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City of Brookings  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Business Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 1992

I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve O'Brien at 7:33 p.m.

II. Roll was called with all members present except Don Higgenson.

III. Minutes of meeting held on Jan. 22, 1992 were read and approved.

IV. Scheduled Public Appearances

1. Lowell Wing, Deanna Switt, and Nancy Brendlinger on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Members of the church would like to volunteer to improve Stout Park as a service project. They have reviewed the City's plans for the park and have identified portions of the planned improvement as projects they can accomplish. After the City has had the basic lay of the trails, steps, and other stone work completed with heavy equipment, the volunteers can then finish with planting shrubs, building picnic tables, and other light work. LDS anticipates 30 volunteers to work on the project. They would prefer to work on the smaller sections of the park near the highway, then do the one higher up. They want to do the work in the spring and summer of 1992. \$18,300. is available for use in the Stout Park fund.

Chairperson Carolyn Hubbard moved to hold a work study session devoted to coordination of Stout Park improvement on Wednesday, March 11, 1992 at 7:30pm. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Steve will find a location for the meeting. Smaller sized maps of the park plan need to be drawn up. discussion with the City Manager and Council needed for this project.

2. City Councilor Tom Davis welcomed the new Commissioners and expressed his pleasure with a full commission. He explained his role as the PRC liaison from the Council and assured that he will attend at least all of the regular business meetings.

Councilor Davis notified the commission of a joint meeting with the School District on March 16th at 7:00 pm to discuss Azalea Park and the City Pool. All commissioners are requested to attend the joint meeting.

V. Unscheduled Public Appearances

1. ~~Mary Ellen Fitzcampbell~~ <sup>Mary Ellen Fitzcampbell</sup> thanked the commission for support of the new skatepark and thanked Commissioner Buzz Stewart for the new sign. She is pursuing a skatepark location for use after May 1, when Bud Cross will no longer be available for skateboard use. She is seeking a larger facility - current location is approximately 70'x70'. Conversations with the City manager have not resolved the situation. The possibility of paving the lot behind the Police station was discussed. Before the PRC becomes more actively involved with finding a new location, Mary Ellen will wait for a response to a letter to the City Manager. She encouraged all Commissioners to attend the next meeting of the skate board organization, to be held March 7 at 2:00 at Evergreen Federal.

2. Sally Pendleton of the Brookings-Harbor Soccer League expressed her interest in working with the PRC to develop suitable soccer fields for the league children to use. Over 250 children played soccer with the league last season, and 100 were on a waiting list. The league starts up in early September. Her phone number is 469-9138.
3. Pauline Olson expressed her personal concern about the proposed tree removal by Mr. Barton. She has committed many years to the beautification of the community and considers any tree a public asset. She urged the PRC to recommend not removing the trees and suggested alternatives of topping or limbing the trees, or moving the sign. She is concerned that the City does not have a tree removal policy and that the tree removal proposed by Mr. Barton would set a precedent.
4. Robert McCurley spoke out in support of the LDS volunteer group working on Stout Park. He also expressed interest in helping the PRC develop a plan for Azalea Park. He sees Azalea as an asset to the community, specifically in helping with FFA, 4-H, and high school programs, and sees the park as a potential source of income for the city if developed in the fashion of Buehler Gardens. He thinks the existing stage can be improved to hold concerts in the park.

Steve O'Brein encouraged McCurley to attend the PRC worksession and the upcoming town meetings on Azalea Park. City Councilors Nancy Brendlinger and Tom Davis stressed that the PRC's plans for Azalea need to be drafted by early May to meet the July deadline.

The PRC also needs to get any expenditures for 1992 into the budget immediately.

#### VI. Commission Business

1. The three new commissioners were introduced: Angela Dillingham, Carolyn Hubbard, and Bill Scales.
2. PRC meetings were scheduled through May. Regular business meetings will continue to be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Work study sessions will be held every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. Steve will work up a schedule of locations available in the PRC bin. Priorities for the commission will be set at the first session.
3. The commission heard Mr. Ken Barton explain his proposal to remove 6 Douglas fir trees from the city right of way along Spruce Street. He wants the trees removed because they block the view of his business' sign from Chetco Avenue. After discussion, Steve moved to give comment to the City Council that night on the subject of the tree removal. The motion was seconded and failed on a vote of 2-4. Carolyn Hubbard moved that the PRC ask the Council to postpone the comment period to March 21 so that the PRC could investigate the situation further. The motion died due to lack of a second. Angela moved that the commissioners give their comments on the situation that night. The motion carried 4-2.

Jean Littell - is opposed to any cutting of trees.

Buzz Stewart - favors topping the trees

Carolyn Hubbard - Urges the Council to investigate whether the trees can create a problem with street or sewer drainage in the future. Values the aesthetics of the trees and the business brought to the city. Recommends topping the trees.

Steve O'Brein - against unnecessary removal. Topping is ugly but acceptable. Removal only at Barton's expense. The PRC should develop a city tree removal policy.

Bill Scales - thanked Mr. Barton for going through proper channels. Had no comment on the trees.

Angela Dillingham - Any action should be paid for by Mr. Barton. If a loss in beautification of the City is incurred in tree removal

or topping should be mitigated by planting other trees or shrubs by Mr. Barton.

4. Orientation of new commissioners:

Steve prepared informational folders for each new commissioner which they should read. Buzz warned that confusion should not be a source of unhappiness to the new commissioners.

VII. Staff Announcements

none

VIII. Adjournment

Steve O'Brein adjourned the meeting at 10:22 pm.

notes submitted by:

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