

Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, M. Granat, K. White, R. Hickerson, R. Gilliam, R. Salazar (arr 5:06 pm)

ABSENT: J. Hayes

STAFF: City Planner L. Lewis, 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 – October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Granat, White, Spores, Hickerson, Gilliam

III. PUBLIC INPUT – Pogo Robison, City Crew, spoke to the Commission about the need to repair the whale at the Whale Fountain, including re-lamination of bondo surface and re-painting. The last repair was done by him (bondo work and repaint with platinum gray) then Mrs. Beemer air-brushed the hi-lites. Discussion ensued including removal for repair, backhoe v. four guys; length of time for the repair estimated at 1 ½ months; conducting the repair after the New Year; cost estimate for materials is \$200; and repair work on the fountain tank being done when dry. Robison also reported that he just refinished the Community Hall floor, and he hasn't gotten much mowing done lately.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Weidner reported that the City submitted a grant application to Lincoln County to replace the stairs at Bay St. He provided information on the project dependent upon the City's success on the grant application. Murray said the grant award announcements typically occur in January. Weidner reported that landscaping efforts are underway at the Scenic Lands Park project, bringing in gravel, cleaning up the neighbor's debris, and plantings. More plants will be obtained during a County native plant sale in January. He had a contractor clean up after the County Crew clearing of the part of the project next to Tidal Raves. He thinks there could be stairs added and planting of Salal to inhibit Ivy regrowth. The trees the arborist recommended cutting are still standing. Lewis said the trees along the Langston property were left, the arborist said if there will be no pedestrians in that area, it is all right to leave the trees; if there will be pedestrians then the trees should be removed.

Weidner reported the Harbor Entrance rock sign is installed, and Gary is fabricating the mount for the Taunton anchor. Spores said that Hayes is working on the plaque for the anchor. Going back to the Scenic Lands Park project, Spores said there likely will not be a Parks Commission meeting in December, he suggested compiling a list of native plants to purchase tonight. Weidner said the plants cost \$1 each, suggesting getting 50 plants, for the Scenic Park project and for other parks. Discussion followed, including: 20 plants for the Scenic Park project in the area next to Tidal Raves, another 20 plants for the area where the new stairs are completed, and 10 plants for other areas, such as Lee St. SVA. Hickerson asked if plants are needed for the City Park bridge planters. Weidner said flax and elderberry have been planted in the planters by the bridge. Spores suggested getting 100 plants. Discussion ensued.

Weidner reported that he had Dan Price Construction working on the Alsea St. trail, cutting in stairs. There is a property pin in the middle of the trail near the little stairs. The property owner still has his fence posts in the right-of-way. Spores asked the status of work at Graham St. SVA. Weidner said the City Crew is getting to the point of being able to work on park projects. Spores reviewed that clearing, pruning and hand rails are needed at Graham, Alsea and Lee St. SVA's.

Weidner reported that a dead tree fell on the City Park nature trail, which the City Crew has removed. The tables and benches still need to be cleaned. Spores said that at the last meeting the Commission discussed a new trail at Davenport St. proposed by Weidner, asking if everyone had been able to visit the site. Gilliam thinks it is a good idea. Granat asked if the entire trail should be graveled, rather than just a section. Spores asked if this should be recommended to the City Council, or just do it. Weidner suggested just doing it. There was no objection.

Spores asked if the Jim Tate Memorial Bench had been ordered. Weidner confirmed that the order has been placed, it normally takes 3 weeks. Weidner reported he has gotten quotes for spinning cups playground equipment.

Spores said that Weidner and Salazar have been researching information on Memorial Picnic Tables, referring to five quotes from Kay Park Recreation for different styles and materials (copies attached to the original of these minutes). The Commission reviewed the quotes, discussion followed. Spores asked Salazar what the Johnson's are looking at, money-wise. Salazar suggested looking at a rectangle shape v. octagon. Weidner recommends stainless steel hardware and concrete installation for the Lee St. SVA. Spores said that if the City is going to start a Memorial Picnic Table Program, the style should be consistent.

Weidner left the meeting at 5:38 pm.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Harbor Stone Sign and Anchor** – Spores said the sign turned out great, Hayes is working on the plaque and positioning of the anchor, asking if it is all right to proceed. There was no objection.

B. **Lee Street** – Salazar believes the rocks placed to restrict parking are being accepted, but he suggests replacing with standard parking berms. He thought the rocks were used because the City had them in stock. Spores said that rocks were obtained and placed due to aesthetics over concrete berms. Granat has not been to the site, but believes that berms would be safer than rocks. Discussion followed, including: vegetation softening the look of concrete berms; replacing the rocks with cedar split rail, they are a nice demarcation and are less obtrusive than rocks; considering wheelchair accessibility and how far along the trail a wheelchair can travel; if hand railings along the stairs are going to wooden, that would flow with split rails for the parking area; the rocks accomplished the goal, but they are massive. White suggests a rail fence, strategically placed boulders and plantings for the SVA. Salazar suggests replacing the table and moving the garbage can near it. Discussion followed, including: the garbage can locations now are conducive to emptying and maintenance, moving a can may be a problem; the garbage can hurts the view, it should be moved, or removed; there also should be a doggie mitt station somewhere in the area. Salazar said he has a commitment to fund a picnic table at Lee St. SVA (Johnson). Spores asked the Commission to decide which style table to recommend. Discussion followed on material type, shape and installation concerns.

C. **Walking Maps** – Granat reviewed his handouts (copies attached to the original of these minutes) in which he's compiled a list of points of interest to include in the trail brochures. He noted that if additional information is to be added, he thinks a quad-fold brochure will be needed, instead of a tri-fold. He is keeping in touch with Jaci.

D. **Salmon Information Sign** – White provided his revised wording (copy attached to the original of these minutes) which focusses on what he believes will be interesting points of information. Spores asked White to coordinate with Beanie Robison on wording for the sign. White agreed to do so.

E. Winchell Street – Parks Master Plan – White noted that City Planner Lewis has drawn up a proposal for the area (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Lewis reviewed the drawing, noting that proposed improvements include: three parking spaces at the western end, a support wall, steps to the trail, a couple parking spaces above near the condos. Discussion followed, including: moving the garbage dumpster to the south where others are located; recommending an agreed-upon plan to the City Council; recommending a Winchell St SVA plan at the same time as recommending a Salmon sign; paving v. gravel parking; the need for cost estimates; contracting the work v. City Crew and/or volunteers. Everyone liked Lewis' proposed plan, no changes were made. It was agreed to discuss this item further at the January 2016 meeting, with additional information on cost estimates, potential grant funding. Lewis asked if a parallel parking space should be added to the plan. Spores replied Yes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B . Extending Trail from SE Davenport St. to SE Bay St. – Previously discussed under Superintendent's Report.

C . Christmas Lighting and Tree - Spores said there will be trees at the Whale Center Building and at Whale Park, asking the Commission for thoughts on lighting and asking the City Council for money. Murray reported the Council had approved \$500 for two trees and lights.

D . City Council Directive: Highway 101 Open Space West Of Bradford St – Scenic Lands Park Murray reviewed the section of the November 3, 2015 Council meeting minutes (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Spores said this item will be on the next Parks Commission meeting agenda.

A . Memorial Picnic Table - Spores reminded everyone that this is the table Salazar has been working on. The quotes from Kay Park Recreation were reviewed. Spores referred to the sales quote for a 4 seat concrete table: table \$911.05, plaque \$180.50, shipping \$460.00, stainless hardware upgrade \$608.00. Salazar asked if this is the octagon table. Brief discussion ensued on the merits of stainless steel hardware. Spores suggested subtracting the \$608 for the stainless hardware upgrade from the total estimate of \$2,159.55. Salazar agreed to do so and take this to the Johnson's. He asked if the City has an order form. Murray replied no, but there is a form for ordering memorial benches which could be used for a picnic table, with revisions. Spores asked if the Commission wishes to start a memorial picnic table program. He asked for a motion to present the Memorial Picnic Table Program to the City Council.

MOTION: Granat so moved. Salazar seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed

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

VII. PARK COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - Due to the time, Spores did not ask for comments.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder