

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

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, M. Granat, K. White (arr 5:03 pm), J. Hayes, R. Hickerson, R. Gilliam

ABSENT: R. Salazar

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 – August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Granat moved to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes as written. Hickerson seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Granat, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson, Gilliam

III. PUBLIC INPUT – none

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Weidner presented City Planner Lewis' drawing of the Scenic Lands Park area south of Tidal Raves (copy attached to the original of these minutes), which shows a plan for the Commission's consideration. He said Dan Price Construction cleaned up debris, including car parts, tires, stumps. Fran Recht provided information on an upcoming native plant sale at the County. Lewis may ask the arborist to revisit the site now that the ivy and brush has been removed.

Spores interrupted, to ask Beanie Robison to speak on New Business Item A. Salmon Information Sign. Robison, Chair of the Depoe Bay Salmon Enhancement Commission, said he likes the idea and has key pieces of information for a sign. He is interested in what the Parks Commission's ideas are. White said people don't know about the Salmon Enhancement Program, he feels there would be interest. Robison said education is key, as is the connection with Neighbors For Kids (NFK). Robison provided White with information and offered the Salmon Enhancement Commission's assistance on the sign project. He offered to work with White on sign content, then where to place it. Spores said Winchell St. is a possible location. Discussion followed on Winchell St. Robison spoke to the steepness of the hill being a problem for pedestrian use, which trail development may alleviate, but he would like to see the Parks Commission direct foot traffic to a less congested area. Spores said another idea is to develop Winchell St. as a street with parking. It may be where Jim Tate memorial bench is placed. Robison left the meeting.

Weidner continued his report. He said that at last night's City Council meeting, the Council discussed applying for a grant to replace the Bay St. stairs by the Community Hall, or to engineer the area to possibly design a ramp there. The Commission had no input for the Council. He asked about developing a trail on Davenport St. up the hill from the east parking lot by the Community Hall. Someone had asked about it, he has already notched out the ties for pedestrian access and could dig out part of the hillside with the backhoe to make a trail up to the top of the bank. He noted the trail will be slippery. Spores asked Commissioners to look at the site for discussion at the next meeting. Weidner said there are grandparents who'd like to see spinning cup playground toys in the park. They cost approximately \$700 each.

MOTION: Hayes moved to authorize ordering two spin cups for the city park. Gilliam seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Weidner said that Dan Price Construction will be working at Alsea and Lee St. SVA's to cut in stairs and to

reset rocks at Lee St. to provide a larger gap, also adding topsoil to groom the trails and plant native vegetation. Spores said Salazar had mentioned removing the rocks and placing bumpers instead. Weidner will work on the Graham St. SVA railing this winter. He found wood in the bus barn to use for the railings then get cedar for hand rails. Spores asked for trail grooming to be a priority.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Harbor Stone Sign** - Hayes reviewed his drawings (copy attached to the original of these minutes) showing how the sign will be installed. Installation is scheduled for next week. Weidner said the mount for the anchor can be fabricated by Gary Walls when the setting is decided. Hayes will meet with Betty Taunton to discuss the anchor. Granat asked Hayes to ask her about Cuckoo's Nest photos. Hickerson suggested the anchor lean against the stone sign.

B. **Lee Street** – discussed earlier under City Superintendent Report.

C. **Walking Maps** – Granat reviewed his list of Jaci's questions (copy attached to the original of these minutes) asking for feedback. It was agreed not to have a pirate theme. Gilliam said people have made a trail by the new bench at the south side of Alsea and at the drop off, have put in a rope to repel down the cliff. Also, yard debris is being dumped there. Discussion ensued on whether the rope should be removed, signs posted, and liability issues. Granat said Jaci is working on getting aerial photos. Hayes suggested Granat and Jaci continue work and bring back to the next meeting. Spores said respecting others property is a priority and asked Commissioners to provide their notes to Granat. Granat said to just drop off at city hall for his inbox there.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Salmon Information Sign** – discussed earlier in the meeting.

B. **Winchell Street – Parks Master Plan** – Weidner noted there had been stairs there before but the City removed them due to liability issues. There also was a bench placed there that was removed due to a complaint from the neighbor. Spores said if stairs were placed again there would need to be railings, and that may encourage use of the parking area above. Weidner said signs have either been removed, replaced or straightened and work has been done below where the stage is parked, including putting in landscape blocks. White suggested having City Planner Lewis work up a design for the area, and possibly getting grant funding for improvements.

C. **Tate Memorial Bench** – Murray reviewed the history, that in November 2012 Ron & Dona Nairn had donated \$100 to the City for a harbor project in memory of Jim Tate. The City Council decided to put the donation towards a memorial bench for Jim Tate and to place the bench at the Winchell Street area, carefully situated to not be looking into anyone's windows. Weidner suggested that placing a bench in the lower area of Winchell St. may avoid another complaint. Granat said that Lewis was Voluntold to work up a design for the area earlier tonight. Spores said that Lewis will be asked to draft up a design based on tonight's comments. The Commission reviewed the Jim Tate Memorial Bench order form. It was noted that Lewis should include the bench in the draft design.

MOTION: Granat moved to approve the memorial bench order as submitted. White seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed

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

Murray asked if the approval included the Winchell Street location. It was agreed to look at Lewis' design then decide where the bench will be placed.

D. **Memorial Picnic Tables** – Weidner reported that the memorial bench company does not make picnic tables, benches only. He suggested ordering a plaque only which could be installed on a picnic table. Discussion ensued on costs, materials (composite plastic, composite rock, concrete, stainless steel brackets), shapes (octagon, old-style picnic table). Spores asked if we want to set up a memorial picnic table program, do we want to stay with the same style as the memorial benches. Granat asked about installation. Gilliam suggested heavy benches, or anchored, so people don't move them which has been an ongoing problem at the Scenic Lands Park . Weidner said the bench that keeps getting moved will be anchored. Hickerson suggested that at certain areas, such as Lee Street where there is heavy surf, solid tables will be needed to avoid damage from breakers.

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Granat asked if the Commission wanted him to guess at any agreement as he compiles replies to Jaci, he will stop by City Hall in a week to pick up comments. Hayes said the rock sign install will be on October 28, concrete, a wheelbarrow and water will be needed. He will get the decorative rock with Hickerson's help. Weidner confirmed the start time is 9:00 – 9:30 a.m., he'll check on use of the Community Hall that day. Hickerson asked how the B&B people are doing with the construction in the park next door. Weidner said after a bit of a rough start things are going okay and the work is about half done. Spores said lets be consistent with Whale Park benches and tables. Gilliam asked if, on existing benches that are not dedicated, could we sell and put plaques on them. Spores said a previous thought was to replace the back board with one with a plaque but then the bench colors would be different. Spores said the whale fountain needs repair, we need to find out what it's going to take. Murray offered to check with Pogo, who was involved with previous repairs on the whale. Spores asked Gilliam to work with White on plans and stay on top of Winchester (Winchell) Street.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder