

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 18, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.  
Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair Bill Spores, Michael Granat, Jim Hayes, Verla (Maggie) Thomas, Ken White

ABSENT: C. Bond, B. Hickerson

STAFF: City Superintendent Brady Weidner (5:00-5:30 pm), City Recorder Pery Murray

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVE MINUTES – May 21, 2014 Regular Meeting**

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Spores, Thomas

ABSTAIN: Granat, Hayes

**III. PUBLIC INPUT – None**

**IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Weidner reported for replanting the riparian area by the new park bridge, 10 Salal and 4 Wax Myrtle plants, and organic mulch has been purchased, not yet installed. The Lincoln County Work Crew spent a day removing ivy from the lot by the old book store. Spores noted that is private property. The Work Crew also cleaned and groomed trees in Jackson Park (by Emerald Coast Realty) and removed ivy at the little strip of land on the north side of North Point by Pirate Cove. The large stone sign has been installed in City Park with the help of Dan Price Construction. At the City Council meeting last night the Council had issue with the Old Stoner logo on the sign. Hayes reported that the logo would be removed tomorrow, and may be placed on another location on the stone. Weidner will have 10 yards of beach sand brought in, he'll have the Temp Service person spread the sand. The boat has been installed and the residual concrete was placed around the stone sign. Hayes asked if weeds can be removed before the sand is brought in. Weidner reported that the spring on Wally the Whale is broken, two more springs have been ordered. He plans to continue the gravel work for the roadway to the Salmon Bake fire line area. Work on the handrails and gravel at Graham and Alsea SVA's will be done soon. Spores asked when the Lincoln County Crew is scheduled. Weidner said in August for two days a week for a two week period. A group of teenagers from the Community Consortium Natural Resource Team are cleaning the fish plant, cleaned and organized the Rowing Club's equipment. White said he noticed some people working with a forklift on a pile of rotten boards by the fish plant. Weidner believes that was the Taunton's removing their old docks, although the neighboring property owner is also doing cleanup.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Depoe Bay Park Stone Sign** – Discussed during Superintendent Report.

**B. Harbor Historical Information Sign** – Spores invited Jaci McKim to come forward. McKim distributed copies of two sign layouts (copies attached to the original of these minutes) she'd prepared, noting one is a first history sign based on the draft from Pery, suggesting a series of signs, the second could cover the 1950's to present and the third a harbor future sign. She recommends revising the sign title to read "Depoe Bay and the World's Smallest Harbor" and adding wording to inform people of the difference between the Bay and the harbor. McKim also submitted a proposal to do a video history of the Depoe Bay Harbor featuring an interview with Fred Robison (copy attached to the original of these

minutes). She requested feedback from the Commission on sign content, size, one or multiple signs, and the video idea. She explained that Fred Robison is not aware of the idea, didn't want to approach him unless the Commission is interested. Discussion followed, including costs of videos, possible grant funding, the city's current tourism promotion video project, availability of videographers.

McKim presented information on brochure printing (copy attached to the original of these minutes), which she had been discussing with Commissioner Thomas. Thomas reported that she'd learned there are more of the existing brochures left than she'd thought, it will take a while to go through the supply. She suggests one brochure for all trails due to limited rack space at businesses. McKim explained that is the concept the prices are for on the handout. Thomas suggests revisiting the matter when fewer brochures remain.

Spores asked if the signs should be slanted (like park interpretive signs) at the seawall. Hayes suggested Commissioners review McKim's drafts and provide comments at the next meeting. Spores asked about costs. McKim said she has about 8 hours into the sign project at \$25 per hour. Thomas suggested Councilor Hoitink speak to the City Council about possibly adding the Fred video in with the city's video project. Spores suggested it be a separate project. Spores confirmed that the Commission is considering two harbor history signs, ancient and recent history respectively, asking McKim for an estimate of costs to finalize the work. McKim estimates, depending on what revisions the Commission will want, an additional 3 hours or so. McKim was thanked and she left the meeting. Spores asked everyone to review the draft signs and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. He will attend the next Harbor Commission to discuss the harbor history sign project with them.

**C. Walking Tour Brochures** – Discussed during previous agenda item.

**D. Memorial Bench Order & Placement Request - Watterberg** Spores said Weidner has confirmed the existing bench at Whale Park could be replaced with a memorial bench. The Commission needs to decide if to recommend to the City Council that the request to place the memorial bench at Whale Park be approved. He noted that Whale Park is not an approved memorial bench site, that is why it needs to go to the Council. Discussion ensued on the plaque wording and heart symbol, it was confirmed the bench company can do what is requested. Spores asked if the Commission wants to recommend all three benches at Whale Park be made available for memorial benches. Discussion followed, with it being agreed to only discuss this one requested site at this time.

MOTION: Hayes moved to recommend to the City Council to place a memorial bench at the site of the south bench at Whale Park for Marilyn Watterberg. Granat seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Hayes, Spores, Granat, Thomas

Murray said the recommendation will go to the City Council at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**E. Landscape Proposal – Creative Landscape & Maintenance** – Thomas said Weidner told her he is not using the company to do the work, they assisted him with getting cost estimates. Spores said that when Weidner gets help, he'll be moving ahead on this.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Spring Projects** - Spores asked for input on Spring Projects. Thomas said she'll be distributing trail brochures. Hayes said the Community Hall ADA bathroom needs a new sink and plumbing. Granat

said he is going to get together with Weidner about lighting at the seawall by the spouting horn. Spores advised that there are some people who wouldn't want lights in the area. White suggested cleaning up the old aquarium pumphouse concrete and pipe on the rocks west of the seawall by Whale Park. Spores will talk to John Woodmark, former aquarium owner, about the matter. Sending a letter to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department was discussed. Hayes said the City Park drainage ditch needs to be redone. Spores said the brush at Whale Park still needs to be trimmed. The status of the Scenic Lands Park Improvements Project was briefly discussed. It was noted the Oregon Parks & Recreation grant for the project has a 2015 completion deadline.

**B. Commissioner Attendance** – There was no discussion.

**VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS** - None

**VIII. ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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Bill Spores, Chairman

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Pery Murray, City Recorder