

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, G. Engleman, J. Hayes, K. White

ABSENT: W. Johnson

STAFF: City Planner L. Lewis, City Recorder P. Murray

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:30 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by K. White.

Vote: Motion passed.

Ayes: G. Engleman, J. Hayes, B. Spores, K. White

III. PUBLIC INPUT There was none.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Spores reported that the city is trying to get more grant money for the Park Bridge Replacement Project. Murray confirmed that an application had been submitted to the Lincoln County Economic & Community Development grant program to fund structural enhancements to the bridge to accommodate vehicular traffic, only for emergency purposes. Grant awards could occur by February, 2012. Spores requested, and everyone agreed, the Parks Commission be involved in designing the new bridge. Skip Hoitink, Councilor, reported that Owings had provided a status update on the Nature Trail Bridges at last night's council meeting. The two locations for the bridges have been marked, the bridges will be constructed in the parking lot, disassembled, moved and reassembled at their designated locations. Hayes reported the new furnace has been installed at the Community Hall and playground equipment has been repaired.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. Pacific Sea Lions Tree Planting

Lou Trapani, Pacific Sea Lions, reported they had gotten a list of acceptable type trees from the city, trees are available from the Forest Service at no cost, but not until February. Eric Watkins is researching costs, the Pacific Sea Lions has a budget of \$50 - \$100 for the project, they plan to plant ten trees along the Nature Trail in early spring. They could plant more than ten if they are able and would do so under the Parks Commission's direction. Fran Recht said there will be a tree sale in Newport on December 2nd, a Lincoln County Soil & Conservation District fund raiser. She said the trees are native species and prices are good. Trapani confirmed the Sea Lions are looking to the Parks Commission for guidance on where to plant. Spores encouraged Trapani to stay in touch as the project progresses.

A. Parks Master Plan - Larry Lewis distributed three drafts (copies attached to the original minutes) which were discussed:

1. Harbor Pedestrian Loop – Lewis explained the loop trail was originally identified in the city's Downtown Refinement Plan (DRP). The goal is to have a walkable loop around the harbor. The proposed improvements were reviewed. Discussion included: involve the US Coast Guard in planning, expand harbor parking, the DRP includes a recommendation to acquire two properties between City Hall and Highway 101 for parking.

2. South Depoe Bay Creek/City Park Loop Trail – The draft was reviewed, discussion ensued. Fran Recht said she has been enjoying the completed portion of the new Nature Trail, but has noticed ivy is growing up on trees, mostly at the Indian Trail end. She has contact information, which she will provide to city staff, for free help on removing ivy through the Watershed Council Natural Resource Crew and Soil Conservation. The city could present an educational element for students to participate in removal of the ivy, with the city taking care of disposal. Recht is concerned that the city cuts down trees that become laden with ivy instead of keeping the ivy under control. White suggested initiating a recurring program, noting it would be nice to have help.
3. Depoe Bay City Park – Discussion included: level the ground about the same size as a 40’ X 60’ tent for the volleyball court and leave as grass; the Parks Commission will be involved in the replacement of the Park Bridge particularly relating to concerns of roadway development impacts to the park; the proposed covered shelter is in the fire line for the annual Chamber of Commerce salmon bake; the proposed horseshoe pit is in the driving area for the salmon bake; Lewis noted the park property extends east of where the proposed covered shelter; Fran Recht spoke to public support of the salmon bake and suggested avoiding conflict by investing in temporary picnic shelters (provide poles for temporary coverings) opposed to more permanent structures; the proposed location may be too far from parking for people to carry picnic stuff, so may not be used; the need/desire for a covered shelter and horseshoe pit was briefly discussed, Spores noted the previous horseshoe pit was barely used and was removed.

Spores suggested not meeting in December. Lewis said he is working with DLCDC on requesting an extension to the grant. He has at least four more drafts to prepare for review, and suggested setting the public hearing schedule at the next meeting. It was suggested to add Berg Street and Park Avenue for improvement as SVAs or trails. Lewis agreed to work on these sites and bring back drafts for review. White asked if there is any information on the area by Mazatlan Restaurant.

VI. NEW BUSINESS There was none.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONER’S CONCERNS

Fran Recht asked if the pole with nothing attached to it in the right-of-way by the Harbor Condos could be removed. She said she had previously misspoke regarding park access by Emerald Coast Realty (north), it is not as steep as she had thought.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder