plan; Acquisition for park land; Expand youth recreation program to include adults with year round activities.

9. PRC ORIENTATION: Steve suggested that the PRC needs to come up with a better and more comprehensive way to orientate new commissioners. Since the PRC is getting more involved, more background information will be needed to be passed on.

10. CLOSING: Steve asked the commissioners if we wanted to cancel Decembers regular meeting like we had done last year because of the holidays. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea. Steve also reminded everyone that the City Volunteer Dinner was on December 2, 1992, Elks Lodge at 6:30 P.M.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

