

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 22, 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, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish, Don Vilelle, and Chair Michelle Benoit. *Absent:* Commissioner Patricia Brown
Others present: John Cowan, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Correct spelling of Commissioner Hartmann's name under Commissioner Reports/Comments. **Motion made to approve the minutes of April 24, 2008 as corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- A. None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Youth Legacy Program – Grant Opportunity. Gary Milliman presented an overview of the statewide grant program which is geared toward permanent outdoor recreation projects involving youth. Ideas suggested - interpretive nature trail at Azalea Park, exercise trails at Chetco Point, interpretive trail signage at Chetco Point, a Lower Stout Park project, uniformed park signage installed by youth. Staff to research further and matter to be continued to June 26th Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Stout Mountain Railway* – Commissioner Parrish. Railroad complete, Golden Spike ceremony scheduled for Azalea Festival weekend, May 24th at 2 pm.
B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish. Working on a fountain design, trying to get engineering/planning/design/cost figured out.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Next Azalea Park Foundation meeting scheduled for June 11th.

Commissioner Parrish advised that the KASPER program is coming together and getting lots of support.

John Cowan, Public Works Director advised there are six myrtle trees in Azalea Park and one at Ferry Creek Reservoir that have Sudden Oak Death and need to be removed and burned.

Commissioner Hartmann attended an Azalea Park Foundation work party and indicated that members of the Foundation are dwindling and may not be able to continue their future work in the park with the number of people they have. Suggested the idea to put up a donation box in Azalea Park towards park maintenance. She also indicated concern over youths in the park unsupervised.

Commissioner Parrish is concerned that the Mountain Ash trees recently planted in Stout Park will grow to a size that will shade the azaleas too much and block the ocean view. Trees provided were not what was agreed upon. Request that the trees be moved before they root and the trees that were agreed upon be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting scheduled for June 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Benoit, Chair

(approved at June 26, 2008 meeting)