

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ken Barkema, Tony Baron, Patricia Brown, Frances Hartmann, Tony Parrish and Chair Don Vilelle. *Absent:* Commissioner Michelle Benoit
Commissioner Benoit has submitted her resignation as she will be moving to Coos Bay to accept a new job position. The Commission will miss her.

Also present: John Cowan Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Correct Commissioner Reports/Comments by Tony Parrish to read Stout Mountain Railway.
Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to approve the minutes of April 23, 2009 as corrected; motion seconded and Commission voted, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. *Tennis Backboard Proposal* - Richard Hayashi presented a proposal to install a 10'x16' tennis backboard at the Bud Cross Park tennis courts. Discussion, questions and answers pursued including backboard location, court surface material, backboard material, local tennis player population, susceptibility of backboard to graffiti/vandalism, and ability to safely attach backboard to current chain link fence. Maintenance issues and vandalism problems discussed and possible ways to deter them.. Approximate backboard cost is \$3300, Mr. Hayashi believes he will be able to raise the funds needed without cost to the City and requested if the Commission would allow sponsor signage on the backboard. Advised that would have to be approved by the City Council. Chair Vilelle indicated he has concerns over the backboard maintenance and he would like to ensure there would be tennis players using the backboard before recommending one. Mr. Hayashi stated he has spoken to adults and students who expressed interest in seeing a backboard installed. Future formation of a tennis club could possibly allow for tennis court maintenance and improvements. Commissioner Baron stated he would like more details, specifications and mounting information from the backboard company, Mr. Hayashi stated he believed he had been provided all the information the company had available. **Motion made by Commissioner Parrish to accept the proposal and forward to City Council for approval; motion seconded. Discussion pursued. Commission voted; the motion carried with Commissioner Hartmann opposing. Matter forwarded to City Council for June 22nd meeting.**

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *Easy Manor Park* - Commissioner Brown advised that the park prep work will start in late June, followed by plumbing of restrooms in early July, and playground equipment installation by the summer youth employment crew in July. Commissioner Baron thought the high school football team may want the large tires for training. Completion date scheduled for September.

- B. *Lower Stout Park* – Commissioner Parrish advised that the Lower Stout Park Subcommittee is presenting to the community their Lower Stout Park plans at the August - 2nd Saturday Art Walk to start raising funds and selling bricks. Final design cost estimated between \$80,000 - \$100,000 for materials, final amount will depend on the number volunteer labor hours.

COMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Hartmann - Acknowledged Michelle Benoit for her contribution to the Park and Recreation Commission and the recent passing of Pauline Olsen who really loved parks and trees and came before the Commission many times. She thanked Mr. Hayashi for coming before the Commission and wanting to bring improvements to the parks.

Commissioner Parrish - Stout Mountain Railway had a strong showing during the Azalea Festival, and are planning a miniature fireworks show on July 3rd. The Railway has scheduled events also for the August Art Walk, Halloween, between Thanksgiving and Christmas depending on the weather and a showing for the Garden Club. The Capella is having great attendance and volunteer support. Commissioner Baron advised there is a new window cleaning company in town that may be available to wash the windows. Commissioner Parrish advised pressure washing of windows is not possible as they are not sealed for that.

Chair Vilelle - Azalea Park Foundation not meeting on a regular basis but they will advise when the next meeting is.

Staff - John Cowan advised that Mayor Anderson would like the Commission to know he thought the parks looked very nice over Memorial weekend was very happy with the condition of the parks. Constitution Way construction will begin in mid-June and Public Works will be moving trees in and around the botanical garden area. Landscape plans not on paper yet, utility companies still putting in trenches.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. Next meeting scheduled for June 25, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Vilelle, Chair
(approved at June 25, 2009 meeting)