

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 24, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tony Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Frances Hartmann, Don Vilelle, Haley Farr, Patricia Brown, Michelle Benoit, Elizabeth Grodin (arrived 7:45) and Chair Tony Parrish

Staff Present: John Cowan, Director of Public Works

Others Present: Jan Willms, City Councilor & Mayor Pat Sherman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **A motion was made by Michelle Benoit to approve the minutes of April 26, 2007 as written, the motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mayor Pat Sherman appeared and provided documents regarding Azalea Park. The Azalea Park Master Plan is in the process of being updated and an ordinance is being proposed before any further projects go ahead in Azalea Park.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Request approval for future soccer field at Azalea Park – no one appeared to discuss
- B. Stout Mountain Railway Club Presentation – Tony Parrish stepped down as chairman and turned the meeting over to Michelle Benoit, so he could give the presentation of the Stout Mountain Railway. He presented a DVD, slide show and verbal presentation of the plan for a miniature railroad at Stout Park, including plans for corporate sponsorships to finance the construction and layouts of the trains and a security web cam. The Railway Club would organize and allow the public to run their trains also, everything is removeable, when trains are not running and on display the only thing left in the park would be the tracks everything else would look just like a park garden. Several items including installing a water spigot at edge of Oak Street side of park, cost of electrical service to be installed, monthly electrical cost and liability insurance to be determined.

A motion was made by Frances Hartmann to accept the Garden Railways idea and concept and forward it to City Council for further study, the motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Azalea Park Workshop Tour -- scheduled for June 5th at 5 pm at Kid Town in Azalea Park.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Don Vilelle attended a Friends of Trees meeting, they are interested in presenting to city council a tree ordinance limiting the number of trees removed by developers.

Michelle Benoit received a letter requesting a tennis backboard at Bud Cross Park – item to be discussed at next months Parks & Recreation meeting.

Frances Hartmann – unable to attend June and July meetings.

Comments regarding request for soccer field construction, removal of trees, and infill of gulch for parking lot, no decision without someone presenting request and information.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at @8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Parrish, Chair
(approved at June 28th, 2007 meeting)