

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
August 26, 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. Postponed approval of July 22, 2010 minutes to September meeting.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. *Adding Park Rules and Regulations to Brookings Municipal Code* – Gary Milliman advised that the City Council referred back to the Commission three items from the Park Rules and Regulations for further discussion/clarification. He presented proposed language revisions for items #3 (to include wording *Unlawful possession or use of firearms, fireworks, or explosives*) and #11 (to delete public performance, public gathering and to include definition of an organized event); **Motion made by Commissioner Baron to approve the language changes as presented, motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.** Council also requested item #8 – “Unleashed dogs” be discussed for possible further regulations. Private citizen, Carolyn Milliman addressed the Commission concerning regulating unleashed dogs in the parks. She advised she has seen many people unleash their dogs to run in the ball fields and recommended all dog owners be required to have dogs on leashes and to clean up after their dogs in City parks; and issue fines to dog owners who don't. The Commission is aware that people do use the ball fields as an exercise yard for dogs and believes the need for a dog park exists. At July, 2010 Commission recommended posting signs at ball fields stating dogs must be on a leash at all times per City ordinance or a fee will be imposed and continues to recommend posting of signs and to leave item #8 as is. Proposed Rules and Regulations referred back to City Council.
- B. *Parks & Recreation District Formation* – Stuart Rodgers presented and reviewed information on formation of a Parks & Recreation District and community possibilities and programs created by a district. Advised process could take over a year and would require a bond issue to fund. Gary Milliman believes the community needs a vision of what a district would provide. Commission questioned if taxpayers are willing to support another bond issue. Stuart suggested to begin the process to form a community committee to determine if there is community support. Need to provide residents a detailed specific plan indicating what formation of a Park & Rec District would provide citizens/taxpayers such as a pool or community/recreation center. Need to find out if citizens are interested in pursuing or make attractive to residents. Suggested consulting firms be contacted to start the process and matter be brought back for continued discussion. Commissioner Baron suggested a sub-committee be formed and at the next meeting each Commissioner submit ten individuals/stakeholders who they would put on a list to recommend be appointed to a subcommittee by the City Council.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lower Stout Park – Commissioner Parrish advised they are having a community planting day October 23rd. They are continuing to raise money and working on grants for plants.
- B. Azalea Park Fields – Commission Baron advised they are waiting for the RARE employee to start September 7th before they have any further meetings, as working on the Parks Master Plan this will be part of his job.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chair Brown – reported that she has seen one family BBQ and two birthday parties at Easy Manor Park in the last 30 days and is pleased that the park is being used. Questioned residency requirements for being on commissions and subcommittees.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Next meeting scheduled for September 23, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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