

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, M. Granat (ar 6:13 pm), J. Hayes (ar 6:11 pm), R. Hickerson,
R. Salazar, K. White

ABSENT: none (one vacant seat)

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Planner Larry Lewis (lv 5:37 pm)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVE MINUTES – May 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION: White moved to approve the May 21, 2015 minutes as written. Hickerson seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Spores, Hickerson, Salazar

III. PUBLIC INPUT – Keith Johnson said he has spoken with City Planner Larry Lewis about parking at Lee St., he has reviewed the Parks Master Plan and noted that the Lee St. SVA is the only site with two-deep parking so he feels no precedent would be set by limiting the parking to one-deep at that site. (copy of Lewis' memo dated June 10, 2015, Lee Street Lookout Trail Parking Request attached to the original of these minutes). Discussion ensued, including cars being blocked in, placing a timber or some other obstruction to limit parking to two cars side-by-side, doing landscaping work, creating a more scenic area with enhanced access to the trail, placing a garbage can and doggie doo-doo station at the site.

MOTION: Salazar moved to accept the proposal as planned. White suggested that Lewis draw up the plan and seconded the motion.

Spores said the plan is to block off two parking spaces, preferably staggered, and do landscaping work.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Spores, Hickerson, Salazar

ABSTAIN: Hayes

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Spores reviewed City Superintendent Brady Weidner's report (copy attached to the original of these minutes), which provided updates on various projects. Hickerson noted the garbage can for Lee St. SVA as previously discussed.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Lee Street Lookout Trail – Parking Restriction Request – Discussed and acted on under Public Input portion of the meeting.

B. Scenic Lands Park Improvements Project - Lewis reviewed the project arborist report (copy attached to the original of these minutes) with the Commission, noting the north central portion (area south of Tidal Raves) is problematic if the city proceeds with the plan to develop trails. He shared photos of the area, taken today, which show the thick ivy and brush growth. He said the removal of most of the trees will change the character of the area, but it would be safer for public access, as well as more accessible. He suggested first clearing the area of brush and ivy and see where the project budget is before considering any tree removal. Hayes suggested doing nothing in this area and concentrating on the other two areas of the project. White suggested controlling ivy with chemicals. Ivy control efforts

and methods were discussed. It was agreed to remove the ivy and brush to clear this area, then assess the area for further improvements (trails), and not to cut any trees now. Lewis reported on the south end portion of the project (landing and stairs) that the ODOT permit for work in the highway right-of-way was submitted in April and is still being processed. He confirmed the State Parks grant for the project has a close date of October 31st. There was further review and discussion of the arborist report. Lewis left the meeting at 5:37 pm.

C. Walking Brochure - Granat reported he has spoken with Jaci McKim, she'd like to do a pirate theme. He offered to forward an email from Jaci with a price quote. Spores asked if there is a schedule. Granat said she is very busy now doing work for the City Council for federal grant money, and she may be able to work on brochures by the end of the summer.

D. Historical Signs – White reported he has talked with Jaci McKim and she agreed to work on signs and contacted Betty Taunton regarding photos. Spores asked about sign locations. White said locations haven't been specified yet, but likely along the seawall, maybe on a fence.

E. Stone Signs - White said the three SVA signs are done and ready for delivery. The larger harbor sign could be on a base to raise it, which he has discussed with Weidner. Discussion followed, including coordinating with Weidner for site prep and placement schedule, the big rock is in Bend, the big rock is being cut and the piece may be able to be used for another sign, concrete will be poured for the anchor by the sign so use concrete to raise the rock sign.

Spores brought up the Alsea bench and placing a “no dumping” sign where cuttings are being dumped, having the Lincoln County Crew work on the Alsea trail steps. He asked everyone to look again where the harbor history sign will be placed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Granat asked about the discussion and Commission action on the Lee Street parking restriction. He asked for re-consideration by the Commission on the matter. Brief discussion ensued.

Hickerson said he, White and Salazar met with Bruce Silver at the Memorial Wall. They discussed a simple, low-cost, effective way to add another wall. There is room at the edge of the concrete which will leave about 30” between the existing and new walls.

Salazar recommends the Commission discuss policy on smoking in City parks, noting that Newport just passed No Smoking in the parks. He added that marijuana is coming and he'd like to see this issue on a future agenda.

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

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder