

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

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

ABSENT: C. Bond, D. Metz, K. White

STAFF: P. Murray, City Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVE MINUTES – October 23, 2013 Regular Meeting

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Thomas

III. PUBLIC INPUT – Krista Robison said she was on the original Park Committee, when the City Park was built by local people for the community and to maintain the environment. She spoke of the Saturday community work parties for over a year and the grand opening of the park. She said the park was never meant to be a money maker, but was for members of the community to enjoy and a place where wildlife could be appreciated. When she recently learned of the park bridge being replaced she wondered if those traditions are being kept. She encourages preserving the park with the theme of being understated.

Spores said he looked at the new bridge today and doesn't think it's going to be as bad as he'd originally thought. The old bridge was about 8 ½ feet wide, the new bridge is 12 feet wide. He clarified that no road is being constructed through the park to the new bridge. Thomas suggested monitoring the site, talking to the City Superintendent and filing complaints with the city if necessary. Liz Martin said she appreciated City Staff providing her with a copy of the Park deed (copy attached to the original of these minutes) and read the deed condition relating to public recreation purposes. Dorinda Goddard said that she has been against the project since day one, and this is evidenced by the public record (of City Council proceedings).

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Playground Equipment – Thomas reported that she'd conducted an exhaustive search online looking for marine related playground equipment. The items found were large and expensive, such as a shipwreck play set. She found nothing ocean or ocean animal theme, except for a turtle climber (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Spores referred to a handout provided by City Staff of spinner bowls (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Thomas said she understood that the commission was interested in ocean theme equipment instead of general playground equipment. Hayes asked Thomas to confirm installation requirements for the turtle climber. Thomas will bring information to the January 2014 meeting. D. Goddard suggested contacting Jim Proteva in Newport for playground equipment ideas.

B. City Park South Depoe Bay Creek Bridge Project – Murray reported that at last night's Council meeting, the Council was informed of a \$2,000 change order that had been executed on the construction contract and the Council approved a contract for testing of concrete and welding during construction. Brief discussion ensued.

C. Harbor Historical Sign Project – Spores said White is working on this project, and the Commission will discuss when he is present.

D. Goddard, Vice President of the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce, asked to speak about the damage in the park from Salmon Bake. She said the Chamber is not ignoring the ruts in the park, but they have no manpower and is busy with other things. Discussion followed, including city's responsibility to maintain the park, user responsibilities when damage occurs during their use, a community group that had volunteered to maintain the park, this group had planned to weed the park before the Salmon Bake, but were recruited for Salmon Bake setup, and not doing anything with the ruts until springtime. Goddard asked if the Chamber is off the hook for repairing the damage. Spores replied no, but nothing will be done for now, the ruts will be addressed in the spring. Goddard said the Chamber will wait until the Commission brings the matter back to their attention.

D. Walk-About Brochure – Spores said that Bond is still working on this project, but currently is having medical problems which is delaying progress, possibly until spring.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. City Park Christmas Lights – Discussion ensued regarding putting lights on the restroom/fish cleaning station building and on the tree near the park parking lot entrance. It was agreed to focus on the tree. Commissioners agreed to gather in the park on Saturday, November 30th at 11:00 a.m. with lights, ladder and extension cords.

B. Park Stone Signage - Hayes said that after the park bridge construction is completed and the site is rejuvenated, he would like to see a large rock sign in the park. It would be similar, but larger, than the rock sign at the Scenic Lands Park. Spores asked him to bring information to the next meeting.

C. Cancellation of December Meeting It was agreed to cancel the Commission's December meeting. The next regular meeting will be in January 2014.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - Hayes offered to look at the tree in the park, assess its size, and determine how many lights will be needed. Thomas said she has friends who are veterans and she is ashamed of the memorial in the park. She suggested looking at the memorial while at the park on November 30th, and see what needs to be done. Murray said she believes the VFW is responsible for maintaining the memorial, but if they are no longer able to do so the city should look into the matter. Thomas will follow up with the VFW Ron Slane Post in Lincoln City.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder