

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 28, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Patricia Brown, Haley Farr, Elizabeth Grodin, Don Vilelle, & Chair Tony Parrish

Commissioners absent: Michelle Benoit, Frances Hartmann

Others present: Ron Hedenskog and Jan Willms, City Councilors; Tom Hubka, Media

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of May 24, 2007, motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Tennis backboard at Bud Cross Park.** Reference letter of May 24, 2007 from Rich Hayashi advocating addition of a backboard to the Bud Cross Park tennis facility (letter attached). Discussion ensued. The question of cost in materials and labor was raised as preliminary to seeking funding for this item which has not been budgeted for in the 2007-08 City of Brookings budget. Commissioner Parrish volunteered to obtain materials pricing locally and put together a cost estimate. He will attempt to get Mr. Hayashi involved in design and project proposal. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brown that project cost estimates be obtained with the intent of asking for budget approval once a proposal can be written; motion was seconded and the Commission voted and the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Azalea Park Master Plan. In discussions with staff, Chair Parrish and Mayor Sherman it was suggested that a combined work session including the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council, and Public Works Director John Cowen be scheduled at the July 26, 2007 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Commission will convene, approve minutes, then adjourn the meeting and start the joint work session with the city council to review and discuss the Azalea Park Use Plan.
- C. Easy Manor Park. Commissioner Brown presented preliminary plans for the Fall Ice Cream Social designed to get public interest and input into equipment upgrades for Easy Manor Park. A tentative date of Saturday, September 15, 2007 has been set. A sales representative of Rainbow Playground Equipment in Roseburg has been contacted and has agreed to prepare a color playground design once he has park dimensions and a tentative budget in hand. If the City decides to proceed with this plan, the equipment vender will dispatch a representative to meet with parents and children, as well as City staff and Commissioners on the day of the park event. Pending is a grant possibility through the state to match local funds for this project. Mayor Sherman is in contact with the Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant Program regarding application procedures and timelines. Discussion of this project ensued and the planning subcommittee will proceed with gathering the information necessary to go forth and present progress at future Commission meetings (see Commissioner Brown's report attached).

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Farr announced this year's Renaissance Fair is July 28, 2007, in Azalea Park.
- B. Chair Parrish will be presenting the Stout Park railroad project proposal at the July 9th City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Farr expressed concerns with what she considers to be rude behavior of the staff toward parents at the Municipal Swimming Pool. It was suggested that she, as a concerned parent, speak to the pool supervisor about her perceptions.

Commissioner Brown applauded Commissioner Vilelle’s continuing commitment to picking up trash along Chetco and Railroad, plus the connecting streets, from 5th south to Triangle Park.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Parrish, Chair
(approved at July 26th, 2007 meeting)