

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 28, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL - New commissioners Mike Worthey and Zeus Zamora welcomed.

Present: Commissioners Jaime Armstrong, Trace Kather, Lex Rau, Mike Worthey, Zeus Zamora and Chair Trace Kather

Also present: Deputy PWDS Director Jay Trost

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Kather to add an item A to the Regular Agenda to appoint a Vice Chair to the Commission; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried uniamously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES –

Brookings Disc Golf Association President Daniel Parke provided an update on the use of the disc golf course and the hopes and goals for the local disc golf community, which is a growing activity in the area. Provided suggestions and proposals for hole revisions for course improvements. Changes would have to be made to the multi-use field. Jay advised Commission if they would like to take action on any of proposals he could gather more details and information and put on the next Park and Recreation agenda as an action item which they indicated they would like done.

Ron Pope local disc golfer advised that he has heard many positive comments from traveling disc golfers who come to play at the park. He is still hearing feedback on the 2015 disc golf tournament that was held at Salmon Run and although not a great tournament, disc golfers still would like to see another tournament held there.

COMMISSION BUSINESS –

A. Parks 2020 Year End Review – Jay Trost presented review advising that even though COVID did shut down the parks for a short time, park facilities were greatly used. Many park goals were met including the Azalea Park Outdoor Fitness Park which was created as a joint effort with Rotary and All Care. The Azalea Park BBQ is still in process of being completed, but will be done by summer. Azalea Park Basketball court lighting was added allowing people play longer hours. Overall park use increased with softball, basketball, soccer and flag football being played. Recent vandalism occurred with the breaking of one of the basketball backboards and cameras are scheduled to be installed to curb that activity. The Capella parking lot was paved and lighted with financial assistance from Natures Coastal Holiday who partner with the City and reinvest their funds back into the park. The Lower Azalea Parking lot area was expanded to create more parking. Bankus Park improvements included installation of all new sod and an irrigation system to improve the park appearance.

This year, even with COVID, 11 softball tournaments were held, which is more than in any previous year. These tournaments invite out of town players which help local businesses financially. Dustin Hall, a tournament coorindator, who conducted seven tournaments last year is hoping to schedule

two tournaments per month this year. He is coordinating this years' Slippery Banana tournament scheduled in February and the 40 teams slots are already filled with 30 teams on the wait list. After tournament expenses he plans to donate funds back to the city for field maintenance and improvements. In addition one youth softball and one youth baseball tournament were successful.

No soccer or little league was held this year but Adult Softball League had one season that started late but was able to put together a schedule of 23 games with a long season. The flag football program is growing and was successful. The swimming pool although no public swim time was allowed had the best revenue generating year ever with the activities that were allowed including lap swim, aerobics, swim club and pool rental time.

Jay Trost advised the upcoming Slippery Banana tournament is currently scheduled to be played only on the Azalea Park fields and queried the commission on their opinions to allow the Bud Cross fields to be used for tournament play if good weather is predicted for the tournament weekend; this would allow for more teams to be in the tournament. In the past rainy Slippery Banana tournaments caused heavy damage to the fields which required Little League volunteers to repair the fields for the upcoming Little League season. Commission discussed and decided to allow the Slippery Banana tournament to use the Bud Cross fields if nice weather is predicted for the tournament weekend.

REGULAR AGENDA –

A: Vice Chair – Zeus Samora nominated as Vice Chair, motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried uniamously.

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Community Rec Center Task Force Update - Jay Trost advised that the Task Force is still active and are looking at creating a Parks District. This matter would have to be placed on the ballot and brought before voters to determine if the community was in favor of establishing a tax base to fund the building of a Rec Center. The YMCA has been in discussions to manage the facility and have experience in a wide range of programs.

B. Park Upcoming Projects/Events – Park maintenance work ongoing in various park locations. Holding pumps planned at Azalea Park snack shacks, restrooms and Mill Beach to avoid further pump damages from occurring.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chair Kather questioned if there had been any issues with golf discs hitting cars parked along Lundeen. Jay advised none so far.

Commissioner Worthey questioned if the City was responsible for the area by the Chetco Bridge which the City mows but is ODOT's responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2021. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Trace Kather, Chair

(Approved at March 25, 2021 meeting)