

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, M. Granat, J. Hayes, R. Hickerson, R. Salazar, K. White

ABSENT: (none – one vacant position)

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Superintendent B. Weidner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVE MINUTES – March 18, 2015 Regular Meeting**

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve the March 18, 2015 minutes as written. White seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Hayes, Hickerson

ABSTAIN: Spores, Salazar

**III. PUBLIC INPUT – None**

**IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Weidner reported the following: The Hoitink and Barkhurst memorial benches have been ordered; the area around the bench near Arch Rock where the storm drain was installed and the area that had been torn up at the Nature Trail head in the City Park have been filled and reseeded; a tree blew down on the steps of bridge 2 on the Nature Trail, there was no damage to the bridge and the debris has been cleaned up; the City Crew is looking at the best way to clean the tables along the trail, removing the linseed oil, applying something to prohibit mold, being careful not to use chemicals; a group of trees have been removed from the Scenic Lands Park, north of Tidal Raves, which had been vandalized and were dying; he has received the Commission's list which he'll review and come up with a schedule.

**A. Spring Projects – County Crew – Nature Trail:** Spores asked if the County Work Crew has been scheduled. Weidner said not yet, will do so in the upcoming budget year. Also, he has not heard back from Virginia Tardewether on getting her crew scheduled for ivy removal. **Playground Wall:** Weidner is thinking about budgeting for Dan Price and the County Work Crew for this project. Discussion ensued regarding doing the work this fiscal year. Weidner asked if the Commission would be interested in a different wall design. It was agreed to keep the wall design the same. Weidner will address drainage issues when replacing the wall. **Steps on Alsea Trail:** It was discussed that tree roots are the problem on the trail and steps are needed. Weidner suggested gravel-in-wood-frame steps, like the Scenic Lands Project steps. **Install Two Benches:** Spores suggesting placing a bench at the Alsea Trail, at the end of Alsea overlooking the cliff. Weidner said that Mendenhall has asked the city to place “no dumping” signs there to keep people from dumping their yard clippings. Spores suggested talking to people in the neighborhood instead of placing signs. It was agreed to place one bench by the Alsea Avenue trail, overlooking the cliff (ref page 36 of the Parks Master Plan). Discussion ensued on placement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bench. Suggestions included in City Park at the entrance to the Nature Trail, on private property by the Mazatlan Restaurant, in the City Park by the little “dock” at the creek. **Parking Lot Planters:** It was clarified that this matter relates to the planter areas in the boat launch parking lot. Weidner reported it is difficult to maintain plants, the river rock is fine, and suggested planting a tree.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Harbor Historical Signs –** White said the sign has been ordered. Weidner said there was a slight cost increase (pedestal), he anticipates 6 weeks for the sign to be received and installed. More historical signs will be discussed in the future. Salazar suggested a media event when the sign is installed.

B. **Rock Signs** – Hayes reviewed handouts (copies attached to the original of these minutes), that show lettering font styles, rock sizes and price estimates for 3 Scenic View Area (SVA) signs and a larger harbor entrance sign. SVA sign 1 for the Graham St. site, SVA sign 2 (with arrows) for the Alsea Ave. site, he suggests mounting at an angle. Also included is a 3<sup>rd</sup> SVA sign- site to be determined. The harbor entrance sign location is at the Community Hall parking lot curb, and is proposed to be lighted. The costs are for the signs and do not include concrete or other installation costs. He would like to present to the City Council for their approval on Tuesday, 2 – 3 SVA signs and the harbor entrance sign.

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve four rock signs to be presented to the City Council, the harbor sign at the Community Hall and three SVA signs at Graham, Alsea and a site to be determined. Granat seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Salazar

Discussion ensued on the Chamber of Commerce “Welcome to Depoe Bay” sign needing repair. Spores offered to speak with the Chamber. Hayes asked about spin cups for the City Park playground. Weidner said he is budgeting for those. White asked Weidner to look into lighting for the harbor sign. Weidner said he is researching solar lights for other signs.

C. **Walking Guides** – Spores said the city has provided one trail guide and he’d like to see a guide that includes the rest of the trails. He has spoken with Jaci McKim and she is willing to help. Granat said he liked Fran’s suggestion to add wording regarding being safe and considerate. Spores prefers one brochure for all trails instead of individual trail brochures. He asked Granat to work with Jaci McKim. White suggested including photos of the rock signs to serve as location identifiers. Granat agreed to work on the brochures.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Nature Trail Expansion** – Spores reviewed items previously discussed, including: grant funding, fundraising, addressing private property issues, focusing on expanding the trail along the east side of South Depoe Creek. White offered to meet with City Planner Larry Lewis. Spores asked Salazar to work with White, and asked them to bring a plan to the next meeting. Weidner reported the trail switchback to the nursing tree is completed, and suggested naming the tree and adding a sign.

B. **Spring Planters** – Discussion ensued on the status of the volunteer (Adopt-A-Planter Program) and maintenance issues with the planters at Whale Park, the City Park and by the Community Hall. Weidner said the City Crew can take over the care of these planters, but asked if there may be volunteer help with the watering. He also asked about the planter at the west end of the City Park bridge. Spores said he will speak with City Crew Eric.

## VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS’ CONCERNS

Spores asked the status of the anchor. Weidner would like to see it placed at City Hall. White suggested placing it by the harbor entrance sign at the Community Hall. White asked about the mess by the boat ramp, concrete and pipe. Weidner said that is on private property. Hayes suggested the city contact the owner about cleaning it up. Granat said he’d attended the joint harbor meeting, Steve did a good job facilitating. Salazar offered to attend the City Council meeting in support of Hayes’ presentation.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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Bill Spores, Chairman

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