

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 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: City Recorder P. Murray, City Superintendent B. Weidner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVE MINUTES – November 20, 2013 Regular Meeting**

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Thomas

**III. PUBLIC INPUT** – Skip Hoitink said he has been kind of out of communication for the past few months due to personal reasons and is getting back into the groove.

**IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Brady Weidner reported:

Park Bridge Project - the construction contract has been extended to February 20th, decking is being installed now. The city received complaints regarding use of pressure treated wood. All agencies involved have been aware that pressure treated wood is being used, and there is no issue as long as it is not in the water. Vandalism has occurred, dog tracks and initials in concrete at the east approach, the contractor is aware. Hayes asked if there are plans to put in a gravel or dirt road at the east side. Weidner explained there should be a road of rock, concrete or other option to ensure the access to the bridge is firm enough for vehicular traffic when needed. It will need to go around the playground and gazebo, but will not impact the playground or the gazebo. Spores said the Commission was told there would not be a road put in. Weidner said the desired option is to install something that will support vehicles without causing damage to the grounds and not be noticeable. He is researching. White noted how soft the ground is along the south side of the swings. Hickerson suggested filter fabric with rock over the top. Weidner said there will be removable bollards placed at either end of the bridge to restrict vehicular traffic. The railing design is similar to the original, except to meet code cedar grab rails are being installed. Brief discussion ensued on types of plants to place for re-vegetation once construction is completed, with it being noted that the city has some of the plants that were removed prior to construction. Weidner said the Commission may want to consider replacing the old “permanent” picnic table that has been removed.

Park Nature Trail Project - Terry Owings completed the carving for the Wizard’s Throne, which needs to be placed along the trail. When the ground is drier, the City Crew will work with the Lincoln County Work Crew to do this.

Spores asked if the big white door on the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Booth could be somehow camouflaged. Weidner said per the Agreement between the City and the Auxiliary, the City may assist the Auxiliary to move the booth to/from a winter storage area. The Auxiliary wants to tarp the booth for the winter then plan to paint it. Spores said gravel is needed at two memorial bench sites, Graham Street and Alsea Avenue, under benches and on the trail. He suggests examining all bench sites routinely to avoid mudholes developing under them. Locations of mutt mitt dispensers were discussed briefly. Spores asked Weidner to look into installing steps for a safer access to the Alsea St. trail and a hand rail at the Graham St. trail. He also noted that metal is rusting on the benches at Whale Park. Weidner will follow up on these issues.

There was brief discussion regarding the recent grant award from Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept. for improvements at the Scenic Land Park, the project schedule and a review of the project components.

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. City Park South Depoe Bay Creek Bridge Project**– Discussed during Superintendent Report

**B. Playground Equipment** – Thomas reported that after the last meeting she looked into the shipping cost for the Turtle Climber, and it is \$655 which brings the cost up to almost \$2,400. She said the Mayor wants a boat and referred to information on a multi spring boat (copy attached to the original of these minutes) which costs about \$5,000. She met with Murray and reviewed the budget, and spoke with Councilor Olsen who said the budget can be re-allocated. Measurements are needed to ensure safe distance from other playground equipment. If the boat doesn't work out, she would like to suggest the Turtle Climber. Spores referred to the handout, noting the size is 11' X 4'. Weidner said the stagecoach that was removed was 10' X 6'. Thomas said the Playcraft Direct company won't fill an order until they do a site visit and she would like to contact them to do so.

MOTION: Hayes moved to recommend to the City Council to purchase the boat and install it in the City Park playground. Hickerson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed

AYES: White, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Thomas

Thomas said again, if the boat doesn't work out she would suggest the Turtle Climber. She picked up walking tour flyers from city hall and distributed them to motels, they were happy to get them. Murray asked if the Commission has a preference on which capital outlay budget line item in the Parks & Buildings Fund they would look to for this purchase. Discussion ensued with it being agreed to purchase playground equipment instead of tables and benches (Line 4-Capital Outlay 2013-14 budget).

**C. Depoe Bay Park Stone Sign** – Hayes said he'd spoken with the Old Stoners about the largest stone sign they have done. He asked them to look for a rock about 7'w X 5'h X 2' thick, and they offered to provide pictures of a similar size stone for the Commission to consider along with a cost estimate. He said this stone sign would say "Depoe Bay City Park" and include the city logo. Discussion followed on possible location and installation methods.

**D. Harbor Informational Sign** – White referred to the Economic Development Committee (EDC), on which he serves as the Parks Commission member, saying that some members are interested in events, another is interested in changing tourist rental regulations. He suggests the EDC focus on the harbor and recommends waiting with signs until a plan of action is in place. Discussion followed on different aspects of the harbor, work that is in progress and work that needs to be done. Spores said the Commission can encourage the City Council to continue to work on harbor issues but he is interested in seeing a harbor information sign being done in the near future and suggests continuing to work on the sign.

**E. Touring Maps and Markers** – Spores said work will continue on this project.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Spring Project List** – Spores asked everyone to review the Parks Master Plan to help in developing a list of projects, noting that the Scenic Park Project is on the list. The bench at Floral Avenue was discussed, in that it is blocked off during the construction at Arch Rock Motel. Spores said the Salal needs to be trimmed at the site. He asked everyone to bring their spring project list items to the next meeting.

**B. County Work Crew Projects** – Spores reminded everyone that the County Crew is busy and their schedule gets booked fast.

**VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS** - Thomas said she has not gotten a call back from the VFW regarding maintaining the memorial in the park. Murray said after the last meeting, she'd checked and found that the city is responsible for maintaining the memorial, not the VFW. Weidner said the City Crew could power wash and paint the memorial. He has found a pole mounted light to light the flag for \$50.00. White said a member of the EDC is interested in lighting the spouting horn, and he suggests getting rid of the old junk if this is done. Spores thanked everyone for helping with the Christmas tree lighting. He suggests placing a sign at the whale fountain that identifies "Depoe Bay", with so many photos taken there by visitors it would be great advertising. White would like to see the Touring Maps and Site Markers project done this year.

**VIII. ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

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Bill Spores, Chairman

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Pery Murray, City Recorder