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City of Brookings
Parks and Recreation Commission
March 18, 1992 Work Session Notes

1. All commissioners present.
2. Angie Dillingham agreed to be secretary for the commission for 6 months.
3. Steve led a discussion on ways for the PRC to focus on the project at hand at the work study session. Unscheduled requests by the public to make a presentation to the board at the work sessions had lead to the PRC spending all their time addressing the public at these meetings and not accomplishing its goals. The need to hear from the public was recognized as important. The following decisions were made:
 - a. The public needs to be made aware of the agendas and topics of the work study sessions. Carolyn moved that the PRC request of the City Council that our agendas get published in the Pilot. Angie seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.
 - b. Steve moved that the PRC adopt the policy of limiting individuals not on the agenda to 3 minutes of presentation, after which the chairperson will decide if the topic merits further consideration and where. Jean seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
4. Marihelen Pitts-Campbell made an appearance before the PRC. She requested that the PRC help the skateboarders find a site to use after May when they can no longer use Bud Cross parking lot. Three sites were discussed: behind the police station, school grounds, and near the ambulance barn. Steve agreed to determine the size of the site behind the police station, find out if Tidewater will still pave the area, and if it is still available according to the City Council for skateboard use. He will contact Ms. Pitts-Campbell with the answers.
5. PRC commissioner Don Higgenson gave a warning to the rest of the commission. The PRC will get caught up in defending the idea that the city does not have the ability to maintain Azalea State Park since the city cannot maintain its existing park facilities unless the PRC takes action on existing park area maintenance. Don moved that a general maintenance schedule be drafted and presented to City Council including mowing, pruning, and garbage pick up for existing parks. Jean seconded, the motion was tabled until the next meeting, by which time Don and Bill will come up with a maintenance schedule.
6. More information on Azalea take over was reported. Councilman Tom Davis told the PRC that city staff is preparing a schedule of steps for formal acceptance of the park. There was discussion of a desire to build an equestrian trail and arena in Azalea and of the Little League wanting a 3rd ball diamond there.
7. The PRC divided itself into 3 sub-committees to more efficiently address the three points necessary to complete the general plan required for the park acquisition:

Funding Subcommittee: Don, Carolyn, and Steve

Maintenance Subcommittee: Bill, Buzz, and Don

Activities Subcommittee: Jean, Angela, Bill, and Don

Each subcommittee will meet, determine the objective and ways to reach it, and report back to the PRC at Wednesday night meetings.

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