

## **PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

February 25, 1999

### **Role Call**

Present: Mickelson, Abbott, Gallian, Prevanus, Canfield, Kofoet. Excused: Higginson, Thom. Absent Babin.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of 2/25/99 meeting approved.

Rick Woodel had an update on Weblo Scout Project at Azalea Park. The scouts will be working with the fire department. Rick had met with Tom Weldon and the proper paper work has been completed. There will be very little maintenance work which the scouts should be able to do. The scouts will work with the City staff in regards to the exact location of the stepping stones. A motion was made to approve the project and passed 6 to 0.

Russ Johnson spoke about an update on the Skateboard Park. The project is back to square one and the new committee will address the issue of funds first before it proceeds. There will be a bank account opened. After getting some funding and being able to determine the cost of the project, Russ will return to the Park and Recreation Committee. Don Gillian raised the question of what would happen if funds were raised and for some reason the project did not go forward, what would happen to any funds raised. Russ said that the funds would be returned. A motion was made and passed 6 to 0, to recommend the skateboard project to the City Council.

### **Stout Park**

There is no change from the February meeting and Gro Lent's report.

### **Chetco Point Park**

Craig Mickelson reported that the need to spread gravel on the remaining portion of the path still exists. The Waste Water Plant will begin their project in March and this will curtail access to the park. Hopefully a deposit of gravel can be made by the bridge before access is curtailed so that the gravel could be spread as soon as the weather improves. Signage and bench design and placement need to be addressed. The budget for the year needs to be done.

### **Softball/Soccer Fields**

Paul Prevanus reported that he had spoken at length with Mr. Erb and work is continuing as weather permits. They are planning on the fields being in use this summer. As soon as the grass is established finishing details such as the dugout, bases etc. will have to be done. Don Gillian wanted to know about the Park and Recreation Committee's involvement and Craig Mickelson said to ride herd on the project.

### **Park Master Plan**

Craig Mickelson reported there is a need to get what Mike Smith has done and reevaluate the material. Urban growth boundaries and SDC funding have to be taken into con-

sideration in writing a park master plan.

The committee had some discussion about getting groups involved in the grooming and maintenance of the various city parks. Craig Mickelson explained that the city's liability insurance is geared to cover volunteers while they are doing the volunteer work. Craig stated that he would continue to develop this program.

Don Gillian voiced his concern that there appeared to be more emphasis on parks than on recreation. Don felt there is a need to create more areas for recreational activities. One of the big problems is that there are very few large area left to develop into recreational sites,

Motion to adjourn: passed.