

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

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

ABSENT: C. Bond, D. Metz

STAFF: P. Murray, City Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman B. Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:00 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – August 21, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: White moved to approve the minutes as written. Hickerson seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Spores, Hickerson, Thomas

ABSTAIN: Hayes

III. PUBLIC INPUT – J. Robison, City Crew, reported that the City Park grounds were badly damaged from the Chamber of Commerce Salmon Bake event. Damage includes deep ruts by the swing set and in the area where grass seed had been planted. The ruts need to be smoothed and replanted. Hayes said that he'd looked at the damage, confirming that it is bad and the deep ruts even may create a tripping hazard. Spores offered to speak to the Chamber of Commerce.

S. Hoitink said everyone should be glad if they don't own a beachfront home because he walks on beaches in the area and it's his observation that many homes are ready to fall due to erosion.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Nature Trail Dedication – Spores suggested scheduling for in the spring and inviting City Superintendent Terry Owings to come back for the event since he was responsible for getting the project completed. Members agreed that spring would be a better time, with drier weather and more tourists in the area, and placement of the Wizard's throne wood sculpture being done.

B. Community Hall Bridge – Hayes reviewed this proposed project to construct a deck/bridge on the harborside of the Community Hall, saying that he has not had time to work on putting together information to present for review at this meeting. Murray reported that the city has applied for two technical assistance grants to help fund a Harbor Renaissance Study which includes a walkway around the harbor and will likely incorporate this proposed bridge by the Community Hall. The city is waiting to hear grant award results before proceeding, anticipating results from Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) by December and Lincoln County Community and Economic Development by February 2014.

C. City Park South Depoe Bay Creek Bridge Project – Murray reported that the City Council has awarded a construction contract, which has been signed with Quade Commercial Construction, with a contract end date of January 20, 2014 (a 90 day contract). The Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept. (OPRD) grant ends December 31, 2013 and city staff is working with them to see if the city will be able to obtain an extension. Discussion ensued. Spores clarified that the roadway shown on the construction drawings will not be put in, it is reflected for purposes of bridge placement.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Playground Equipment – Spores has a catalog of playground equipment and said the Commission should pick something to replace the Stagecoach that had been removed from the City Park. Suggestions included: something harbor or fishing related, such as a boat; a fire truck (without springs); a merry-go-round. Thomas offered to go online to research playground equipment. Spores asked her to bring information to the next meeting.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - Hayes apologized for not having worked on the Community Hall Bridge proposed project. Thomas said the City Park playground area needs to be weeded, the sand is being lost to the weeds, and she has been asking for this since before the 4th of July. Murray recalled that C.J. Bond's volunteer service group, the Green Team, had made arrangements with the city to do that work. Hayes said the Green Team was in the park the week before the Salmon Bake and they ended up helping with Salmon Bake preparations instead of weeding. Thomas will bring playground equipment ideas to the next Parks meeting. Hayes asked about a grant award announcement. Spores said the city had been awarded grant funding for park improvements at the Scenic Lands Park. This project includes improvements from four sections of the Parks Master Plan Update at different parts of the Scenic Lands Park. Hoitink asked if anything had been done on removing those pilings from the site. Spores replied "no".

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder