

Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

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

ABSENT: M. Granat, R. Gilliam, R. Salazar

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 5:02 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION: White moved to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes as written. Hickerson seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Spores, Hickerson

ABSTAIN: Hayes

III. PUBLIC INPUT – none.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Weidner reported that North Point property owner Mendenhall has installed an automatic sprinkler irrigation system that sprays water on the city's bench. He plans to write a letter to Mr. Mendenhall. The neighbor on the other side is building a 6' high fence, which should not impede the view from the bench since the fence will be on the east side of the bench. Spores asked if Mendenhall has been told to move his posts out of the right-of-way. Weidner said he'd spoken with Mrs. Mendenhall, who informed him that someone from the city had told them that where they'd moved the posts was okay with the city. Weidner also reported: 1) that about 150 plants, a variety of native species, had been purchased and will be planted in the Scenic Lands Park (part of the improvement project), and along the City Park Nature Trail and bridge; 2) the City Park playground spinner cups have arrived and will be scheduled for the City Crew to install; 3) one handrail has been done at Graham St. SVA, will do the same at Lee and Alsea St. SVA's. There is more cedar planking for the handrails. Hayes asked if Weidner plans to replace the City Park playground wall. Spores thought this could be combined with work on the Winchell St. SVA. Weidner said the existing blocks can be used for the playground wall, buy new blocks for Winchell St. SVA wall, and have a contractor do both. Hayes suggested waiting for the spinner cups installation until drainage work has been done. Weidner said the cups will be placed by the whale and fort so won't impact drainage work. He added that the bridge broke and has been repaired.

Spores changed the order of agenda, to discuss Winchell St. trail while City Planner Lewis is present. Lewis reviewed the Winchell St. SVA plan (copy attached to the original of these minutes), noting that revisions included adding a parking space off BayView Ave., and updated the cost estimate to \$14,500. White noted there are two walls in the plan, one supports the top parking, one retaining at the bottom parking. Hayes suggested adding a railing or bumpers at the top wall, to keep vehicles from running over the wall edge. Lewis said there is enough room to add another parallel parking space. He does not believe this project is a good fit for OPRD grant programs. Murray said there is an ODFW grant program that could potentially support the Salmon sign. Lewis suggests the trail surface be natural, either wood chips or gravel. He added that the wood chips on the City Park nature Trail are mostly gone, washed away with winter rains. Weidner suggested using Central Lincoln PUD's free chips, vs. buying the hard chips, in the future. He feels that a mini-excavator will be needed to level the table area. Hickerson said that with the height difference from top to bottom, something needs to be done including installing steps in the steeper areas. Spores said that the Commission will need to present the plan to the City Council for approval. Lewis left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Spores returned to City Superintendent Report items. Weidner reported that the city did not receive the Lincoln County grant for replacing the Bay St. stairs. Spores asked about Davenport. Weidner said he has met with contractors, trying to figure out how to do the trail improvements without stairs, possibly install retaining walls, cut into the slopes and do a switchback with some steps. Weidner said the County Crew is available this spring, they could re-chip the Nature Trail or do planting. White asked if they could build the wall at Winchell St. SVA. Weidner said a contractor could do the concrete footing base, then the County Crew build the block wall. He added that the top wall needs to support vehicles and may need to be reinforced concrete, which would cost more. Spores asked if there is money in the budget for this project. Murray confirmed that this year's budget includes funding for SVA improvements. Hickerson reported that there is a log wash-out on the City Park Nature Trail that needs to be filled. Weidner said he'll get on it. He gave kudo's to the Commission for the harbor history sign, he gets a lot of great comments on it. Weidner left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Harbor Anchor** – Hayes reviewed his Anchor Placement handout (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Discussion ensued, with it being agreed to proceed as described in the handout.
- B. Winchell St. Trail** – Previously discussed under Superintendent's Report.
- C. Salmon Information Sign** – White said he's asked Murray to review the draft sign text. Murray said she has begun reviewing with Salmon Enhancement Commissioner Paul Carver and will get to White.
- D. Lee Street** – Spores said this will be discussed when Salazar is present.
- E. Walking Maps** – Spores said Granat is waiting for information from Jaci.
- F. City Council Directive-Name the Hwy 101 Open Space West of Bradford St/Scenic Lands Park** – Spores suggested postponing discussion on naming the park area for a year. There was no objection.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nature Trail Needs** – Previously discussed under Superintendent's Report.
- B. Dedication Plaque Hwy 101 Open Space West of Bradford St.** – There was no discussion.

VII. PARKS COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - Hickerson confirmed that the Harbor Anchor will be set per Hayes' drawing. Hayes said he will contact everyone when it is ready to set. White said that he and Hayes will be at the next City Council meeting for interview on their applications for renewed terms on the Parks Commission.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder