

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
April 26, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tony Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Frances Hartmann, Don Vilelle, Patricia Brown, Michelle Benoit, Elizabeth Grodin and Chair Tony Parrish. *Commissioners absent:* Haley Farr

Staff Present: John Cowan, Director of Public Works, Dave Lentz, Parks Foreman.

Others Present: Jan Willms, City Councilor, Larry Anderson, City Councilor, & Mayor Pat Sherman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **A motion was made by Francis Hartman to approve the minutes of February 22, 2007 as written, Pat Brown seconded the motion, the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **A motion was made by Michelle Benoit to approve the minutes of March 22, 2007 as written, Frances Hartmann seconded the motion, the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. *Request approval for future soccer field at Azalea Park.* Matter continued to next meeting.
- B. *Approval of Park Use Surcharge.* Dave Lentz appeared to answer questions, discussion ensued. **A motion was made by Don Vilelle to approve a park use surcharge recommendation to the City Council, Pat Brown seconded the motion, the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.**

INFORMATION UPDATES:

- A. *Azalea Park General Plan Discussion --* Councilor Anderson discussed Azalea Park Master Plan, and his concern of cutting down more trees. Mayor Sherman discussed the need for Azalea Park to stay as it is, no further development and to keep natural areas. Suggested an ordinance to preserve the remaining natural environment and areas of the park. Does not exclude walking trails, restrooms, benches, viewing areas or signage. Suggested a workshop meeting with user groups of the park to discuss a park use ordinance. **Matter continued to discuss with staff workshop scheduling and ordinance process.**
- B. *Prioritize Park Commissioner's Budget Wish Lists –* wish list amended.
- C. *Stout Mountain Railway –* Tony Parrish indicated initial meetings of the railway group have shown interest by many in the community, they would like to make a presentation at the next Park & Rec. meeting and discuss more in depth with a public meeting. **Matter continued to next meeting.**
- D. *Meet at Azalea Park bandshell for walkthrough at 5 pm on May 1, 2007 for commissioners and staff.*

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Frances Hartmann thanked everyone for helping with the Azalea Park cleanup.

Councilor Willms thanked everyone who participated in Litter-Be-Gone, and asked who from the Parks & Recreation Commission would like to chair the ice cream social at Easy Manor Park, Michelle Benoit and Patricia Brown volunteered to be co-chairs and to contact Mayor Sherman to organize.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at @8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Parrish, Chair

(approved at _____ May 24th, 2007 _____ meeting)