

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tony Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Frances Hartmann, Patricia Brown, Michelle Benoit, Elizabeth Grodin and Chair Tony Parrish. Introduction and welcome to new commissioner Elizabeth Grodin.

Commissioners absent: Don Vilelle, Haley Farr

Staff Present: John Cowan, Director of Public Works. *Others Present:* Jan Willms, City Councilor.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Pauline Olsen of Friends of Trees gave an overview of their mission statement and activities. Encouraged developers to leave trees when possible and noted that the dying Weeping Brewer Spruces at Azalea Park are from the Siskiyou and not native to this area. Arbor Week celebrations to be the first week in April.

Barbara Glazebrook – Brookings-Harbor Adult Softball League, discussed how they are saving money to redo restrooms and drinking fountains at the ballfields. They would like direction as to how to proceed and were invited to attend the Azalea Park Master Plan Workshops.

REGULAR AGENDA

Acquisition of Easy Manor Park Playground Equipment. Mayor Pat Sherman spoke of obtaining new playground equipment at Easy Manor Park and the availability of a possible state grant with a 50/50 match up to 15% of total project costs in the 2007-08 budget year. Michelle Benoit, Pat Brown, Pat Sherman & Jan Willms will work on a plan for Easy Manor Park, possibly to include an ice cream social with parents & kids to pick out playground equipment.

Distribution of the ordinance establishing the Parks and Recreation Commission and conducting a preliminary discussion of the Commission's mission/assignment/meeting schedule/etc. Frances Hartmann read the Parks and Recreation Commission ordinance. Motion was made to keep the ordinance the same except to amend Section E to read: if three meetings are missed in a fiscal year, seat on commission is forfeited and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION UPDATES:

- A. *Park Use Surcharge* – tabled until Master Plan for Azalea Park addressed.
- B. *Prioritize Parks Commissioner's Budget Wish Lists* – tabled.
- C. *Azalea Park Master Plan* – contacting original author for an update.
- D. *Stout Mountain Railway* – Tony Parrish working on, will obtain further information.
- E. *Lions in the Park after Dark Film Festival* – Tony Parrish working with Lions Club to put up an inflatable screen at the bandshell to show movies during the summer. Will provide more details later.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

City Councilor Jan Willms advised everyone of the Azalea Park Foundation Park Clean up on April 14th.

Dave Lentz, Tony Parrish and Michelle Benoit met at Lower Stout Park to discuss the dry/wet creek bed going diagonally through the lower park between Manley Art Center and Redwood Street.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at @8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Parrish, Chair

(approved at April 26, 2007 meeting)