

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Tony Parrish, Don Vielle, Chair Patricia Brown. Commissioner Tony Baron arrived at 7:04 pm. *Also present:* City Manager Gary Milliman, Intern Stuart Rodgers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to approve the minutes of May 27, 2010 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- A. Adult Exercise Park – Bob & Marilyn Hart provided information and photos on adult exercise playgrounds they visited overseas. Suggested that as parks here are being revamped to include adult exercise equipment or to develop a park of that nature here to encourage physical activity in adults. Commission appreciated the information and brought up accessibility and liability issues. Suggested further information and examples be sought.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. *Chetco Point Trail Clearance* – Chair Pat Brown reviewed the Commissions recent site visit to Chetco Point Trail with Public Works Supervisor Bob Schafer. Bob indicated his desire to widen the trail to allow access to remove poison oak and brush. Commissioner Vilelle advised that he did speak to Joe Donahue about the trail, who stated that he believed the trail to be in good condition. City Manager Gary Milliman advised the cost for bridge replacement is in the proposed 2010-11 budget. Commissioner Baron questioned trail accessibility and the steep condition of the trail before the bridge. He recommended that the City did not encourage people to use the trail because of liability issues. Commission suggested only widening of the trail to the start of the bridge and handrailing. City Manager advised staff will present a plan for the trail with further information.
- B. *City Park Rules & Regulations*- Gary Milliman advised that the City Council reviewed the Park & Recreation Commissions recommendations for Park Rules and Regulations and they have prepared an ordinance that they would like the Commission to review. Commissioner Parrish questioned rule #3 and if fireworks would be allowed on a permit basis. City Manager advised that fireworks are prohibited and would not be permitted. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to request the City Council create an ordinance to allow pyrotechnics in parks by permit. Motion failed to obtain a second.** Commissioner Baron explained his opposition to allowing fireworks in parks. Commissioner Parrish indicated his interest in taking the issue of allowing fireworks by permit to City Council himself. Discussion pursued regarding remaining rules and regulations. With no further comments or recommendations by Commission matter referred back to City Council.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lower Stout Park – Commissioner Parrish advised the Stout Park Committee is distributing new flyers to help raise money for sponsor bricks. Committee would like to investigate possibility of relocating boulders from Alder Street Park and one of the concrete picnic tables with handicap access from Chetco Point to Stout Park. They are in process of gathering plant

material and hope to begin park project in the Fall. City Manager advised that the Urban Renewal Advisory Commission currently is in the process of determining design of a picnic bench to be located in the Chetco Avenue parking lot downtown to provide opportunity for people to stop and sit downtown and they may be interested in funding and locating another picnic table at Stout Park.

- B. Azalea Park Fields – Commission Baron advised they are waiting to find out if existing permit on clearing the canyon is still valid.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Vilelle – advised he knows of a jogging/walking pathway with different exercise stops in Missouri and that he could get further information to possibly see about developing a trail of this kind in Azalea Park.

Commissioner Parrish – Stout Mountain Railway will be running on July 3rd. Advised that the Channel 9 park show is now running and he is receiving positive reviews, suggested possibly linking to City website.

Commissioner Baron – advised he has been using the ballfields daily and dog excrement is found in the playing fields and kids are stepping in it. Would like to eventually recommend that no pets be allowed in ballfields, as several dog owners allow their dogs off the leash inside the fenced ballfield areas and do not clean up after them. Questioned swim pool annual season pass cost and if the cost is correct, cost is discouraging families from obtaining season passes. Once swim season is over suggested reviewing pass prices.

Chair Brown – Thanked City Public Works crew for helping at the Botanical Garden.

STAFF REPORTS

Gary Milliman requested if anyone knew the history of the boulders previously mentioned at Alder Street Park; Commissioner Parrish advised they were put there in 2006 to keep cars from parking on the tree roots and grass.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. Next meeting scheduled for July 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Brown, Chair
(approved at July 22, 2010 meeting)