

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

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

ABSENT: C. J. Bond, Jim Hayes, Verla (Maggie) Thomas

STAFF: City Superintendent Brady Weidner (5:00-6:00 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 – July 16, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Spores, Hickerson

III. PUBLIC INPUT – None

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT -

Weidner provided an update on work on the park bridge, still need plants for the planter boxes, likely will wait till spring. Ken White has contact information for obtaining plants. Weidner reported vandalism to the tree planted in the Wizard's Chair, we hope to save the broken tree; trail maintenance needs to be done including removing wet leaves off the bridges and possibly installing slip-proof treads on the steps; a tsunami evacuation map sign needs to be placed in the City Park, requests the Commission's input on location. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to place the sign by the Park Rules & Regulations sign. Weidner asked for approval to remove the dead tree by the gazebo, it was agreed to do so.

Weidner reported on the private property owner encroachment into park and street right-of-way in the North Point area, the property owner built a log & rope fence on public property. He has been working with the property owner to correct the situation, has given him a deadline and will follow up with him. In the matter of the Inn at Arch Rocks' issue with the city bench on Floral Ave., the bench will not be relocated, but the city has to do stormdrain work in the area, so it will not be accessible during that work; Arch Rock installed a fence which encroaches into the right-of-way. Spores asked about the people who are unhappy with the city bench in the Lee St. right-of-way; he understands that they have spoken with City Planner Lewis, who asked them to write a letter if they wish to pursue the matter, no letter has been received yet. Weidner said one bench has been installed at the new crab cooking area in the harbor, there are two more benches in storage. Spores mentioned invasive species plants along the Nature Trail in City Park. Weidner said ivy is the big issue, and in some areas scotchbroom, the Lincoln County Teen Crew does ivy mitigation, but he is not sure of their schedule. White suggested a community volunteer effort. Spores asked Weidner to prioritize removal of ivy and scotchbroom, and to keep him updated. Weidner reported that reclaimed lumber from the fish plant had been used to fabricate replacement benches along the Nature Trail; someone hacked vegetation along the trail with a machete, it is anticipated the damaged vegetation will grow back. Discussion ensued regarding placing signs such as "report vandalism", or "use machete on ivy only", and whether there should be more benches along the trail. White agreed to walk the trail with Weidner to identify possible bench sites and report to the Commission at the next meeting.

White suggested plants be placed around the rock sign in the City Park, and re-doing the Salmon Enhancement signs. Weidner said he would bring the sign question up to the Salmon Enhancement

Commission. Spores suggested placing a memorial bench for Skip Hoytink at Whale Park, possibly funded by Chamber of Commerce Salmon Bake dollars. He asked for the Commission's approval to allow him to come up with wording for the plaque.

MOTION: White moved to approve Spores to obtain funding and provide wording for the plaque for a memorial bench for Skip Hoytink. Granat seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Spores, Hickerson

White suggested placing rock signs at city properties, such as along the North Point trail/scenic view areas, the rock signs would not have any wording, just the city logo. These signs would act as identifiers of public access areas. Spores asked White to get together with Jim Hayes to discuss further.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Scenic Park Grant – Spores asked everyone to review City Planner Lewis' memo (dated Oct. 9, 2014, copy attached to the original of these minutes). Weidner left the meeting.

B. Harbor Historical Information Sign – Spores asked White to set up a meeting with Jaci McKim, Fred Robison, White and himself. White noted that Betty Taunton has many historical photos, and he agreed to set up the meeting to work on the sign.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorial Benches - Discussed during City Superintendent Report

B. Park Priorities – Discussed during City Superintendent Report

C. Nature Trail: Invasive Species Control, Benches – Discussed during City Superintendent Report

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - White said with the state of the world and country, his only concern is better communication between the Harbor Commission and the Parks Commission. Granat said the Parks Commission should be thinking about ways to remember Skip as parks are developed. Spores said we should be getting Skip's bench soon. Hickerson referred to invasive species information from Beanie/Salmon Enhancement Commission (copy attached to the original of these minutes), he would like to see ivy and scotchbroom removed.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder