

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 27, 2000

ROLL CALL

Present: Mickelson, Higginson, Prevanus, Fritz, Kofoet, L. Williams, Canfield, Nowlin. Absent Weldon.

MINUTES

Minutes of March 23, 2000 meeting approved as written.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Julie Jordan appeared as a representative of the volleyball league. The league is looking for a site, possibly in Azalea Park, for 50'x80' sand volleyball court with possible expansion to 2 courts. The league will look and report back to the Park and Recreation commission later.

E. Williams appeared as a representative of the Azalea Park Foundation. Elmo addressed the issue of another site for holding area of debris that accumulates after weeding party. He is proposing the area at the far end of the lower parking lot and the work of creating it would be done by the Azalea Park Foundation. A motion to recommend to the City Council was made (m-s-p 8 to 0) Next Elmo said he wish to place two items which he felt would be classed as pieces of sculpture. One was a pole with multicolored birdhouses and the other was a pole with lights. Both items are patterned after similar attractions in the Bouchart Gardens in Canada. The Azalea Park Foundation would be responsible for the maintenance for both items. One item would be placed close to Kids Town in an area where nothing grows and the other item would be placed at the foot of Gazebo hill near the lower garden. After some discussion a motion was made to recommend this proposal to the city council (m-s-p 7 to 1). Handouts with drawings given out.

Lonny Drahein appeared as a representative of the softball league. A handout was given listing the work left to be done at the 2 fields. The most pressing item is in regards to the installing the fencing at field #2. The league has the monies to do the fencing and want to get started. It was brought up that in the original agreement with the city and the softball league that fences were not to be permanent. It was suggested that perhaps the fences could be put up at the beginning of the baseball season and taken down at the end of the baseball season. In a memo from Leo Lightle and Dennis Barlow, the staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the permanent fencing of the North Bank Ballfield. A motion was made to recommend to the City Council that a permanent 7' - 350 degree fence be put in place at the North Bank Ballfield (m-s-p 8 to 0).

STOUT PARK

City Councilman Pepper reported that flowers are coming up and some conifers planted in lower garden. Some work needs to be done in upper garden.

CHETCO POINT PARK

Nothing to report.

PARKS MASTER PLAN

Rus Fritz reported that all of the materials that have been obtained need to be gotten together in one place.

SKATE PARK

Craig Mickelson reported there is nothing to report at this time.

SWIMMING POOL

Augie Kofoet reported that the \$8000., the preliminary funding, has been gotten.

LIAISON REPORT

L. Williams reported that weeding parties on 4/8/00 and 4/22/00 have the park looking good. Over 260 dahlias bulbs have been planted. A handicap visitor was very upset about the lack of a handicap restroom. She also reported that signing needs to be addressed inside the park because she found it very

easy to get lost in the park. Lower parking lot needs to have some handicap parking spaces striped.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

L. Williams questioned having master signs at the entrances to the park.

R. Fritz questioned if any action has been taken in regards to P & R positions being held for longer than 2 years.

Motion to adjourn: passed.

Respectfully submitted--N. Canfield