

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
August 27, 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, Tony Baron, Patricia Brown, Tony Parrish, Chair Don Vilelle. *Absent:* Commissioner Frances Hartmann

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Correct Information Updates/Discussion Items on Easy Manor Park – to read “Finish date scheduled for September, 2009.” **Motion made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of July 23, 2009 as corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. *Park Capital Improvement Plan* – Gary Milliman requested Commissioners comments from the Park Capital Improvement Plan tour. Commissioners listed top items needing attention as landscaping of Bankus Park, bus shelter, restrooms at softball fields, multi-purpose field at Azalea Park, ball field re-conditioning, park signage, repairs to pool, restrooms at Stout Park, and improved parking at Bud Cross Park. Additionally, commissioners have received public input concerning poison oak removal at Chetco Point, a pet park at the old South Coast log pond, more athletic fields, year round pool, Mill Beach access, covered picnic tables at Azalea Park, and more park signage. Commissioner Parrish suggested a subcommittee be formed for Bankus Park to draw up plans and use donations to finish park. Discussed possible removal of volleyball courts at Azalea Park and the need for re-conditioning of the ball fields and the scheduling of time to accomplish. The Park Capital Improvement Plan will be updated and brought back before the Commission for adoption at the October meeting.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Easy Manor Park* – Commissioner Brown presented a report on the progress at Easy Manor Park. The park is almost complete and is being eagerly anticipated. Scheduling of a grand opening ceremony to be planned.
- B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish advised that the Stout Park subcommittee has started selling bricks for fundraising and so far has collected \$1000. They need \$2000 to open an account with the Wild River Foundation who will help with further fundraising. They have made and planned for many more presentations to local business clubs and organizations. Have set a deadline of March, at which time they will re-evaluate if they have not raised enough funds to continue.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Parrish - Stout Mountain Railway is planning a Halloween event on Saturday, October 31, 2009 and inviting the public.

Staff – Public Works Director John Cowan advised that the tennis backboard will be installed the first week of September.

City Manager Gary Milliman shared that he recently attended the Ft. Bragg Aquatic Center opening, stating they started planning the \$25 million facility thirty two years ago and after many years of fundraising, planning and construction the facility is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm. Next meeting scheduled for September 24, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Vilelle, Chair
(approved at September 24, 2009 meeting)