

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 22, 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 Baron, Tony Parrish, Don Vielle, Chair Patricia Brown.

Also present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Intern Stuart Rodgers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **Motion made by Commissioner Baron to approve the minutes of June 24, 2010 as written; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. *Prohibit Dogs on Sports Fields* – Commissioner Baron advised of a continuing problem of people using the sports fields as a dog run area and not cleaning up after their dogs, making it a problem when children come to play on the sports fields. Believes the doggie bag stations at the parks encourages the problem. No park rule/regulation currently exists prohibiting dogs on the sports fields, only a rule/regulation stating “pets must be leashed at all times and their droppings removed”. Commission discussed need for dog park area. To solve current problem suggested signs be installed stating “Dogs Prohibited on Sports Fields.” **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to install signage prohibiting dogs on sports fields citing park regulation, motions seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. *Relocate boulders from Alder Street to Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish explained idea to relocate some boulders from Alder Street Park to Lower Stout Park to make better use of the boulders. Remaining boulders at Alder Street Park would be reconfigured and planted below the drip line with some plantings to look more natural, making both parks more attractive. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to authorize relocation of boulders from Alder Street to Lower Stout Park as requested by the Lower Stout Park Committee, motion seconded.** Discussion pursued as to how many boulders, who will determine which ones, placement of them and as to why the boulders were placed there in the first place which was to keep vehicles from parking on the tree roots. Commissioner Vilelle questioned the changing Lower Stout Park design plans. Commissioner Parrish and Lower Stout Park sub-committee member Vi Lovejoy explained the changing plans for Lower Stout Park and the time schedule delays. Commissioners believe the whole process is taking too long. Chair Brown questioned the park plans and design and just where the boulders to be moved were going to be used. No design, engineering or grading plans have been submitted to the Commission for review. Commissioner Parrish advised he had previously presented the new design plan to the Commission, that the sub-committee meets twice monthly and invited the commissioners to attend or he will email commissioners the meeting minutes. **Commission voted; the motion failed 3 to 1 with Commissioners Brown and Vilelle opposing.** Commissioner Parrish advised they will obtain boulders from elsewhere.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Vilelle – advised he had contact with some athletic directors from Missouri concerning exercise paths that the commission had discussed possibly installing here. They advised him they no longer have the exercise paths and that no further information as to what was on the exercise paths was available.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Gary Milliman advised rehabilitation of the Skate Park is on the next City Council agenda to replace tile caps damaged by vandalism, repair cracks and resurface the bowl, all of which have created hazardous conditions. City will be paying the estimated cost for repairs of \$7500. Commissioners suggested skateboarders be required to raise the money to pay for repairs as they are the ones causing the damages and to close the park until the money is raised. Commissioner Baron suggested installing a chain link fence around the perimeter with a gate entrance to deter bike riders and further damage.

Introduced Management Intern Stuart Rodgers who will be continuing to pursue the concept of forming a Park and Recreation District. He will be providing a report and more information at the Commission's August meeting.

RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) employee, Cody Erhart is scheduled to start September 7, 2010, he will be working on the parks master plan and design.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next meeting scheduled for August 26, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Brown, Chair
(approved at September 23, 2010 meeting)