

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 18, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.  
Depoe Bay City Hall**

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

ABSENT: none

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 5:00 p.m.

**II. APPROVE MINUTES**

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 Regular Meeting and the April 4, 2012 Special Meeting as written. Seconded by Engleman. There being no objection, Spores said the minutes are approved.

**III. PUBLIC INPUT** There was none.

**IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** There was none.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Parks Master Plan Update** – Lewis reviewed a summary of Public Input received at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and the April 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting (copy attached to the original of these minutes).

**A1. Cliff Street/Lot 1300 SVA** and **A2. South Point Street SVA**. Public input strongly opposes. Removal of private properties from the Plan was discussed. It was agreed to recommend deleting these items from the Plan.

**A3. South of Channel SVA** and **A4. Trails**. A Commissioner said he has spoken with the owners of Mazatlan Restaurant and they are supportive of the proposed South of the Channel SVA. A letter of support was also submitted by the Manager of the Channel House. It was agreed to recommend leaving these items in the Plan.

**B. Park Land Acquisition**. Public input suggests identifying specific properties in the Plan for acquisition, it is helpful when seeking grant funding. It was agreed to recommend leaving item as is with no specific properties identified.

**C. Call Out Natural Habitat Areas**. Public input suggests the Plan needs to call out natural habitat areas where development needs to occur with great cognizance of other planning goals and sensitive areas, ie; along South Depoe Creek, North Point ocean bluff, Oregon Coast Trail extension, on scenic lands along highway 101. It was agreed to recommend revising wording in the Plan Introduction to address this.

**D. Sensitivity to Scenic Area Aesthetics, D1. Too Many Warning Signs and Barriers, D2. Benches, tables, trash cans, signs can be intrusive, and D3. Current public park signs are not aesthetically pleasing**. Discussion included that the Commission has already discussed creating a more aesthetic uniform parks sign, the Parks Commission can serve as a site specific review committee at time of implementation, the need for at least one sign at each location to identify as a public area and to exercise caution, barriers are necessary for safety and where possible barriers will be vegetative. It was agreed to recommend no changes.

**E. Plan needs to include costs for invasive species control**. Discussion included that the Plan includes development and improvement costs, speaks to minimal maintenance. It was agreed to recommend that wording be added to recognize that invasive plant species exist and the city will work to control.

**F. Worldmark needs to pay for a public access sign**. Discussion included that this is not part of the Plan, should pursue separately. It was agreed to recommend no change.

**G. Oregon Coast Trail in Downtown-stain concrete wall.** Discussion included where the responsibility lies, with the state or the city. This is not part of the Plan, may pursue separately. It was agreed to recommend no change.

**H. Winchell Street SVA, L. North Vista Street SVA, R. Hwy 101 SVA-West of Bradford Street.** Public input included a complaint on the bench location at the Winchell Street site. Discussion included the complaint, extent of cooperation with neighbors, adding screening at some locations. It was agreed to recommend no changes.

**I. Graham Street SVA.** Public input offered support, including fundraising. It was agreed to recommend no change.

**J. SVAs off Coast Avenue.** Public input offered support, request to prioritize for improvements. It was agreed to recommend no change.

**K. Concern over possible intrusion/trespass on private properties adjacent to SVAs.** Discussion included that the Plan includes vegetative lines at some SVAs, identifying the sites as view areas, along with defined boundaries should work toward alleviating the possibility of trespass. It was agreed to recommend no change.

**M. Oppose Trails- Improvements Proliferate, Natural Character Diminished.** Discussion included that the Commission considered these concerns when developing the Plan. No change recommended.

**N. Request for Public restroom at Hwy 101 SVA – West of Bradford Street.** Discussion included that this property was acquired by the city through the Scenic Lands Acquisition Project (2003), and deed restrictions will not allow this type of construction. The Vista Street Sewer Lift Station site may be an alternative site. It was agreed to recommend no change.

**O. Cove Point SVA – correct to Cove View SVA.** It was agreed the name should be corrected.

**P. Vicinity map street label- correct to west of Berg St.** It was agreed to correct the map label.

**Q. Floral Avenue SVA.** This item is not related to public input on the draft Plan. The city has received a development application on the vacant lot adjacent to Floral Avenue which proposes access on the Floral Avenue right-of-way. Lewis provided a drawing (copy attached to the original of these minutes). It was agreed to recommend changing the Plan, per Lewis' drawing, to provide for motor vehicle access for the proposed development.

Discussion included revising the barrier at the Siletz Avenue SVA, extending along boundary lines 20 feet from the ocean, to address privacy and trespass concerns. It was noted the Plan drawings don't specify actual locations of benches and barriers, this will be determined at time of implementation. It was agreed to recommend revising the Siletz Avenue SVA barrier, but leave others as is. Lewis will make changes as discussed, including adding an invasive vegetation statement in Objectives # 10, adding a minimal disturbance statement in the Introduction & Goal, and deleting the Cliff Street and South Point SVAs from the Plan. These changes will be provided to the City Council at the May 1 regular council meeting.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS** There was none.

**VII. PARKS COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS** Some Commissioners agreed to conduct a site visit tomorrow at noon at the Winchell Street and Hwy 101-West of Berg Street sites to review bench placement locations. It was noted the logs are gone, Nature Trail Bridges are under construction.

**VIII. ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Bill Spores, Chairman

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Pery Murray, City Recorder