

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
August 23, 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: Michelle Benoit, Patricia Brown, Elizabeth Grodin, Frances Hartmann, Don Vilelle & Chair Tony Parrish

Commissioners absent: Hayley Farr

Others present: Jan Willms, City Councilor; John Cowan, Public Works Director, Bob Schaefer, Public Works Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. A motion was made by Commissioner Benoit to approve the minutes of July 26, 2007; the motion was seconded and the Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Soccer Fields -- Daryn Farmer, soccer league liaison spoke concerning approval of a multipurpose/soccer field between the softball fields which had previously been approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission but not indicated in the minutes. Discussion ensued regarding multipurpose field uses, soccer field sizes, season duration and field scheduling. Bob Schaefer spoke concerning the dirt that has been deposited in the site area, the parking areas, top soil requirements and the culvert requirements. Softball league liaison spoke concerning frustration in getting snack shack, restrooms, landscaping and parking lot accomplished. Soccer and softball leagues encouraged to work together toward common goals to be included in the Park Master Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benoit to refer to City Council approval in concept of a soccer/multi-purpose field in the section between the ballfields. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Azalea Park Master Plan – discussed during soccer field discussion.

C. Easy Manor Park – Pat Brown gave an update on the progress of the Easy Manor Subcommittee. Ice Cream Social planned for September 15th at 2 pm, will be canvassing the neighborhood and contacting media to encourage attendance. Rainbow Play Equipment may be able to help obtain a grant for funding and will make a presentation at the ice cream social.

D. Park Signage – possibility of updating Azalea Park signage on Highway 101 to be checked into by John Cowan. Kidtown sign has some grammatical errors that have been pointed out and need corrected. All park signs should be looked at for uniformity and condition.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Lower Stout Park Beautification committee met. Discussed refurbishing bottom part of park and building a water feature, next meeting September 12th at noon. Requested spraying of

- the hillside area to remove weeds and seed with rye grass to avoid water buildup during the winter time.
- B. Discussion on the small park at Chetco River Bridge, needs care and maintenance, log with park name has been pushed down the bank, Public Works may be able to retrieve the log and secure it.
 - C. Sudden Oak Death Update – John Cowan provided information and gave an update indicating areas of Azalea Park affected. Discussion ensued concerning aspects of how SOD is spread, treatment, disposal and reforestation.
 - D. Railroad Park Update – Tony advised they have moved several boulders and will start laying foundation for the track, they have sold some leases to the buildings and will be donating a security system to the Presbyterian Church to be able to use their building for a clear view of the park. Still looking for water source. Removal of ivy, poison oak, blackberry vines continues.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Parrish, Chair

(approved at September 27, 2007 meeting)