

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 1994

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Commissioner Scales @7:05 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL. Members present: Commissioner Scales, Commissioner Pepper, Commissioner Higginson, Commissioner Watson.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes of the March 23, 1994 meeting were read and approved.
- IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES. There were no scheduled appearances.
- V. COMMISSION BUSINESS:

1. **KIDTOWN PROJECT.** Discussion was held. Stacy Randolph of the Kidtown Project presented the commission with a rendering of the tile wall and the size of the proposed project. Commissioner Higginson questioned the size of the grout, how the tiles were to be attached over the existing painted finish of the wall, and the ability of potential vandals to pry off tiles. Commissioner Pepper questioned whether they had considered some type of border of wood or other material which would lessen the likelihood of tile removal. Stacy Randolph of Kidtown thought that perhaps a bullnosed tile would suffice, and stated that she would look into the matter.

In addition she asked the commission if the city of Brookings was going to put a drinking fountain in the Kidtown area. Commissioner Higginson suggested that it be a Kidtown proposal, and that as far as he knew, the city had no plans for a fountain, and that the existing fountain would have to be completely rebuilt as the rocks were cemented around the pipes and the entire fountain would have to be dismantled in order to repair it.

Commissioner Pepper expressed his concern that as proposed, the wall seemed to have much more space devoted to the sponsors than to the art. He indicated that he would like to see more of the art tiles. Ms. Randolph indicated that there would be 15 to 20 sponsor names to be addressed and that she did not see any difficulty with using more space for the children's art.

Commissioner Pepper moved for conceptual approval only of the Kidtown Tile Wall, which was seconded by Commissioner Higginson. All approved. Stacy Randolph agreed to provide the Commission with another rendering at the Commission's May meeting which will specifically show which tiles will be sponsor tiles and which tiles will be children's art. Final approval may be made at that time.

2. **METAL DETECTORS.** Discussion was held. Commissioner Higginson indicated that metal detecting is a recreation activity. He relayed to the commission how metal detecting is handled at the Oregon State Parks. He provided the Commission with copies of the "Conditions for Use" used by the parks. Commission members discussed which items they would like to see ncluded on a handout for persons inquiring about detecting at city parks. The list as proposed would read:

**CONDITIONS FOR USE OF METAL DETECTORS**

- 1. The use of metal detectors is permitted only in areas designated by the City Manager.
- 2. The probing and digging for items is limited to the use of an ice pick, screwdriver, or small knife. The use of larger digging tools is prohibited.
- 3. All turf, dirt, etc. must be returned (restored) to the original condition.
- 4. All federal and state antiquity laws must be obeyed.
- 5. The cutting of vegetation and/or driving of motor vehicles to the digging site is prohibited.

Commissioner Higginson recommended that the Commission send these rules to council with a recommendation that the City of Brookings allow metal detecting, and for City staff to give the "Conditions For Use" to the public who inquires. Commissioner Pepper moved for same, and

Commissioner Watson seconded. Commissioner Higginson requested an amendment stating that it does not appear to the Commission that there needs to be any more specific regulations at this time, as this is a form of recreation, and staff has not identified that there has been or currently is a problem with metal detecting. All approved as amended.

3. *SKATEBOARD PARK LETTER.* Commissioner Higginson indicated that he felt that the Commission did not need to address this letter as it was directed at the City Council which was handling the situation. All agreed, dicussion ended.

4. *SUBCOMMITTE FOR FORMATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT.* Commissioner Watson indicated that she has been trying to make contact at the State level for information as to the process, and has been unsuccessful so far. She indicated she would be willing to continue to research, but that her priority at this time was working towards keeping the pool open. Commissioner Higginson recommended that the Commission designate Commissioner Watson to do further research at her convenience. Further discussion was held. Audience participant Jim Harness mentioned that this project has failed in the past and stressed the importance of working with City and County officials if we wanted to be successful. The Commission unanimously agreed to allow Commissioner Watson as much time as she felt was necessary to do the preliminary research and contact with state and local officials.

VI. *STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS.* Tennis court guidelines were presented to the Commission for review and comment. Commissioner Scales suggested that item 4b be changed to conform with the Kidtwon rules stating : "Use proper language and sportsmanship" Commissioner Watson requested the title be changed to "Guidlines for Tennis" Commissioner Higginson suggested item #3 be eliminated. The commission suggested that staff meet with or submit the guidelines to the Tennis group to review, and place on the Commission agenda for May for further review.

Stacy Randolph questioned whether the City had park rules for all city parks. Commissioner Higginson indicated that there are existing city ordinances, but there are no specified rules. Commissioner Watson suggested that the Commission now establish park rules. All members agreed. Commissioner Scales and Commissioner Higginson indicated they thought some preliminary work had been done in this area and that they would look through their materials.

Commission members were given a "City Parks Reservation Procedures" document to review and comment. Commissioner Pepper made a motion to place this item on the May agenda in order to allow Commission members time to review the document. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Higginson to accomodate the new members. All approved.

VII. *UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES* Tracy Reed, reporter for the Pilot, requested that the media be provided with the Commission agenda prior to the meetings. Commissioner Pepper and Commissioner Watson also indicated that it would be appropriate that the commission memebbers be given the agenda and supporting documentation prior to the meeting, and would request this of the City Staff.

VIII. *ADJOURNMENT.* Commissioner Scales moved for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Pepper. All Approved.