

Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 24, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: B. Spores, J. Hayes, G. Engleman (ar 5:06 pm), W. Johnson (ar 5:06 pm), L. Phillips (ar 6:00 pm)
ABSENT: K. White
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman B. Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:07 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Hayes noted a typo and moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting.
Engleman seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed.

Ayes: Spores, Hayes, Engleman, Johnson

III. PUBLIC INPUT – None

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - On behalf of Owings, Spores reported work on the City Park Nature Trail benches and tables is in progress, quotes are being obtained on the interpretive signs. Owings requests the commission prioritize projects to proceed with this fiscal year. Drainage and fill work in the City Park will occur when the weather is dry.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Depoe Bay Parks Master Plan Update

Spores reported the City Council adopted the Master Plan at the October 22, 2012 regular council meeting. Murray noted that copies of the adopted version have been distributed to all commissioners.

- **Graham Street Lookout Trail** – Spores said Owings has asked for the commission to identify five trails to begin working on so he can schedule the Lincoln County work crew.
- **Standardized City Park Signs** – Spores said that with adoption of the Master Plan, he will attend the next council meeting to present the commission's recommendation (motion at September 19, 2012 meeting) to purchase 25 aluminum signs at \$76.00 each from Newport Signs, add in costs of posts, hardware, concrete and installation for a total cost of \$5,200. He asked about a life-size (18"x24") sample sign to show the council. Murray advised staff could provide the sample. Hayes reported that he and Skip Hoytink went to Devils Lake Rock to gather information for rock signs. Rocks for 6 signs would be approximately 3 tons, costing \$300 to \$400 at \$80/ton. A rock with dimensions of 3'x2'x1.5' weighed about 620 lbs. They have not gotten information on capability and cost of sand-blasting design from the Old Stoners yet. Discussion ensued regarding anchoring methods for the rock signs and possibly getting larger size rocks for some locations.

B. City Park Nature Trail

- **Interpretive Signs** – Murray reported that the text and photos for the two interpretive signs is finished, the city is obtaining quotes. One sign will be about cedar trees and shake mills, the other a tree I.D. sign. City Staff suggests adding two smaller signs, which will have a map of the trail, at the trail entrances at Indian Trail Avenue and in the Park. The commission discussed benefits of such signs over trail map brochures. It was agreed the sign maps are a good idea, with one located at the trailhead on Indian Trail Avenue, the other located in the City Park, not necessarily at the trailhead. The commission recommends trail distance information be included on the signs.
- **Benches, Picnic Tables** Discussed earlier during Superintendent Report.

C. Depoe Bay City Park

- **Fill and Grading** – Spores reviewed the need for this work to be done to correct drainage issues. Discussed earlier during Superintendent Report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The commission discussed Owings' request to identify five sites to begin work. It was agreed the Graham St. site is number one priority. Commissioners reviewed the adopted Parks Master Plan and after lengthy discussion identified five sites for clearing and trail work as provided in the plan. #1 – Graham (pages 43,44), #2 – Sunset/Surf & Alsea (pages 35, 36), # 3 – Vista (pages 31, 32), # 4 – Whale Park (not in the plan – regular maintenance, including brush cutting for views), # 5 – Lee (pages 33,34).

VII. PARK COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS

Phillips brought photos of locations north of Tidal Raves Restaurant where brush has grown and now blocks views from existing benches. She questioned ownership and/or jurisdiction of an area along the west side of the highway (near Pirates Cove) where brush and trees have grown up and are blocking views. Engleman noted that if the city owned the area, or had jurisdiction, it would be included in the Master Plan. Spores asked Phillips to bring information to the next meeting.

Johnson inquired about the cancellation notice of the October 17th joint workshop meeting. Murray explained the City Council workshop is to review a survey of the harbor boundary and all commissioners are invited. The meeting will be scheduled sometime early in 2013.

Spores commented that he'd read in Council meeting minutes the mayor speaking of undergrounding utilities. He heartily supports any effort towards doing so and encourages everyone to also support undergrounding utilities.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder