

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, C. Bond, J. Hayes, B. Hickerson, V. Thomas, K. White

ABSENT: D. Metz

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman B. Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:05 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – April 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: White moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting. Hickerson seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Bond, White, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson

ABSTAIN: Thomas

III. PUBLIC INPUT – after City Superintendent Report.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Murray reported that at last night's Council meeting, the Council moved to proceed with two options for construction bids on the City Park Bridge Project, one for a bridge wide and long enough to accommodate a fire truck and another for a narrower, shorter bridge which could still accommodate vehicles. Bond said the park needs some general aesthetic work done and suggested a volunteer effort. Thomas agreed, saying the park needs to be cleaned up before the Music in the Park event on July 4th. Murray explained the workers' compensation insurance procedure for the Council to authorize a volunteer workday. She encouraged the Commission to notify Owings of what they would like to have done. Hayes reported that he'd spoken with Brady Weidner, City Supervisor, who informed him that the culvert has been installed at the trail entrance and the gazebo drain work has been completed. Weidner had asked if the Commission wants sod placed over the gravel at the gazebo. Items discussed included: work on low spots on the nature trail, trim on the old sign needs repair, weeds have grown up in the playground. Spores will talk to Owings about park cleanup before July 4th. He will also talk to Del about Whale Park planter watering schedule.

PUBLIC INPUT – Skip Hoitink, Whalesong Dr., said there are two ugly metal pilings sticking up at the Scenic Lands Park to the north of Tidal Raves, they should be removed; there still is no bench at the Graham St. SVA; the old sign along the nature trail could be removed instead of repaired; the culvert looks great at the trail entrance. Spores asked if the Commission wanted sod placed by the gazebo. It was suggested that sod may inhibit the drainage so it would not be a good idea. Hoitink continued, saying he's been trimming along the nature trail and it is hard to see the wire around the planted trees due to vegetation growth; some of the trees planted by the Lions Club are dead and should be replaced; the lumber that is by the trail bridges should be removed; he is researching a location for a trail from Stonebridge to the City Park Trail; he has seen deer along the trail.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bridge at Dam – City Park – Discussed under City Superintendent Report.

B. Walk About Brochure – Bond reported the Council approved ordering 2,500 North Point Loop brochures. She is now working on brochures for the Harbor and City Park. Thomas suggested adding a list of trails to the brochure. Bond said that is a good idea for future, revised brochures. She invited Thomas to bring her brochure ideas to Emma at City Hall.

C. Signs – Harbor Historical Sign– White said there is nothing new to report. Spores said he, Ken and Bob will work on this project.

Signs - Scenic View Area (SVA) and Trail Signs – Spores said this has not been presented to the Council yet. Bond suggested putting the signs on hold until this fall, and concentrate on the brochures. Spores suggested abandoning the cedar tree idea and go with composite, uniform posts.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – none.

A. Nature Trail Ceremony – Spores suggested planning this event for late August or early September. He will speak to Owings about the Wizard’s Throne.

B. Memorial Bench Order – Walke – (copy of order form attached to the original of these minutes) Spores said site # 5 is not available. Discussion ensued regarding a site to place the Walke memorial bench. Bond noted there is an existing old bench along the trail below Lee St., to the north, which is a perfect location. Due the proximity to Lee St. (site # 6), it was agreed to identify the old bench location as site “6A”.

MOTION: Spores moved that site # 5 is not available and to place the Walke memorial bench at site 6A, replacing the old bench at that location. Bond seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Bond, White, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Thomas

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve the Walke plaque wording. Bond seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Bond, White, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Thomas

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS’ CONCERNS - none.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder