

Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: B. Spores, G. Engleman, J. Hayes, W. Johnson, K. White
ABSENT: None
OTHERS: City Planner L. Lewis

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:32 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion 1: G. Engleman moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by W. Johnson.

Vote: Motion 1 passed.

Ayes: B. Spores, G. Engleman, W. Johnson, K. White

Nays: None

Abstain: J. Hayes

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Parks Master Plan - Larry Lewis presented the following draft plans:

1. Hwy 101 Scenic View Area – West of Bradford Street: Discussion included 1) the need for the barrier wall on the east end of the property (near the highway) and east of the steep bank and, 2) whether or not improvements need to be ADA accessible. Lewis stated it was his understanding that ADA accessibility is only required if improvements are federally funded.
2. Whale Park – No improvements are proposed for this existing park. Discussion included 1) the need to maintain vegetation that grows above the seawall on the west side; 2) the concrete surface is cracking and, 3) the need to remove ugly man-made items west of the seawall and south of Whale Park, i.e. old lighting, foundation, etc. A statement was made that if a lease for the existing foundation that was used to pump seawater is still in place it needs to be terminated.
3. South of Channel Scenic View Area – Discussion included 1) the need to research the public easement and determine the limits of the easement; 2) possible need for a survey to establish property boundaries. Lewis will review the Hwy 101 surveys to see if the surveys included this area. If survey information does not exist, survey costs will be added to the estimated costs for improvements; 3) the desire to secure ‘scenic view easements’ across the two parcels (tax lots 3900 and 4000) that are between the Photo Art Gallery and Coast Guard Fog Shack; 4) the desire to remove the power line that extends across the channel. The channel is a significant scenic view and the power line detracts from this view; 5) who maintains this area, 6) the public view sign proposed on Ellingson Street may be controversial and; 7) this may be an ideal place for the location of the next bench to be placed in a park or scenic view area.
4. Ellingson Street Scenic View Area – Discussion included 1) the history of the fence encroachment, statements that have been made by the owner that discussions to remove the fence will need to be forwarded to the owner’s attorney, it is time to pursue this issue and

make the public right-of-way available to the public; 2) possible need for a survey to establish property boundaries. Lewis will review the Hwy 101 surveys to see if the surveys included this area. If survey information does not exist, survey costs will be added to the estimated costs for improvements; 3) need to add a safety fence along the top of bluff across the entire width of the right-of-way.

5. Graham Street Scenic View Area – Discussion included 1) limiting improvements as shown, i.e. to a path in the middle of the public right-of-way and maintaining the dense vegetation on the north and south sides in order to protect privacy of adjacent properties. This should mitigate complaints about improvements and; 2) by limiting improvements to a path in the middle of the site, it will not be necessary to survey the boundaries.

B. Nature Trail – No discussion.

C. City Park Pedestrian Bridge – The City received the signed Grant Agreement from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) and are now able to proceed with the bridge replacement.

D. Boat Launch Park Parking Lot – Landscape Islands – City Public Works will be completing improvements to the landscape islands including planting.

E. Oregon Coast Trail – The City received word that OPRD was successful in securing a Recreational Trail Grant to construct the Oregon Coast Trail in Depoe Bay (south end of the city, west side of Hwy 101 within the highway right-of-way). OPRD is conducting necessary clearances, e.g. State archaeological approvals, and will be in contact with the city once clearances are obtained. It will likely be next year before trail construction takes place.

F. Dog Park – No discussion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. PARK COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS

None

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. (estimated)

Bill Spores, Chairman

Larry Lewis, City Planner