

Depoe Bay Parks Commission
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2018 – 5:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

Present: Bill Spores, Jan Speer, Jim Hayes, Bob Hickerson, Ron Gilliam, Pery Murray
Absent: None, one vacant position
STAFF: City Recorder Jeff Wiseman, City Secretary Carla Duering

Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES: April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hickerson moved to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes. Hayes seconded.
Spores announced the minutes are approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: Native American Sign Ron Spores shared interesting information he's been gathering on Native American history in the Depoe Bay area. He has been working with Robert Kentta, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and Krissy Sonniksen, Lincoln County Historical Society, on this project. Most of the photos are from the historical society. He provided text samples for a sign or signs to place in Depoe Bay, noting that there is more than enough information not only for multiple signs, but also for a pamphlet or booklet. He asked for the Parks Commission's support, and if the support exists, requested a formal declaration by the commission. This would aid him in continuing work on the project. Hayes requested copies of the information Ron Spores brought this evening. City Staff agreed to copy the materials for commissioners. Discussion ensued, including: possible locations for interpretive signs, such as along the walk between city park and the harbor parking lot or retrofitting a rock planter at Whale Park to serve as a support for multiple signs; possible funding assistance from the Siletz Tribe, city 2018-19 budget includes \$7-\$8,000 appropriation for the project, Rick Beasley offered a possible subsidization by the News Times for brochure or pamphlet printing, using proceeds from pamphlet/booklet sales to fund the museum; suggestion to provide electronic informational displays, such as a coin-op video; or smart phone scan to connect to website.

MOTION: Hayes moved to ask Mr. Ron Spores to continue gathering information that he's doing in preparation for three signs at Whale Park taking over one of the planters and after that working for much more detailed information for the museum. Gilliam seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Spores asked Ron Spores to contact Newport Sign Co. for information on sign structure and design.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: In Weidner's absence, Spores briefly reviewed the listed agenda items:
Graham Street-Gravel Trails & Trim Ivy: In process.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT continued:

Cat Lick Park- Ramp & Handrail: In process.

Winchell-Planter & two handicapped parking spaces: In process.

Create two parking spaces at Alsea Ave & Vista St: Hayes and Gilliam are looking at this. Gilliam reported that more than 2 spaces can be provided if the sign is moved back and the spaces are diagonal parking.

Concrete table at Park bridge: In process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Final Placing of Concrete Animals: Duering and Wiseman provided handouts (copies attached to the original of these minutes) requesting the concrete whale be placed in front of city hall instead of at the welcome sign at the north end of town. Their street diagram reflects the proposed location, at the western edge of the parking lot in the intersection corner. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Murray moved to have the concrete whale that is currently stored at the wastewater treatment plant placed at the location indicated on the drawing provided by city staff, out in the front corner, aesthetically placed, with something to protect it from vehicular traffic, something cool and artsy to go with the whale. Speer seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Discussion turned to placing the remaining 4 concrete animals (2 turtles, sea lion, dolphin). It was recommended to place them in the City Park, in sand with a surrounding base, instead of in a grassy area.

MOTION: Speer moved to place the 4 remaining concrete animals in the City Park. Gilliam seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

It was agreed that the exact location in the park will be determined at a later time.

Future Signs – Cat Lick Park: Hayes reported he has a call in to the Old Stoners, he and Gilliam hope to meet with them next week at the site to consider possible sign location. They are looking at about a 3' X 3' rock sign which will be carved with the park name.

Future Signs – Salmon: Speer reported she has not heard back from Beanie Robison and is unsure how to proceed. Spores offered to contact Robison.

Murray noted that Cat Lick Park was originally named Cat Lick Rock Park, asking if the name should be changed before it is carved in the stone sign (previously agreed sign wording is "Cat Lick Park-Depoe Bay" at April 18, 2018 meeting). Discussion ensued.

Nature Trail Signs and Expansion: Hickerson reported that he has not met with City Planner Lewis yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS continued:

Museum: Murray reported the city hall basement rehab work is completed, things need to be put back in place and organized for city archives and museum storage. Wiseman confirmed that some museum items, such as city hall wall boards removed from walls in the basement, are stored in the bus barn behind city hall. Spores said it may be helpful to set up a small subcommittee to work on the museum project to keep it moving along. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site of Memorial Bench Order and Placement Request – Ron Schrotke: Duering referred to Schrotke's order form, requesting the memorial bench be placed north of the Tidal Raves Restaurant, and the email conversation with Mr. Schrotke where retrofitting an existing bench in Cat Lick Park was offered by the city. Schrotke declined that location due to access issues at the site, especially for elderly family members. He then asked if his memorial bench could replace the existing bench north of the restaurant. It was noted that this bench cannot be retro fitted to memorial bench because of the bench style and size. Discussion included the cost of removal of the existing bench, the desired number of benches at each site, locations that are still available, reserving some locations for future use.

MOTION: Spores moved that the request for memorial bench by Ron Schrotke for the location he'd like to have it, we choose not to allow that space. Gilliam seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Memorial Plaque Price Increase Notification: City Staff reported the plaque casting company has notified the city the price is increasing to \$159.00 per plaque (from \$149.00). After brief discussion it was agreed to continue with existing policy that the city charge double its cost, with the balance of the money being dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the memorial wall, including adding wall to house future plaques. It was noted that the policy was established at the time the city took over the State Park building in 1989 and the memorial wall was started by the city at that location.

Place Bike Racks: Spores reported that Weidner is working on this. A question was raised if the bike racks are shaped like an octopus. They are not.

With the recent passing of Michael Granat, Spores asked if the commission wished to discuss the chairmanship of the commission. Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Murray moved that Bill Spores serve as chairman of the Parks Commission for a while. Hayes seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

PARKS COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS:

Hayes suggested a memorial bench for Michael Granat. Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Hayes moved that the Depoe Bay Parks Commission purchase and place a memorial bench for Michael Granat with the approval of the Granat family. Gilliam seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Hickerson commented that maintenance, trimming and weedeating, needs to be done at parks; particularly in Cat Lick Park and along the City Park Nature Trail.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Chairman Bill Spores

Pery Murray