

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.  
Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair Bill Spores, Michael Granat, Jim Hayes, Ken White  
ABSENT: (none - Bond, Hickerson, Thomas terms expired 12/31/14)  
STAFF: 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 – November 19, 2014 Regular Meeting**

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Hayes, Spores

**III. PUBLIC INPUT – None**

**IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Weidner's written report was reviewed (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Hayes asked what the status is on the deck encroachment on Bay St. Murray reported that Mr. Schmidt had emailed the County Building Inspector saying he would have the encroaching deck removed by February 15, 2015. There was brief discussion on bench locations, there are two benches in storage that need to be placed. Spores will follow-up with Weidner on the slipping problem on park bridges.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Scenic Park Grant** – City Planner Lewis' Park Boundary Map and Site Plan were reviewed (copies attached to the original of these minutes) Murray reported the engineer has completed the survey, engineered plans are being prepared (improvements in the area at the southern end of the park). Spores reviewed a memo from Lewis dated 10/9/14 from the October 15, 2014 Parks meeting (copy attached to the original of these minutes).

**B. Lee Street Parking** – Spores said that the last time the Commission discussed this matter, the Commission decided that two parking spaces are okay, blocking off the rest of the parking area at the Lee Street Scenic View Area site. Granat said that will reduce the parking by half, he is concerned about setting a precedent, he prefers to retain all the parking. He understood the problem was that people were getting onto the property owner's deck and that he was building a fence which would solve the problem. White feels that placing a log to restrict parking to two spaces at the site is not a problem. Hayes said if the property owner puts up a 6' fence it should alleviate his problem and he recalls the Commission had previously discussed placing a log restricting parking to keep people from going too far west to park. Granat reiterated that he doesn't think parking should be reduced at the site. Spores suggested waiting until the property owner builds his fence, then re-assess the matter. There was no objection.

Hayes wanted to re-visit the funding of the Scenic Park Improvements project. There was discussion regarding the project components, it was clarified that the project includes the four "Highway 101 Open Space" projects identified in the 2012 Parks Master Plan Update (pages 61 – 68).

**C. Harbor Historical Sign** - Jaci McKim distributed a redraft of the sign layout which includes revisions from the previous review (copy attached to the original of these minutes). She noted that

White had provided rewording for the top of the sign (not included on the redraft), and a more recent-time photo, provided by Fred Robison, is added in the lower right corner. White's rewording is "You may not know this: The body of water known as Depoe Bay lies to the west of Hwy 101 between North Point and South Point. The 6 ½ acre Depoe Bay Harbor lies to the east and southeast of the bridge." It was agreed to use this wording. Discussion followed, including the number of signs which could be included in the project, potential locations and spacing of multiple signs, and that the US Coast Guard may provide a sign. The re-draft layout was reviewed, it was agreed to: delete the "distant" bridge/harbor photo as it is redundant to the "near" bridge/harbor photo that shows the Community Hall; add the Columbia Seafood Packers/commercial fishing boats photo next to the Fred Robison Deep Sea Fishing photo (charter fishing replacing commercial fishing). McKim had to leave the meeting. Discussion continued, it was agreed to delete the channel entrance at low tide photo as it is redundant to the 1910 high tide photo and add the dry harbor photo with text regarding the flume. Murray agreed to contact McKim with these final revisions.

**D. Stone Signs** – White said people don't know what or where the Scenic View Areas (SVA) are, they need to be identified, he suggests carrying through with the rock sign theme. Hayes said the rock sign at the Scenic Park cost \$575, the big one at the City Park was under \$5,000. He agreed to contact the Old Stoners for cost estimate for smaller rock signs, without the city logo, only wording. Spores brought forward the matter of the ship's anchor donated to the city by Betty Taunton, and potential placement locations. Discussion followed, including: placing the anchor in the corner of the Community Hall parking lot at the curve where the street turns to the harbor, with a rock sign "Depoe Bay Harbor Entry"; placing the anchor at City Hall, Whale Park (suggested by Craig Taunton), or at the Scenic Park area landing improvements (between Whales Rendezvous and Emerald Coast Realty); Whale Park is already crowded with amenities, pedestrian traffic volume is high there and the anchor may be attractive to climb on; the engineer working on the landing improvements at the Scenic Park would need to factor in the weight of the anchor. Spores said he will speak to Craig Taunton, let him know the Commission favors the Community Hall parking lot site, and if not there, then at City Hall.

**E. Bench Locations** – Hayes said that each year during Salmon Bake, David Barkhurst was always at the same spot, he'd like to place a memorial in the grassy area near his spot. Spores said there are Council approved memorial bench sites in that area. He said there have been discussions about placing benches (not memorial) in the bulb-outs at highway crosswalks, and asked Commissioners to keep bench locations in mind for future discussions.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. City Park Nature Trail Expansion** - Discussion occurred on expanding the City Park Nature Trail along the east side of South Depoe Creek per the 2012 Parks Master Plan Update, page 56. Staff was asked to request City Planner Lewis provide a photo of the area with an overlay showing property lines and a 50 foot riparian setback from the creek to aid in future discussions.

**B. 2015 – 2016 Budget Priorities** – Spores asked all members to think about projects for the upcoming budget and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

**VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS** - There were none.

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

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Bill Spores, Chairman

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Pery Murray, City Recorder