

Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

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

ABSENT: R. Hickerson

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:02 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – April 15, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes as written. Granat seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Hayes, Spores, Salazar

III. PUBLIC INPUT – None

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Spores said the City Superintendent is out and will bring information at a later time on the listed agenda items – Stairs and Railing at Alsea and Graham Trails and Clearing of the City Park Nature Trail. He said that removal of the bumper at the corner of the Community Hall parking lot will occur before the curbs are done.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Historical Signs – White distributed handouts of some of his ideas for three signs (copies attached to the original of these minutes). Spores reported that Newport Sign Co. said the Harbor History sign will be done next week. He added that Skip's bench was installed last week and the sign will be placed next to it. Commissioners reviewed White's handouts and discussion followed. It was noted that Betty Taunton has photos from the Cuckoo's Nest filming. The number and size of signs and placement spacing was discussed. White asked to work with Jaci McKim on doing sign layouts. Granat referenced the proposed wording on "The Japanese Connection" handout, suggested placing an identifier somewhere in the harbor of the 40 foot mark. Salazar said Toledo has signs with a different look and offered to provide photos. Spores wants to not create sign clutter. It was agreed that White will contact Jaci McKim, and Spores asked White for a report at the next meeting.

B. Rock Signs - Hayes reported the Old Stoners are working on the SVA signs, and are looking for the rock for the Harbor Entrance sign.

C. Walking Maps - Granat reported he is talking with Jaci McKim regarding a single, tri-fold brochure with all trail maps, which would include North Point, South Point and the City Park Nature Trail. He distributed a handout – "proposed walking guide index" for review (copy attached to the original of these minutes). He'd like to work with McKim on a draft layout to bring to the Commission. Spores said we need to distribute the existing brochures and Salazar offered to help distribute to resorts.

Spores said he'd intended to have the proposed extension of the Nature Trail on this agenda for discussion. White will follow-up with City Planner Lewis about sending a letter to the property owner.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorial Bench Order and Placement Request/Moore - Spores moved this item back to accommodate moving up the Memorial Wall Future item. He invited Bruce Silver to come to the podium.

C. Memorial Wall Future – Silver said he had recently made the City Council aware that the existing Memorial Wall will be full in about four years and if the City wants to continue the Memorial Wall Plaque Program he would recommend adding another wall to the north of the existing wall. He provided a brief history of the Memorial Wall, including that he and his wife Bette had donated the metal brackets for the Memorial Wall when the wall was moved to Whale Park in 2002-03. He said he can no longer commit to donating materials but would continue to volunteer his time. He added that he is here because the City Council has referred the matter to the Commission for recommendation so he wanted to provide information. Hayes suggested scheduling a site visit, inviting Sliver to attend. A site visit at the Memorial Wall was scheduled for June 3rd at 11:00 a.m. City Superintendent Weidner will be invited.

A. Memorial Bench Order and Placement Request/Moore - The Memorial Bench order was reviewed (copy attached to the original of these minutes). It was suggested to place the bench at the Alsea Ave. SVA site, or by the Harbor Historical sign.

MOTION: Granat moved to approve the order for the Memorial Bench as presented, site at the City Park location, and the requested wording be approved. Hayes seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Granat, Hayes, Spores, Salazar

B. Memorial Bench Program Future - Discussion ensued on the program policy, including commitment to maintain benches in perpetuity, or not. It was suggested that the program could be expanded for memorial benches to be placed at SVA sites, where the Master Plan shows a bench location. Ron Gilliam, present in the audience, cautioned that some proposed bench locations will impact neighboring property owners and he said those property owners should be able to provide input before benches are placed. He noted that if a bench were placed in the easement by his house it would be within 5 feet of his deck.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Hayes will contact the Old Stoners regarding selecting the rock for the Harbor Entrance sign. Salazar said people are telling him that they often pick up trash along the North Point Trails, he asked about placing a refuse bin and putting on a regular pickup schedule. Spores said a dog doo station is also needed. Hayes said there are three entrances to the trail with Lee St. in the middle, do we need something at each entrance? White said steps need to be cut in at Lee St., people are cutting steps in now. Bette Silver, present in the audience, said she was involved in the city's visioning plan some years ago, and noted that there is deeded park land surrounding North Point, if the City is going to put benches out there, people need to be reminded that it is deeded park land. Brief discussion followed on possible locations for garbage cans including at the Yokohama trail off Vista St., at the trail entrances, or by the picnic table. Salazar noted there will be increased use by encouraging use through brochure map distribution. Spores will speak with Weidner and Utility Worker Eric Watkins about garbage cans and dog stations at North Point, as well as bark on Lee St. and Alsea and cutting in steps.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder