

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ken Barkema, Patricia Brown, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish, Chair Don Vilelle. *Absent:* Commissioner Tony Baron

Also present: Gary Milliman, City Manager and John Cowan, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **Motion made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of June 25, 2009 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

A. *Azalea Park – Rotary Club Sidewalk Grant* – Mark Williams, representative of the Brookings-Harbor Rotary Club presented a proposal to construct an ADA wheelchair accessible sidewalk, concrete pad and shelter near the bandshell in Azalea Park so that challenged individuals can access events in the park. Rotary Club to provide labor and construction costs through a Rotary Club grant with no charge to the City. **Motion made by Commissioner Brown to accept the proposal and forward to City Council for approval; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Easy Manor Park* – Commissioner Brown advised that the insides of the restrooms have been completed. Survey work has been completed and Public Works to start excavation. Concrete, mats and play equipment to come thereafter. Finish date scheduled for September, 2010.
- B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish advised that the Stout Park subcommittee will be at the August 8th Artwalk giving a presentation and distributing information on the plans for Stout Park. Will be starting to raise funds by selling memorial bricks and will be working with Wild River Coast Foundation to raise more funds. Minor changes have been made to the design plan and sculpture.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Brown thanked Commissioner Parrish for all of his work in the operation of Stout Mountain Railroad. Received permission to have some volunteers come in and spruce up the City Hall garden area.

Commissioner Hartmann – wondered if the space by Brian Scott Gallery was being made into a pocket park, but no proposal has been approved yet. Questioned if the City swimming pool drain had been changed in accordance with federal regulations to which she was advised it had been. Commended volunteers on the conditions of Stout Park. Thanked Commissioner Brown for getting volunteers to help with the Azalea Park Foundation work party.

Commissioner Parrish – advised that Bankus Park new azaleas are doing well. Last section will be planted in the Fall as there is no irrigation. Signing up sponsors to underwrite segments for the KBSC TV program on the Parks, only need one more. Wondered status of the KASPER program, advised their contract with the City expires September 30th, and the City has requested their plans for the future along with financial statements, list of officers and a report on their summer program. Advised he would be willing to go back on the board to assist them.

Chair Vilelle – Questioned if Bankus Fountain was going to be removed by ODOT in the near future, advised no foreseeable plans. Wondered extent of vandalism on the trees planted on Hwy 101. Master Plan Park Tour scheduled for Saturday, July 25th at 9 am.

Staff – Public Works Director John Cowan advised that the summer youth group has been working in Azalea Park removing blackberries from the azaleas and doing a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. Next meeting scheduled for August 27, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Vilelle, Chair
(approved at August 27, 2009 meeting)