

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 22, 1995

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pepper @7:00 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL. Members present: commissioner Higginson, commissioner Abbott, commissioner Pepper, commissioner Yarish. Members Absent: commissioner Rogers, commissioner Watson, commissioner Hislop. Also present: Tom Weldon, city manager, and Larry Curry, city councilor.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes of the February 15, 1995 meeting were read and approved.
- IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES. Elmo Williams addressed the commission regarding the gardens at Azalea Park. He indicated the project would need to proceed in phases. He also indicated that there had been some misconceptions and wanted to clarify that the concept is to enhance the existing azaleas and add native plantings. He requested direction from the commission as to the size of the area which may be made available for the project. Commissioner Higginson moved to schedule a town hall meeting for April 26 to discuss the concept. Seconded by Commissioner Abbott, all approved.
- V. COMMISSION BUSINESS
 1. Commissioner Pepper stated that he had been contacted by Bev Shields representing the rotary club. They are intending to build benches as a community project, and would like some input from the commission as to a location for the project. Her thought was to provide some permanent seating in front of the new stage. Commissioner Pepper indicated that he would like to suggest that they be requested to work with the Stout Park renovation and provide the benches for the new trail system. The commission concurred. Commissioner Pepper indicated he would relay that suggestion to Ms. Shields.
 2. Commissioner Pepper reported on the finalized priorities prepared by the Stout Park Committee. Commissioner Yarish moved to schedule another Town Hall meeting for April 26 to provide another opportunity for neighborhood input as to the closure of a portion of Pine Street. Seconded by Commissioner Higginson, all approved.
- VI. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Weldon reported that he had contacted school superintendent Bob Strickland about providing \$3,000.00 for the summer youth program. He agreed to commit the money for this year and would budget \$3,000.00 for additional year(s).
- VII. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES. None.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.