

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 26, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Others present: John Cowan, Public Works Director; Gary Milliman, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Correct Commissioner Reports/Comments to indicate Commissioner Parrish made the comment concerning the KASPER program. **Motion made to approve the minutes of May 22, 2008 as corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- A. Deborah Dudley, 650 Old County Rd, Apt. #7, Brookings. Appeared expressing concern over condition of Azalea Park streambed near horseshoe pits and the need to restore streambed to previous condition before ODF removed the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) trees. Suggested community organizations make a project to restore the area. Public Works Director John Cowan clarified that the streambed is a storm drainage ditch and that the flow depends on water drainage. Further work by ODF to eradicate more SOD identified trees is forthcoming in the area. Commission discussed SOD conditions in the park. The area is to be inspected by Park Commission in park tour scheduled for July.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Youth Legacy Program – Grant Opportunity. Gary Milliman advised that after reviewing the proposed Chetco Point Exercise Trail idea with the State, the idea was not a concept that fit the grant goals which were to introduce youth to outdoors, to forest practices and to develop some type of outdoor facility that would provide youth recreation with an emphasis on having youth participate in a building project.

He presented an idea of restoring the Azalea Park natural trail area between the North Bank Road entrance and Kid Town into an interpretive trail, assisting with the building of the multi-purpose field, stream restoration, and providing reforestation education to youth. Believes it would be a project that would benefit the community and meet the goals of the grant. Has made inquires and so far Gold Beach 4-H Extension Service and ODF interested in possibly helping. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to support the grant writing project on the interpretive trail for the Youth Legacy Program. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Azalea Park Master Plan – Gary Milliman presented an Azalea Park Project List and Master Plan. He advised that he did not have a cost on the acquisition of the vacant parcel north of Lundeen for future expansion; the property owner has not made a decision to sell. Item #4, expansion of fill to the east in the canyon between the existing athletic fields in question, commission would like to include that area in their upcoming Azalea Park tour. Commission decided to postpone adoption of the Master Plan until next month.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Scheduling of Parks Tour* – Scheduled for Friday, July 11th at 9:00 am, meeting at the North Bank parking lot.
- B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish. A 3-D model plan is being made by Pete Chasar to present to the public at the 2nd Saturday August Art Walk to get public input. Put on the July P & R Commission agenda for a preview of the model.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Parrish – Stout Mountain Railroad will be running and decorated for the 4th of July.

Commissioner Villele attended the Azalea Park Foundation meeting on June 11th. They are down to three remaining members and trying to restructure themselves. Wild Rivers Community Foundation member Karen Phillips expressed concern as they are wanting to remove their money from the Wild River Community Foundation account to put towards the Capella building. Because they don't have volunteers they will be cutting back on the work done in the park, Jan Willms helping to get work parties started again. They are trying to recruit new members possibly from the Garden Club.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. Next meeting scheduled for July 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Benoit, Chair

(approved at July 24, 2008 meeting)