

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 1993

- I. Meeting called to order by chairperson Jean Littell.
- II. Roll was called with all members present except Steve.
- III. Minutes of meeting held on July 28, 1993 were read and approved.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Ruth Pettinger, concerned resident, expressed her views about the deteriorated level of maintenance at Azalea Park. She was hoping that volunteers could get interested and improve the maintenance level of the park. Ruth volunteered her services but suggested that the PRC should serve as the nucleus or promoter for the project. The PRC relayed to Ruth that the city manager was in charge of the maintenance of Azalea. However, the PRC would review the maintenance levels of all the city parks to verify her concern.

Jim Harness reflected Ruth's concern about the maintenance level at Azalea. Jim reinforced the idea that the PRC submitted some time ago about an adopt-a-park program. Until then, we need to set up a volunteer work program to take care of the park now. Tom Davis, Mayor, responded to the maintenance concern of the city parks by stating that the city was not financially equipped to handle a good maintenance program. Perhaps when the ballfield developers and school district get involved in Azalea, things will improve. For now, youths from the Socrates Program and Coos Forest Protective Assn. have been working on the grounds in Azalea for the last couple of weeks. Tom continued stating that the best way to provide financial support for the city park maintenance program would be to establish a tax district. The current city budget cannot provide adequate manpower and money to sustain city park maintenance at a desirable level expected by its users.

V. PRC BUSINESS

1. STOUT PARK: Gary raised the issue about trail development in Stout Park. Don responded stating nothing can be done until the council takes action on the proposed Stout Park General Plan which is currently before the council. Tom Davis revealed that the plan fell through the cracks and no action had taken place at this time.

2. LIAISON: Gary made the comment that the city council was to provide a liaison to attend the PRC meetings and this had not taken place since Tom Davis became mayor. Tom stated he was still the PRC liaison but his schedule had not allowed him to be as active as in the past. Gary continued by stating that the PRC needs better communication with the council and the liaison was a good way. Tom agreed and stated he would

assign someone if he could not handle the position.
Conversation continued between Gary and Tom dealing with
funding, lack of council support, general park maintenance, and
Stout development.

3. SUB COMMITTEE: Since park maintenance seemed to be a
concern, a sub committee consisting of Olivia, Jean S., and
Don was formed to review the maintenance levels of all city
parks and report their conditions at the Sept. PRC meeting.
Don suggested that the fee committee be temporarily dissolved
until Azalea's use increased enough to support a fee program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Higginson".