

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF BROOKINGS**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Council Chamber - 898 Elk Drive**  
**May 24, 2018 - 7:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of March 22, 2018

**V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Stacy Rust Memorial Bench – Susan Mitchell
- B. Betty Jean Waite Memorial Sculpture -
- C. Pickleball Paint Lines – Mary Scaran

**VII. INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Park Master Plan Update

**VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES  
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
March 22, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

*Present:* Commissioners Patt Brown, Holly Beyer, Jay Trost, Trace Kather, and Chair Tom Bozack  
*Also present:* Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made by Commissioner Trost to approve the minutes of January 25, 2018; motion seconded by Commissioner Kather and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Election of Officers - Motion made by Chair Bozart to nominate Trace Kather as Chair; motion seconded by Commissioner Brown and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Beyer to nominate herself as Vice Chair; motion seconded by Commissioner Brown and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Parks Capital Improvement Project List FYU 18-19 - Tony Baron presented the 2018-19 CIP Project List and discussed the two planned projects. Motion made by Commissioner Beyer to recommend to City Council the 2018-19 Parks Capital Improvement Plan list as determined by the Commission; motion seconded by Commissioner Brown and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Compassionate Friends Memorial Bench – Tony Baron presented Memorial Bench information. Georgia Cockersham of the Compassionate Friends provided additional information. Motion made by Commissioner Beyer to approve the placement of a Compassionate Friends Memorial Bench in Azalea Park; motion seconded by Commissioner Kather and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Parking Lot Lighting – Azalea Park – Tony Baron presented the Parking Lot Lighting proposal by Natures Coastal Holiday for safety and security of the park. Natures Coastal Holiday has partnered before with the City on parks projects and would like to continue the partnership. Leslie Wilkinson provided additional information on Natures Coastal Holiday upcoming event campaigns. Motion made by Commissioner Beyer to recommend City Council accept a donation of \$13,060 to be used to purchase and install parking lot light in Azalea Park; motion seconded by Commissioner Trost and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.**

**INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Monarch Garden –** Commissioner Beyer suggested a butterfly pavillion could be an attraction for tourists and educational center.
- B. Park Master Plan Update –** Tony Baron provided a schedule for updating the the Plan. Has scheduled next workshop for May 31 in EOC. Inviting stake holders and service organizations for input and survey.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting scheduled for May 24, 2018. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Trace Kather, Chair  
(Approved at May 24, 2018 meeting)

**CITY OF BROOKINGS**  
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**AGENDA REPORT**

Meeting Date: May 24, 2018

Originating Dept: Parks

  
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Signature (submitted by)  
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PW/DS Director Approval

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Subject: Stacy Rust Memorial Bench – Azalea Park

Motion: approve the placement of a Memorial Bench near the Azalea Park Ball Fields in honor of Stacy Rust.

Background/Discussion: Susan Mitchell is requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission consider allowing a memorial bench to be located near the Azalea Park ball fields in honor of her friend Stacy Rust. No detail has been provided on what type of bench or the exact location and is requesting the Commission decide this.

Staff recommends using the style bench currently used downtown on which a plaque can be attached. Staff also recommends locating the bench in the vicinity of either the new ball field play structure or the new picnic area near the entry to the ball field complex.

Financial Impact: none...all cost covered by Susan Mitchell

Attachments:

- a. Location Map
- b. City standard bench sponsorship application
- c. Susan Mitchell letter of request



location B

location A

NORTH →

SITE PLAN

SCALE 1" = 10'

REVISION	DATE

  

PROJ. NAME	SHEET
DATE 2-28-11	1 OF 1
SCALE VARIES	1

SITE PLAN

## Azalea Park Ball Field Reconfiguration Project





# Public Bench Sponsorship



Benches throughout the City provide residents and visitors with places to rest, socialize, or take in the view. Like all community infrastructure, benches and their surroundings require care and maintenance.

This donation program provides individuals and groups the opportunity to contribute to the enjoyment and livability of our community by sponsoring a new or existing public bench in a park, downtown, or in other public places.

## **DONATION:**

A donation of **\$1000** sponsors an existing bench for ten years.

A donation of **\$2000** sponsors a new bench for ten years.

Sponsors are welcome to renew their participation after the initial period.

**RECOGNITION.** Sponsors will be acknowledged on a small plaque attached to the bench. The plaque may include a brief dedication to celebrate, honor, or memorialize a person or event.

**LOCATION.** Available locations for existing benches and proposed locations for new benches will be coordinated with the Public Works and Development Services Department. Please call 541-469-1103 to learn more about bench locations or for other information about this program.



**Merchants:** Do you currently provide a private bench? Contact us to replace with a new public bench and receive a discount on your sponsorship!



Dear City Member Council Board,

My name is Susan Mitchell and I was Best Friends with Stacy Rust and I am also on the Cape Ferrelo Fire Dept., We along with The Harbor Fire dist. and Brookings Fire dist would like to put in a bench at the Big ball field at Azalea Park in Honor of Stacy Rust!! Stacy was such an important part of this community and was always there to help with anything that needed to be done, So in her honor we would like to put in a bench at the the Ball field, We have not picked out a spot yet as we wanted to find out where the committee would like it to be placed( Maybe by the snack shack or by a dug out??), We also would like to put a plack in the shape of a horse head with her name on it and under that a plack that says Hammer Down !!!!! Thank you for your consideration in in this very important matter to us all ...Stacy was so loved in this community and to do this for her would be such an honor.....

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter of appreciation for Stacy.....

Sincerely,

Susan Mitchell

541-251-2117

96151 Sundown Drive ...Brookings

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Subject: Betty Jean Waite Memorial Sculpture – Azalea Park

Motion: approve the placement of a Memorial Sculpture near Kidtown in honor of Betty Jean Waite.

Background/Discussion: Friends of Betty Jean Waite are requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission consider allowing a memorial sculpture in the shape of a snail be located near Kidtown in Azalea Park in honor of Betty Jean Waite.

Financial Impact: none...all cost covered by Friends of Betty Jean Waite

Attachments:

- a. Friends of Betty Jean Waite letter of request



**To: The City of Brookings, Parks and Recreation Department**

**From: Friends of Betty-Jean Waite**

**Date: May 14 2018**

We would like to propose the installation of a bronze sculpture in Azalea Park. The sculpture would be dedicated to the memory of Betty-Jean Waite. Ms. Waite was a long time and well loved school teacher here in Brookings who passed away last November at the age of 94 years old.

This sculpture would be enjoyed by children and adults alike. The artist, Randy Hand is a professional sculptor from Colorado. This sculpture is titled, Escargot. It and others by Randy have been installed in public gardens and parks across the country. Not only is it enjoyable to see but it's fairly large size allows people to sit on it and have their picture taken. Escargot would add a touch of whimsy to the park and delight visitors with its fun and humor. Randy says he creates his public sculptures to be durable and knows of no incidents of vandalism to any of them.

Because the sculpture is bronze it would be best installed in a shady area so the metal stays cool to the touch and also near Kidtown. A cement pad will be poured for the sculpture to be mounted. The maintenance is a simple bi-annual rinsing and then a waxing (like a car). Our local Boy Scout Troop and the High School's Senior Leadership Program have both volunteered to take on the responsibility of this maintenance.

Ms. Waite still has many adoring former students living in Brookings. When she passed away she left behind a fairly large estate which she generously willed to many organizations, including the Azalea Park Foundation, and her personal friends. We will be approaching all of these people for donations to cover the costs of the sculpture. We believe many of her former students might also like to contribute to this memorial so we will be making public announcements through local radio, TV, the newspaper and social media for donations. The cost is \$37,000 which includes the installation, shipping and a small bronze plaque for the dedication.

Betty-Jean Waite was a deacon at the Presbyterian Church where she also worked in the kitchen to help feed the less fortunate. She was the Grand Marshal of the Azalea Festival in 2015. She volunteered with the work parties at Azalea Park and helped individuals whenever she could. She loved this town and she loved the people in it. She brought fun and joy to so many and this whimsical and quirky sculpture that represents her character would carry on where she left off. We can't think of a better way to honor her memory. It would also be a wonderful addition to Azalea Park and the city of Brookings.

Thank you for your consideration.



## **Testimonials of Rand Hand's Sculptural Art**

Your work has delighted many over the years and I am tickled every time I see this piece. It has a lot of charm that makes the day better. Thank you.

Nancy Schiffer

Schiffer Publishing

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Randy Hand is one of the most talented sculptors that we have had the pleasure of working with. The Fountain Hills Public Art Collection includes three of his works in our group of 125 pieces of public art. His pieces are equally popular with our residents and visitors alike. I am sure that we will add more of his brilliant works over the next few years. Check out our collection at [fountainhillspublicart.org](http://fountainhillspublicart.org). It is the largest public art collection of any small community in the Southwest United States and we are proud to include Randy as one of our signature artists. And I suspect my wife has a crush on him.

Jerry Miles

On behalf of the Fountain Hills Public Art Committee

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This is truly a unique piece and I'm impressed with the talent of an artist who can take an idea and carry it out in such a way that is a thorough understanding of what was in my mind.

Joyce H. Doty

Na Aina Kai Botanical Gardens

Kauai, HI

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We met Randy years ago at an art fair in Miami and since then have purchased two stock pieces and commissioned a third. Randy has always been wonderful to work with, creative but exacting in his art and communicates throughout the process. He's the best at what he does by a wide margin! Randy rocks!

Ben and Marcia Baldanza

CEO, Spirit Airlines

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Subject: Pickle Ball Lines on Tennis Courts – Bud Cross Park

Motion: approve the placement of pickle ball lines on existing tennis court surface.

Background/Discussion: A group of local pickle ball players are requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission consider allowing the painting of new lines on the surface of the existing tennis court that will allow play on two of the three courts. The group was allowed to paint the lines on one of the courts in 2016. They are requesting permission to paint lines on one additional court.

I reached out to the tennis group to get an opinion of which they have shared via an email survey. See attached.

Financial Impact: none...all cost covered by Pickle Ball group

Attachments:

- a. Request from Mary Scaran & tennis group survey.

## Tony Baron

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**From:** Lauri Ziemer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** Tony Baron  
**Subject:** Please contact

Please contact Mary Scaran – 805-698-4754

Re: The Pickle Ball group would like permission to paint pickle ball lines on the second tennis court. Can you let her know if that is possible to do. They will provide paint and labor.

**Lauri Ziemer**

Public Works | Dev. Services

[City of Brookings](#)

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(541) 469-1103

[lziemer@brookings.or.us](mailto:lziemer@brookings.or.us)

## Tony Baron

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**From:** Rich Hayashi  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** Tony Baron  
**Subject:** Re: Please contact  
**Attachments:** New Orleans 20160425 068.jpg

Hi Tony,

Thanks for asking. Here are some observations.

### Playing Tennis:

There have been a couple of complaints that the extra lines have been distracting.

Most tennis players are very in tune to sound. The sound is distracting. As an aside, if you were to ask tennis players to rate the courts at Bud Cross, they would rate it low because of the noise from the road and other activities in the area.

Stray balls can interrupt play in the adjacent courts. I myself cannot say if one is worse than the other.

### Facilities and Sharing:

The bigger issue would be the availability of facilities. Every guideline/survey I have seen says that there should be more tennis courts in this area for the population base that is here. Crescent City has at least 4 times (if not more) the number of active players. Brookings is definitely an outlier for tennis. If Brookings wants to grow in business and/or retirement then more facilities for tennis must be planned for.

Pickle ball is probably the fastest growing sport, particularly for retirees. Again facilities must be planned for whether by the city or privately. Since Pickle ball is more susceptible to the elements, indoor facilities would be more ideal.

For now in the winter we should be OK. On Sundays, there are normally 6-10 tennis players using 2 if not all of the courts. The Pickle ball players are presently at the High School on Sundays. During the week, tennis will use 1 or 2 courts. Occasionally tennis and Pickle ball will be going on at the same time.

The summer time is when issues can arise. That is when summer players, snow birders and visitors will play. In the past all courts could be used and there may be an occasional waiter. Around here this has not been a problem thus far. The players and waiters will normally communicate and there are no issues.

With the addition of Pickle ball, the dynamics change. Territorial defense mechanisms may set in. An us against them attitude may show up much like the skate boarders versus BMXers when the Skate Park opened.

### My Conclusions:

I agree that the Pickle ballers need more court space. They could schedule more serially but I think they tend to be more social compared to the tennis group.

Based on the present situation, I would say OK only from the big picture point of view. But beware!

### Tennis Players' Comments:

I'm okay with it. I suppose they have as much right to use that court as we do. Could they paint the middle court? That would leave "center" court unblemished for the really big matches.

Yes, that blows. Distracting, they have one court, that's enough. I vote Nay, but that's just me. I think they're taking over the world, but, the more the merrier...



I lean towards no as I've never seen the court they have painted now with more than 4 people wanting to play at a time. The pickle balls seem to fly off court a lot more than tennis balls so it's nice having the court they have now enclosed.

I would not be in favor of that. The courts are for tennis....my 2 cents.

I agree with \_\_\_ there isn't any body out there often enough to warrant painting that court. I think they should stay where they are at, plus the sound is distracting if we played next to them.

I do know that a large group of Pickle Ballers (usually 20 people) play on Sundays at 11:00am at the High School. It would be a big conflict if they decided to play at Bud Cross at that time. Once those courts get painted, they cannot be undone. Picklball, which is extremely pie popular in Florida where I just was, always has its quartz enclosed separately from tennis because the balls always fly all over the place

**From:** Tony Baron  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** r\_hayashi@charter.net  
**Cc:** Lauri Ziemer  
**Subject:** FW: Please contact

Rich,

Do you have any objections to the below request?

I am thinking this group could be an asset down the road in the near future when we want to either build a new facility of resurface the ones we have.

Please share any thoughts you might have.

**Anthony Baron**  
Parks & Planning Manager



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