

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2001 MEETING**

Attendance: Commissioners: Nina Canfield
Lorraine Williams
Russ Fritz, Chair
Nancy Shute
Craig Mickelson
Excused: Paul Prevenas
Dori Frost
Staff: Dennis Barlow

Minutes: Two corrections to the minutes were noted and corrected. Under Chetco Point, the second sentence should read, "The Porta Pot issue has been decided and the general fund will pay up to \$100 a month for the placement and upkeep." The minutes were then m/s/a.

Stout Park: Shute explained the grant that has been submitted to Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation is a \$15,000 total grant with a 60/40 split. There is a request of \$9,000, and Brookings will contribute \$6,000 for the construction of a sprinkler system and lighting.

There have been complaints regarding the lower section of Stout Park not being maintained. Barlow explained that this was a wetland, and it had been previously requested to be left alone and natural. The City will look this into.

Chetco Point: Mickelson reported that they now have a mechanical wheelbarrow to help with the maintenance and that the Eagle Scout project hopefully will be completed soon around the upper loop.

Soccer Fields: P&S Construction had not started groundwork yet. P&S will be contacted to see when or if they plan on doing the work. If they cannot start immediately, the City will start the work.

Master Park Plan: Nothing new to report.

Survey: Mickelson explained that he thought there would be no problem with an insert in the Pilot. The cost is around \$250 for 5000 copies. There was an unanswered question as if this could come from the General Fund. Fritz will ask Leroy Blodgett, City Manager, if this is possible.

Skate Park: Mickelson reported on the May 16 meeting. The presentation regarding the Dreamland Team was impressive with

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completed parks in Redmond and Almsville, Oregon. The cities reported that the dealings with the Team were satisfactory. They were not hired under a contract, but as temporary employees of the cities. They also came in under budget in both cities. However, the City is still looking at other potential contractors to do the work. This is partly due to the fact that the Team will not be available until October of this year.

SAY: Nothing new to report.

Azalea Park: Williams reported on the picnic at Azalea park and the presentation of the Ben Andreson Memorial. Those in attendance were pleased with the presentation and videos of Ben.

Williams told of seeing a picture of a vine created trellis and knew of a location in the Park where she thought this could be created without much trouble. It was m/s/p to form a natural trellis-like structure on the left side of the stage behind the benches to form an intimate setting for such occasions as weddings. Barlow, with advice from Williams, will try to achieve this.

There had been some discussion regarding a May Pole in the park, but it was decided not to pursue the matter.

Canfield reported that Greg Shin mentioned that there was no trash can in the lower park, and it was needed. Barlow will investigate. There was also discussion on transplanting some azaleas and trimming and removing dead trees. Canfield and Barlow will walk the park to further determine the needs.

Williams talked about the possibility of a Collins Grant for new restroom facilities. She has obtained the plans for the Port of Brookings Harbor restrooms and needs further information for writing the grant. She will continue to pursue this.

Comments: Barlow reported that Lonnie Draheim has set up the dugouts and they will soon be poured with concrete. There is also additional electrical service at the fountain in front of Ray's. This will be helpful for events held in this area.

There was a m/s/p to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Shute, Commission Member