

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

PRESENT: Chair B. Spores, K. White, M. Granat, J. Hayes, R. Hickerson, R. Gilliam, R. Salazar
STAFF: City Superintendent Brady Weidner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:06 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

Spores said the minutes are not available and postponed this item to the next meeting.

III. PUBLIC INPUT – None.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Weidner reported the fence at the Allyn parking lot is built, it was done by the same contractor who worked on the playground wall, White's Landscaping. They straightened the wall, and the City Crew will grout the top to finish it. The two cup spinners need to be installed at the playground; he has Dan Price working at the Scenic Park to finish the project; Trollers island cleanup went well with the City Crew being helped by the County Work Crew; Lee St. SVA path has been groomed, the path put in and rocks placed, he suggests dumping chips at the site. He has the County Crew for three days in May, he plans to have them work on ivy, trail grooming, boat launch parking lot islands to replace vegetation with river rock. Weidner said a couple City Councilors have mentioned moving the glass recycle container, and asked the Commission what their thoughts are. Brief discussion followed, no one was aware of any complaints, there are no issues with leaving it where it is. Weidner said that he has an ad for a seasonal worker which closes tomorrow. Spores asked about the schedule for the walls at Winchell St. SVA. Weidner said the City Crew will remove the railroad ties, then White's Landscaping will come in to build the walls; anticipating the work will be complete by mid-May.

Spores asked if we are on target for finishing the Scenic Park project. Weidner said yes, noting that 300 native plants were purchased at half price, a better deal than the last time plants were purchased. City Utility Worker Eric Watkins will be working with kids from the Kids Zone on Earth Day to plant trees and shrubs. White asked if any help was needed on Earth Day. Hayes advised the planting begins at 10:00 am on Friday for anyone who wants to help. Spores asked Weidner to follow up on the chipping/flaking memorial plaque on the bench at North Point. Brief discussion followed regarding how to address the problem, repair vs. replace the plaque. Hickerson asked if the pile of gravel by the stairs at Scenic Park (Tsunami Park) will be spread. Spores asked about the tar paper wall with braces encroaching on the Park property at the site. Weidner said the neighbors put up the tar paper wall, the plan is to screen with plants, and the gravel will be spread.

Weidner asked if the Commission wants to get a plaque to glue onto the table for Lee St. SVA. Salazar said that there has been much discussion but he hasn't been updated to move forward with the neighbors who offered to pay for a picnic table at the site. Weidner said he'll order the table if the Commission wants him to. Salazar offered to follow up with the neighbors. Spores said we've never decided to do memorial plaques for tables, suggested ordering just a table if the neighbors would do that. Weidner said he'd move forward on ordering the table, and confirmed that it is a matching style, concrete octagon.

Spores said that trail work is needed at Graham St. SVA, the plastic ground cover is showing through. Weidner said that handrails are needed along the new trail, which is very steep, at the Scenic Park just south of Tidal Raves (Cat Lick Park), also benches need to be placed there; he'll have the County Crew work on

Graham St. trail and on ivy removal; the City Crew placed a mutt mitt dispenser at Lee St. SVA, and they cleaned up the guy's muddy driveway and put on gravel at Alsea by the rock sign. Spores asked about work needed at the other end of the trail at Alsea, near the Spores memorial bench. Weidner said he will need to get a mini-excavator in there, but he has found a property pin in the middle of the trail so he has held off from doing any further work until he can investigate further. He invited Commissioners to visit the site. He confirmed that Mendenhall still has not removed his pilings (fence) from the street right-of-way.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Winchell St. SVA – Salmon Sign, Walls, Trail – White reported that there are some photos for the Salmon sign at the Kids Zone and Brady said he has some photos. Weidner left the meeting. Discussion ensued on the walls, trail and picnic table. Hayes suggested getting the photos together, ask Jaci McKim to look at them and meet with the Commission. McKim, present in the audience, asked about the project. White clarified that it is a sign to promote the Salmon STEP program. McKim offered to help with design work. Spores asked White to continue to organize the sign work.

B. Harbor Anchor – Hayes said that City Lead Wastewater Operator Gary Walls has not been able to build the bracket. He spoke with Weidner about having it installed before Memorial Day Fleet of Flowers, and Weidner will contract the job if need be.

C. Walking Maps – Granat said that Jaci McKim has a rough draft with her tonight. McKim presented a copy for the Commission's review, noting that the text includes general information about Depoe Bay and the trails, what Depoe Bay has to offer, and she added the piece about sunsets because they are so spectacular and there are so many view spots here. She added that it covers the north loop and includes three options: pirate, sea/ocean and harbor. McKim asked for feedback on the draft, both the text and the photos. Granat asked McKim to provide copies for each Commissioner. She agreed to do so, advising it will take time because she has to print in pieces and cut and glue. Spores asked about cost. McKim said she had previously provided a printing price list and right now she has 12 hours in, which is \$300. She estimates 1 to 2 more hours to finish, and she offered to review and confirm the printing prices. Hayes noted the harbor walk is still up in the air. McKim discussed the 2017 eclipse event. Spores asked what McKim needs on the Walking Maps. McKim asked the Commission to decide if other photos are needed, if there should be captions or not, what points of interest to include, if there needs to be any specific information beyond the general information included, and input on readability. Granat said he had the file with the points of interest, which he'll try to locate. Spores asked McKim for copies of the draft she'd presented this evening for each Commissioner. McKim offered to bring enough copies for everyone in a couple days. Granat suggested bringing back proposed revisions to the next meeting and shoot for printing in June. Everyone thanked McKim.

D. Museum – Spores suggested thinking about a committee of interested people to get organized.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Relocate Powerline that Crosses the Channel (USCG) – Spores asked for comments on the view-obstructing power line that crosses the channel. White suggested the City approach the owners about getting an easement on that property, like a scenic easement, so the City can place a bench there, near Mazatlan. Hayes said there are three owners of that property and they have been approached, two are okay with a bench, one building just sold. Spores offered that at this time, the solution is to make a deal with Mazatlan to have a bench on their property with no City involvement.

MOTION: Hayes moved that with Council approval, the Council contact the Coast Guard Station to ask their permission to relocate the powerline that runs north/south on the west side of the Depoe Bay bridge; to relocate it, probably if its required, don't see why it couldn't run under the bridge, attached to the bridge.

Discussion ensued, including: wondering where the power goes to/from, possibility that the line is dead. Spores suggested amending the motion to not make the City responsible to make the change, request that the Coast Guard do it.

MOTION: Hayes moved that the City Council, with their permission, request that the Coast Guard remove the power line, relocate the power line that runs north/south on the west side of the bridge, to remove it from plain sight, put it under the bridge somewhere where it's not in 10,000 pictures taken every year from the bridge, it's very unsightly. White seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Spores said this will be turned over to Pery to get to the City Council.

B. Planters – Spores said this is happening, partially on Friday. He is concerned about guidance for the kids planting. Hayes said he is going to clean the rock park sign across from Wing Wa, and the one at North Point, asking for help next week to do so. He offered to email Commissioners with the selected date.

VII. PARKS COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - Granat is thinking about getting done in next month, everyone providing input on what we want, could hash out the changes next month, be done in June and move forward with printing. McKim said she'll get copies to members in the next couple days, and if Commissioners can have their input to her, by the next meeting she can make changes and send out for printing. Granat said it is easier to hash out changes in a meeting. Hickerson is looking forward to receiving his copy for review.

Gilliam really likes the work that was done at Lee St. SVA, likes the way it turned out.

Salazar suggested that if members can get the map draft from McKim, then provide feedback within two weeks to Granat, it would expedite the process. McKim offered to send via email to Commissioners. Hickerson suggested dropping off hard copies at City Hall for Commissioners to pick up.

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

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder (transcribed from audio)