

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair Bill Spores, Michael Granat, Bob Hickerson, Ken White

ABSENT: C. Bond, Jim Hayes, V. Thomas

STAFF: City Superintendent Brady Weidner (5:04-5:55 pm), City Recorder Pery Murray

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman B. Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:04 p.m.

III. PUBLIC INPUT – None

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Park Bridge Project Landscaping - Weidner referred to materials from Creative Landscape (copy attached to the original of these minutes) relating to landscaping at the City Park Bridge project site. Items A – D were reviewed and discussed, Weidner asked Commissioners to visit the site with the materials in hand, and let him know what the Commission thinks. Weidner noted that Commissioner Thomas had contacted Creative Landscape, obtaining a more detailed cost estimate for items A – D (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Weidner said the retaining wall (item A) needs to be done first, the city could purchase the blocks and the County Crew could install, the Crew is scheduled for the end of June. There were no objections. Gravel, topsoil and native plants will be needed once the wall is completed, White offered contact information for the guy in Florence who sells native plants to Blake's Nursery. Spores advised Commissioners to review the bridge landscaping for discussion at the next meeting.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – March 19, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Spores, Hickerson

ABSTAIN: Granat

Weidner reported the playground boat has been put together by City Crew, a concrete base is needed for installation, which is planned for mid-June by the City Crew. Wood chips are being placed on the park nature trail, using the chips temporarily piled at the basketball hoop. The topsoil will be used in the bridge site landscaping. Weidner explained the difficulties in moving and placing the Wizard's Chair/Burning Man carving at the original intended site along the Nature Trail, where the forest trail forks off the creek trail, and offered alternative sites. The Wizard's Chair will be placed at the trailhead at the east end of the City Park, and the Burning Man carving at the trailhead off Indian Trail Avenue. There was no objection.

Weidner reported: he is getting a Temp Service person to help with parks maintenance; a tree blew down at the Scenic Lands Park, it has been pulled off the neighbor's property and the plan is to leave the rounds on park land, chipping limbs on site; brush cutting in Whale Park; Fleet of Flowers is in full swing at the Community Hall; Pogo is working on the handrail and placing gravel under benches. He asked the Commission to provide a list of things to do, and asked again that Commissioners review the proposed landscape plan for the bridge and let him know what the Commission thinks. Spores asked about the drainage ditch running the length of the park; vegetation trimming along the creek; Graham St. trail hand railings and gravel; Alsea Ave. trail hand railings; vegetation trimming by the bench at the Community Hall. Spores handed Weidner his list. Weidner reported the VFW Memorial repair is done, Pogo did a good job; he has learned that people have hit their heads on a beam at the Community Hall, that needs to be addressed; the County Crew opened the new trail section to the "Bowl" tree off the Park Nature Trail.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Depoe Bay Park Stone Sign – Spores said the sign is to be placed by the large planters at the park entrance, it is to be placed by June 12th, but the contractor may need their trailer before then. The sign may be relocated to the other side of the parking area, near the memorial bench. He will contact the Old Stoners to find out the weight of the stone sign. Weidner advised that the stone sign will not be re-located once placed, need to avoid placing it over any underground utility lines such as sewer or water. He is having a new “park rules” sign made to replace the existing one, which will be relocated to another location. Weidner left the meeting.

B. Harbor Historical Information Sign – Spores reported that Jaci McKim is working with Murray at this time on an electronic version of sign layout. White said when done, he wants to take it to the US Coast Guard, to see if they would be interested in an accompanying sign. Brief discussion on possible locations occurred.

C. Park Dedication – Spores suggested scheduling the event for Saturday, August 16th. There was brief discussion on fishing seasons, with no objections to the August 16 date.

D. Park Walking Guides – Spores said Commissioner Thomas has ideas on revising the trail guide brochures, and to include the City Park Nature Trail. Murray referred to a sample that had been provided by Jaci McKim at the time she filled the city’s brochure order last year (copy attached to the original of these minutes). White suggested a separate brochure for the City Park Nature Trail. Hickerson agreed. Granat suggests one brochure with additional fold-outs. Spores said his calls to Commissioner Bond have gone unanswered.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Spring Clean-Up - Spores said the playground needs to be cleaned up and other items have been discussed during the Superintendent’s Report.

B. Memorial Bench Order & Placement Request – Watterberg - Watterberg’s order form (copy attached to the original of these minutes) was reviewed, and her request for placement at Whale Park was discussed. It was noted that Whale Park is not an approved site for placement of memorial benches and the existing benches at Whale Park are different than the memorial benches. The Commission will look into the possibility, and ask Weidner to provide information for discussion at the next meeting.

C. Landscape Proposal – Creative Landscape & Maintenance – previously discussed, see Superintendent Report.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS’ CONCERNS - White is concerned about sign pollution in the park. Granat is happy to be on the Parks Commission. Spores is happy to have him.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder