

Depoe Bay Parks Commission
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2018 – 5:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

Present: Chair Michael Granat, Jan Speer, Jim Hayes, Bob Hickerson, Ron Gilliam, Pery Murray
Absent: Bill Spores
STAFF: City Recorder Jeff Wiseman, City Superintendent Brady Weidner

Chair Granat called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES: February 21, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hickerson moved to approve the February 21, 2018 minutes. Hayes seconded.
VOTE: Motion passed
AYES: Speer, Hayes, Granat, Hickerson, Gilliam
ABSTAIN: Murray

PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

MEMORIAL BENCHES: Weidner said the city has 3 benches and people wanting a memorial bench at the Katy Roe Memorial Park. He asked if we are purchasing memorial benches or placing plaques on existing benches, noting the existing bench at the Katy Roe memorial park is not the right size as it is longer so the city would need to buy a bench. He said that Harbormaster Kody's dad could retrofit a bench back panel to house a plaque. Discussion ensued on whether to purchase memorial benches with plaques or retrofit bench slats to accept a memorial plaque, the deterioration of some plaques on existing benches, purchasing Du-Mor benches and purchasing plaques from the company where memorial wall plaques are purchased, how best to secure plaques on a retrofit installation, theft concerns, needing to confirm if the South California Bronze Co., who makes the plaques for the memorial wall, could make memorial bench plaques and what their cost would be. Weidner said the lady wanting the memorial bench wants it placed at the location on the order form and wants a new bench (see Ron Schrotke memorial bench order form, rec'd 4-9-18). Weidner offered to work with City Secretary Carla to confirm what the customer wants to do. He will contact the South California Bronze Co. regarding plaques for benches. Weidner, referring to previous discussions relating to locations for placement of benches said he'd like to place one of the 3 benches at the top of the hill along Bay St.

CAT LICK PARK-RAMP, HANDRAIL, CUT LEANING TREE: Weidner said the County Crew just cut grass and brush in the park. The City Crew could build hand railing for the trail along the embankment, but they are all busy now. Discussion followed that due to the steep incline, a railing would assist people coming up the trail and help with safety, placing the hand railing along the outside (west) side of the trail. Weidner said the leaning tree in the park has been removed, County Crew did cleanup in Jackson and Tsunami

Parks as well in the last 2 days, and they cleaned the rain gutters through-out downtown. The crew is going to paint curbs then will be ready for the Crab Feed. Weidner reported the guy who is doing the flags at the VFW Memorial put flag ashes under stones at the site and they have been vandalized, mud is covering the lettering on the stones.

GRAHAM STREET PARK-GRAVEL TRAIL, TRIM IVY: Weidner said that some of the gravel work is done, but none of the ivy trimming. He said that the OCCC, Oregon Coast Community College, used to have a student crew that would cut ivy, he has not heard from them for some time.

HANDICAP PARKING – HARBOR: Weidner said he's spoken with the folks at Dockside and they don't think there is enough room at the Winchell Street location for handicap parking. 4 existing spaces would need to be removed to accommodate 2 handicap spaces there. They suggested using a triangle shape area for loading area. He and Kody are researching the matter. Discussion ensued regarding the number of existing handicap parking spaces at the harbor parking lot, the current effort is to add more, the Joan E parking lot has a van accessible space.

PLANT IN PLANTER BETWEEN BENCHES ON WINCHELL: Weidner said he is going to move a big round planter from the park to the site and will look at the budget for plants. Brief discussion followed regarding budget and plant types.

CREATE TWO PARKING SPACES AT ALSEA AND VISTA: Weidner said the area being looked at is by the Yokohama Trail (northwest corner of North Point). Hayes asked if the rock sign could be moved, after it was placed the city cut back the brush so the sign could be moved about 15 feet to make space for parking, the rock sign is not cemented in. Weidner will work on that and try to get the Yokohama Trail sign for the museum, she took the sign when the city placed the rock sign. Gilliam offered to follow up on the sign for the museum. Weidner said the new overlay on the street is great. Weidner recapped issues relating to private property owner infringement on city property at the southwest corner of North Point. Discussion followed.

SOLAR LIGHT ON PARK SIGNS: Weidner said the lights he's looked at for the Welcome to Depoe Bay signs start at \$300 each, they are solar lights with LED panels and timers. He is still price checking and will run it by the City Council.

Weidner reported the County Crew will be back in about 3 weeks and he has them lined up to put gravel on the City Park Nature Trail. Rains have washed away the woodchips leaving pothole puddles on the trail, which people are walking around and creating trails alongside, it is a muddy mess. He will have Dan Price stockpile gravel at the trailhead, trying to avoid making deep ruts in the park. The cypress tree planted in the Wizard's Chair looks cool. We need a BBQ at the gazebo, Pogo is going to try to fix it, but if it can't be repaired will have to purchase a new one. Hayes suggested removing the grates between uses. Replacing the dilapidated bench by the gazebo was discussed, Weidner suggested a concrete table like

the one at Cat Lick Park altho they are expensive, he will check with City Recorder Jeff on budget. Granat said that Spores wanted restriping of the parking lot behind The Horn and signs placed. Weidner said that Jerome Grant wants the first parking spot removed to allow for access to the parking lot. One can be taken out there and spaces can be added at the other end. Weidner suggested designating compact cars only along the street side to provide more maneuver room in the lot. At the City Park Pogo has scraped the basketball pad, is inspecting and repairing playground equipment, and will bring in fresh sand by the end of the month. Granat asked the status of repairing the concrete animals and said he heard a rumor that there is another one. Weidner confirmed there is a whale at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (the others are stored behind City Hall), he is going to be getting a cost estimate for extending the memorial wall and will get an animal fix quote at the same time. Hickerson said the Whale Park north boundary line is about 8 feet from the existing wall, providing room for adding a wall parallel to the one there now. Discussion followed including rose removal, addressing the electrical box, placing the new wall on the boundary line so plaques would only be on its south side. Hickerson said the Community Hall chest freezer needs to be defrosted and the cigarette butt holder at Chicken Point hasn't been emptied for a long time. He noted the wind often blows the container over, maybe get a heavier one.

Granat moved the New Business: Budget Review item up on the agenda in consideration of City Staff members, asking Wiseman the status of the budget. Wiseman said about the budget process is about halfway and began reviewing a list of items that Commissioner Spores had provided for budgeting consideration, noting the amounts he included in the proposed budget.

#1-get back our Parks \$50,000: \$60,000 is proposed (which includes the \$46,660 dedicated monies) as a start to rebuilding the \$50,000 reduction in current budget (see capital outlay line 11);

#2-keep building museum fund: \$10,000 is proposed;

#3- fish and native American info signs: \$6,500 is proposed; Speer said the Siletz Tribe grant opportunity is closed this year, the city can work toward applying for funding for the native American sign early spring 2019. Murray referred to an email from Fran Recht that had been previously forwarded to Commissioners, in which she mentioned the Siletz Tribe's Cultural Director Robert Kentta's interest in the sign project. Murray said she thought Ron Spores was working on the native American sign. Granat referred to an email from Spores and said he is working on the sign and hopes to get with Jaci McKim and have a draft by the next Parks meeting. Wiseman continued with Spores list.

#4-solar lights for signs: \$1,500 is proposed;

#5- BarBQ for Depoe Bay Parks: \$1,000 is proposed;

#6-funds for extending nature trail: \$25,000 is proposed, \$15,000 in capital outlay, page 21 line 1 and \$10,000 for the bridge in capital outlay line 2

#7-funds for sidewalk and stairs at the Community Hall: Wiseman said Weidner has a quote. Weidner said the quote from Halco is for \$12,600 to replace the stairs with hot-dipped galvanized metal. The City Council said to go ahead with it.

#8-Flowers for all planters by season: \$2,000 is proposed

Replacing Community Hall tables was discussed. Wiseman said other items included in the proposed

budget are: \$25,000 to begin rebuilding funding for city hall restoration, he noted the entire amount is being spent this year on the basement restoration. The Parks share of proposed purchase of a trash compactor is \$6,000, total cost \$30,000. Hayes asked how much budget is left this year. Wiseman said \$70,000. Hayes asked if the drainage at the Community Hall has been checked for the Crab Feed. Weidner confirmed it has been. Hayes asked the timer for the light by the door be set. Weidner made a note. Granat asked about paving the Community Hall parking lot. Weidner said the sidewalk needs to be done first, it is in the budget. Hayes asked what the Parks total budget amount is. Wiseman said the proposed budget expenditures total is \$450,552. Granat asked if the basement will be suitable for museum item storage. Wiseman said he will be impressed. Granat suggested secure storage lockers for donated items. Weidner left the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DEPOE BAY MUSEUM: Granat said he has not followed up, but he will, with inviting the Lincoln County Historical Director to come and provide information on things such as recordkeeping of donated items. Debbie Callendar told him that Jack O'Brien found some old posters which he will donate. Hayes said he has posters from the 50th Salmon Bake forward. Murray has photos and other items stored at her home, she also reported on some of the items that are in the basement, including original parts of the city hall building, a window and wall lumber. She hopes to use these items to build displays for pictures, etc. Granat will contact Bill Spores regarding Fritz Ford photos.

NATURE TRAIL STUMP SIGNS AND EXPANSION: Hickerson said he has no news, and he will get with City Planner Larry Lewis.

BOILER BAY SIDEWALK: Postponed.

FUTURE SIGNS – SALMON and NATIVE AMERICAN: Speer said she has not been able to get together with Jaci yet. Granat mentioned contacting Beanie. Murray said Beanie had been researching photos of Ray Osuna and Vaughn Taunton in the early years of Depoe Bay Salmon Enhancement a while ago. Granat made a note to have Spores talk to Betty and Phil Taunton. Speer suggested focusing on the Salmon sign first since the grant opportunity for the Native American sign is not until February 2019. Everyone agreed.

PARK SIGNS AND LIGHTING: Hayes said he has not re-contacted the Old Stoners on the sign for Cat Lick Park. He and Gilliam will meet with them and prepare to present to the Parks and the City Council. He asked what wording should be on the rock sign. Discussion followed on using "Park" vs. "SVA", what the other signs in the Scenic Lands Park say, what wording should be on this sign. The Parks Master Plan was referred to, it was noted that Murray and Granat need a copy. Wiseman will provide copies.

MOTION: Speer moved that the wording for the sign be "Cat Lick Park – Depoe Bay". Murray seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Speer, Hayes, Granat, Hickerson, Gilliam, Murray

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMORIAL BENCH ORDER and PLACEMENT REQUEST – RON SCHROTKER: Discussed earlier under City Superintendent Report- Memorial Benches (Weidner follow up).

CONCRETE PLAYGROUND ANIMALS – PLACEMENT SELECTION: Granat said the whale will be placed by the Welcome sign by Worldmark. Brief discussion regarding property ownership/approval occurred. Wiseman will check with City Planner Lewis to determine if the site is owned by Worldmark or ODOT. Murray suggested the rest (4) of the concrete animals (dolphin, sea lion, turtle and turtle shell) be placed in a group vs. set in separate sites. Discussion followed including placing the animals along the highway, in City Park, separately or grouping them, repairs needed before placing, anchoring when placed. Speer suggested placement at the Highway 101 Open Space (Scenic Lands Park) or Floral Avenue SVA. It was agreed to place the whale by the Welcome sign by Worldmark and to further research locations to consider for the rest and to place this item on next meeting agenda.

PARK BROCHURE RE-ORDER: Granat spoke with Chamber of Commerce President Bill Johnson about getting more walking guides brochures, Bill said he would talk to the Board about purchasing more. Hayes thinks the supply is low. Granat said this can be discussed at the next meeting and he will contact Bill before then.

BUDGET REVIEW: Discussed earlier.

PARKS COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS: Hayes will not be at the next meeting. Gilliam said the Traffic Safety Committee discussed placing Caution Pedestrian signs on North Point and Coast Avenue along the walking trails at their last meeting. Granat welcomed new member Murray. Murray is glad to be here.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman Michael Granat

Pery Murray