

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2001

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nina Canfield, Dori Frost, Lorraine Williams, Bill Boynton, Craig Mickelson and Tony Parrish

Commissioners Absent: Paul Prevenas

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Community Development Secretary Linda Barker

Minutes

Commissioner Parrish moved, Commissioner Boynton seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the October 25, 2001, minutes as written.

Public Appearances

Paul Stymelski, 125 Surfround Drive, Smith River, California, would like to donate a park bench in honor of a friend who passed away before he could fulfill his desire to move to Brookings. Mr. Stymelski showed the Commission a picture of a bench which he would purchase and install. He did not request that the bench be placed in a specific park but was open to which park the bench would be placed in. Commissioner Boynton moved, Commissioner Williams seconded and the Commission unanimously voted to allow city staff and Mr. Stymelski to select the bench style and location for the installation of the bench.

Committee Reports

Stout Park: Commissioner Parrish proposed a Japanese garden in the portion of Stout Park north of Redwood Street. He envisioned a six to eight foot wall constructed around the area so that it could be closed at night. The garden could have water features, a gazebo type structure that could be used for group activities, and feature sculptures by local artists. He would like to get community support from the Garden Club, Seacrest Bonsai Club and the Manley Arts Center. To finance the design and construction Commissioner Parrish suggested grant funds and a golf tournament sponsored by the City and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chetco Point Park: Chair Mickelson reported the bridge has been modified to allow the mechanical wheelbarrow to pass through the rails. Trail maintenance was done and the trail is in very good shape now. The trails will be top dressed next. Porta-potties have not been installed at the park as they must be located where they can be serviced and this location has not been determined at this time.

Softball/Soccer Fields: No report

Kidtown: The Borax Company donated \$1,000 to Kidtown. Commissioner Frost reported the funds will be used for maintenance and to purchase additional bark for the play area.

Skate Park: City Manager Blodgett said work is moving forward quickly and about 2/3 of the project has been completed. The Finance Department is monitoring expenses for the park daily, insuring that the budget is adhered to. The Skate Park Committee is establishing regulations for use. The park will be open only during daylight hours and will be restricted to skateboard and inline skate use only.

S.A.Y.: The next meeting will be December 11, 2001.

Volleyball Courts: City Manager Blodgett reported the pits are ready for the sand. Fund raisers are being planned by the volunteer group to purchase the sand.

Parks Master Plan: Commissioner Boynton is in contact with the University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop which is interested in developing the Parks Master Plan. They will have a full proposal at the January, 2002, meeting.

Liaison Reports

Azalea Park Foundation: Commissioner Williams said three orders of spring-blooming bulbs arrived and eight people worked to plant 1200 of them at the monthly park work party held November 10. Another work party will be held to finish the planting. Nature's Coastal Holiday will be held in the Park December 8. City staff and volunteers will man the booths on December 16.

Staff Announcements/Concerns/Follow-ups

Financial Report: City Manager Blodgett gave tips on understanding the parks financial sheets that are part of the agenda each month. For the next budget year it is planned to separate funds for the swimming pool and summer recreation programs from those for parks. The funding of the summer recreation program was discussed since the school no longer participates in funding this program.

Parks and Fields Use Calendar Update: None

Parking Lot—Azalea Park No. Bank Chetco softball field: None

Discovery Center Status: None

Brookings-Harbor Little League Bud Cross Park Improvements: City staff and the Brookings-Harbor Little League volunteers redid the infields and planted new seed. The new fence will be going up soon. After reviewing the condition of the existing snack shack and the cost to repair and re-roof it, the Little League determined it may be more economical to build a new snack shack using volunteer labor from their group.

Proposed Dates for Year 2002 meetings: Dates for next years meetings were reviewed and found acceptable. Meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of each month except in November when the meeting will be the third Thursday and December when no meeting will be held.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Parrish will contact various golfers in the area to bring a formal proposal for the golf tournament to the Commission at the January, 2002, meeting.

Commissioner Boynton said utilizing the University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop team will be a real money saver for the City. He has studied other plans done by this planning team and found them to be detailed and show forward thinking.

Commission Frost requested the Mayor and City officials write a thank you letter to Jennifer Legat and the Senior Class for their donation of labor to Kidtown.

Three students have applied to serve as ex officio representatives on various City Commissions and Committees. They will be appointed by the City Council on November 19. One of those students may be on the Parks and Recreation Commission reported City Manager Blodgett.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Barker
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Planning Commission

1-24-02 (Date)