

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting (re-scheduled from Jan. 18, 2012)
Thursday, January 26, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

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

ABSENT: W. Johnson

STAFF: City Superintendent T. Owings, City Planner L. Lewis, City Recorder P. Murray

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:12 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: White moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Hayes.

There being no objection, Spores said the minutes are approved.

III. PUBLIC INPUT There was none.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Owings reviewed his report (copy attached to the original of these minutes), asking the commission to decide where to place two benches. The report included: Community Hall roof is leaking and will be repaired soon, updates on City Park Nature Trail, City Park Bridge Replacement and City Hall Parking Lot Paving projects; ivy removal by the Mid-Coast Watershed Council along Shell Ave. and the Nature Trail, removal of utility poles from Hwy 101 sidewalk by Scenic Land Park and Whale Park, and removal of a wind-damaged tree in Scenic Land Park. Brief discussion ensued regarding damage to the park and trail from last week's rain storm. Owings departed.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Master Plan - Lewis reviewed a proposed schedule for completing the project. It was suggested to present the plan update at a meeting followed by another meeting within a week for additional public input. Hayes requested the plan be provided to commissioners in a binder in preparation for meetings where the plan will be presented to the public. Lewis distributed six drafts (copies attached to the original minutes) which were discussed:

1. Berg Street SVA – the draft was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
2. Williams Street SVA - the draft was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
3. La Perdita Springs – Lewis noted there still needs to be a photo, there were no changes.
4. North Depoe Bay Creek Nature Park – Lewis said this area is land-locked, no access without crossing privately owned land and the city's public works have concerns over uncontrolled access to the city's water source. Hayes suggested removing wording regarding public access of any kind, keep only as natural area, not open to the public. Spores agreed on the short-term, but thinks on the long-term the area could be open to the public with restricted access to the reservoir. It was decided to keep in the inventory with no improvements.
5. East Depoe Bay Multi-Loop Trail - Lewis explained the trail, as proposed, would require a number of easements from private property owners. The trail in the Stonebridge subdivision is a public access trail as a condition of development, and item D needs to be corrected, changing Whalesong Drive to Fairwind Court. Skip Hoitink, present in the audience, said there is a path on Park Avenue now which connects Collins and Winchell streets. There were no changes.
6. Community Center - Hayes said the name should be changed to "Community Hall", and asked about a deck on the harbor side of the building. Lewis said he did not include the proposed deck due to zoning code concerns. It was agreed to not include the deck in the proposed plan.

White asked about the City Park Plan (previously discussed). Lewis likes the idea of a portable shelter. Hayes said it would be used during the Salmon Bake, but doesn't see people carrying picnic items that distance from the parking lot. A 40' X 60' flat area, on the gazebo side of the creek, running east-west allowing room for emergency vehicles; and a 30' X 30' flat area on the north side of the creek, by the Salmon Bake fire line were discussed. It was suggested to add electricity to the north side. Hoitink asked about Kent and Beach Street SVAs. Lewis said those plans have been included and previously reviewed by the commission. Lewis departed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Placement of Park Benches – Spores asked if the commission wanted to place benches now, or wait until the Master Plan is completed since there are a number of benches included in the plan. Discussion ensued about the area by Mazatlan Restaurant and the Channel House, the area being privately owned property, possibly talking to the owners about a bench site. The commission agreed to pursue placement of one bench at Winchell Street by the harbor now.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS

Skip Hoitink said the upper end of the Nature Trail is slippery when wet and the steps are not 7" code, asking if warning signs could be posted at each end of the trail entrance (Schoolhouse Street and east end of the City Park).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Parks Commission Meeting Start Time – It was agreed to change to 5:00 p.m. for future meetings.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder