

MINUTES  
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
December 18, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Commissioners Ken Barkema, Patricia Brown, Deborah Dudley, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish, Don Vilelle, and Chair Michelle Benoit.

Also present: John Cowan Public Works Director

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Capella – Tony Parrish advised that the Capella opening ceremonies were very nice and another public meeting is to be scheduled for January. Commissioner Dudley suggested the Capella be open during Natures Coastal Holiday, but was advised the Capella and area will not be ready until springtime. Capella signage on Highway 101 is in process.
- B. Working with the Homeless Coalition to address the use of Azalea Park by homeless persons – Commissioner Dudley advised that an area of Azalea Park is being used by homeless people, tree branches are being torn from the trees and debris has accumulated in the area; wondered if there is a possibility of creating a tent city where homeless people could camp or to educate the homeless on using the area responsibly. Susan Brown, Chair of the Homeless Coalition appeared and advised that they do not have the capability to have a tent city at this time anywhere in Curry County and suggested attendance at the next Homeless Coalition meeting to address issues concerning educating the homeless on using the area responsibly.

**INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. *Easy Manor Park* – Chair Benoit advised that we are still waiting on grant paperwork from the state. City Manager Gary Milliman has contacted the state to find out status of grant.
- B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish advised that the engineers' report was positive and that the committee will next meet with the City Manager on December 30th to determine how to finance park landscape and art projects.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Commissioner Parrish – March of the Santas was successful.

Commissioner Hartmann – Natures Coastal Holiday at Azalea Park and Stout Mountain Railroad were both very nice this year.

Commissioner Vilelle – has received several positive comments on the Chetco Point Trail.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm. Next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Benoit, Chair  
(approved at January 22, 2009 meeting)