

**Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall**

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

ABSENT: R. Gilliam

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 – January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes as written. White seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: White, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson

ABSTAIN: Granat, Salazar

III. PUBLIC INPUT – none.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Weidner reported the steps and railings at Lee St. SVA and Alsea trails are not done; the North Point property owner's fence posts are still in the Right-of-Way, the new fence on the east side is all on private property; City Crew has planted over half of the plants purchased for the SLAP project and the nature trail; benches and table(s) need to be ordered for the SLAP project; the Taunton anchor will be taken to the City Shop where G. Walls will fabricate the bracket; possible upcoming year budget items include Bay St. stairs and sidewalk.

Spores asked about the County Crew. Weidner said they are booked until April, he'd like to use them for clean-up of Trollers Island and some park projects. Discussion ensued, including: landscaping at either end of the City Park bridge; hiring a landscaper to work on the playground wall; using Dan Price Construction for the work at Lee St. SVA and Alsea trails; the Graham St SVA handrails are done, the plastic is coming through the chips on the trail, need gravel and cut steps to the bench; using river rock in the harbor parking lot planters.

Lewis reviewed his handouts on the SLAP project remaining work (copies attached to the original of these minutes) to be done before the grant close-out of April 30th. He noted the revised plan for the area south of Tidal Raves/north of the Langston house. Discussion followed, including bench styles, octagon shaped picnic table, leaving the concrete block/let moss grow on it. Salazar asked if the octagon table is now the city's table style. He has a commitment of \$1,000 for an octagon memorial table from the North Point folks, he'd like to see the city pay for the supports. The Kay Park quote of \$2,159.55 for a concrete octagon table from the last meeting was reviewed. Lewis asked if the Commission approves of the proposed revised plan. Hayes asked if there is room to draw a line on the asphalt to delineate the walkway to the steps. Weidner suggested a contractor be hired to do the steps, the City Crew would install the bench and table, noting that there drop is about 7 feet from the asphalt to the area where the benches and table will be placed. He added that there will be two benches at the Bradford St. area and one bench and picnic table at this area south of Tidal Raves. Discussion included not having people walk down the asphalt at the south side of Tidal Raves, access at the NE corner near the highway sidewalk instead, down the driveway then steps to the bench and picnic table. Lewis suggested assessing the north area trail options in more detail to determine the best option, noting that the goal is to keep pedestrians away from the trees and the Langston house. Spores said that by moving the trail entrance and steps to the NE corner, it will be more visible to users.

MOTION: Hayes moved to revise the plans for the area south of Tidal Raves per Larry's plan, looking at the option of access at the Northeast corner; the picnic table will be octagon concrete composite and the bench. Hickerson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Lewis left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Weidner said that two benches are needed at Bradford area and ground cover on the steep parts. Salazar asked if a picnic table was considered for this area, he thinks it's a great spot for a picnic. After discussion, it was agreed to place the two benches for now.

Weidner said he will come up with a plan for the playground wall by the next meeting. He asked if the Commission wanted to place the bench at Winchell St. SVA. White said the lower wall needs to be built first. Discussion included getting quotes for both walls, placement of the Salmon sign and the bench after the lower wall is built. Beanie Robison, present in the audience asked about the project. Weidner explained the details of planned improvements at Winchell St. SVA. Robison said there is an electrical box in the way. Weidner said it is the harbor water and it could be disguised. Hickerson suggested a plastic rock lid. Wall height and railings were discussed. It was agreed to build the wall, discuss railings at a later date, and place the bench and sign after the wall construction.

White suggested that the trail at Graham St. SVA be regraded, graveled then possibly chips on top. Salazar asked the status of the Lee St SVA stairs, handrails and planters. Weidner said the contractor will be coming back in early March to work on the Lee St SVA and Alsea stairs, which will be like the stairs at Bradford area, rails will be made from cedar posts in stock, landscaping will occur after stair construction. It was noted that a mutt-mitt station is needed in the North Point area, and it was suggested to place one near the street, by the fence at Lee St SVA.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Anchor – Hayes said that G. Walls has the bracket material, needs the anchor moved to the City Shop, hopes to be completed this spring. Weidner asked about a bracket for the plaque. Hayes said it is a small plaque, he suggests working on the plaque at a later date. Spores asked if the sidewalk is in the plan. Weidner said not till next year's budget.

B. Winchell St. Trail – Previously discussed under Superintendent's Report. Weidner said that railings are an issue. White noted that re-shaping the parking will raise the wall height.

Weidner left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

C. Salmon Information Sign – Beanie Robison asked what the Commission's vision is for the sign. He believes the local history needs to be included, noting the Depoe Bay Salmon project is one of the oldest in the state. He said ODFW involvement, local history, contributions to the community and fishery should be included. He is not sure what photos may be available, but he knows some potential resources to check on. Spores asked Robison, White and Murray to work on the sign.

D. Lee Street – Salazar said he is encouraged to hear about the handrails. He will go back to the neighbors for a commitment for more of the table. Murray reported that in drafting an order form for Memorial Picnic Tables, she has questions for the Commission. Does the Commission wish to identify locations for future tables, like was done for the benches, and the table plaques are much smaller than the bench plaques, will there be any rules for plaque wording. Discussion followed, it was agreed that table

sites will not be pre-determined, persons ordering may request a location, but placement will be decided by the Commission on a case-by-case basis. Murray agreed to get information on how many characters can be on the plaques, for further discussion.

E. Walking Maps – Granat had anticipated that Jaci McKim would be here tonight with a rough draft to review. This item is postponed to the next meeting.

F. Nature Trail Needs - Hickerson reported there is nothing new since the last meeting. Spores said he has been thinking about the sign for the Big Stump. White has wording, suggesting a routed sign.

G. Dedication Plaque Hwy 101 Open Space West of Bradford St. – Murray reviewed the idea of placing a small information sign at the wall, constructed with recovered planks from Dock 1 - tsunami damaged in 2011, asking for the Commission’s approval. The Commission agreed with the idea.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Depoe Bay Historical Museum – Spores announced that he’d been approached by Fritz Ford, who has a lot of old photos with no place to put them. He would like to see work begin on a Depoe Bay Museum project and suggests start budgeting for the project. Discussion ensued on possible locations, and collection of historical artifacts/photos.

B. 2016-17 Budget-Commissioner Input– Items noted include: Nature Trail along the east side of South Depoe Creek, the museum project, Winchell St SVA improvements, more signs, Memorial Wall addition at Whale Park, Community Hall sidewalk and parking lot (reference page 19 of the Parks Master Plan). Christmas wreaths on the highway bridge were mentioned, it was noted that is a Chamber of Commerce effort, not the City.

VII. PARKS COMMISSIONERS’ CONCERNS - Spores noted that he will not be a the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder