

Depoe Bay Parks Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

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

ABSENT: R. Gilliam

VACANT POSITIONS: Two

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Superintendent B. Weidner,
City Maintenance Worker/Assistant Harbormaster P. Robison

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spores called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:07 p.m.

II. APPROVE MINUTES – November 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hayes moved to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes with one correction, on page one correct “though-out” to “through-out” in Salazar motion. Hickerson seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed

AYES: Granat, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson

III. PUBLIC INPUT

City Maintenance Worker/Assistant Harbormaster Pogo Robison reported: 1) that the trees along the south edge of the City Park should be removed because leaves are clogging the drainage ditch, causing drainage problems in the park and parking lot. He recommends removing the trees and cleaning the ditch from the VFW Memorial to the Nature Trail. Brief discussion followed. 2) new stove & ovens are needed at the Community Hall. Weidner said replacement is in the budget and he can research if the Commission wants him to. 3) Robison recommends raising Community Hall rental fees to meet costs of maintaining the building. 4) Robison said the gazebo needs a new roof. 5) The hand railings on the bridge are only loose during dry weather, in wet weather the wood swells and they are not loose. Weidner said there is a safety issue at the Community Hall in the form of a piano with a broken leg. The piano was donated to the City last year. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Hayes moved to recommend to the City Council to remove the piano at the Community Hall due to safety concerns. Granat seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed

AYES: Granat, Hayes, Spores, Hickerson

Robison left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

IV. CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Weidner reported: 1) He is still getting bids on the stairway by the Community Hall, for both wood and metal options. 2) He is waiting to install the mutt mitt station at Graham St. until the Coast Avenue project is done. The mutt mitt station at Lee Street SVA is installed. 3) Utility Worker Eric was able to open up the Nature Trail by cutting up the large tree that fell and blocked it. ODFW does not want the rounds to remain close to the creek so they will move them. He hasn't been up the trail since the windstorm and he plans to get the Lincoln County Crew for a couple days to work on the trail.

Spores asked about pruning and cleanup at Cat Lick Park. Weidner said he'll try to get the County Crew twice for two days each time. Spores added trimming brush at Whale Park, the Nature Trail and at the area between the Bank and Worldmark.

Weidner continued his report: 4) He has scheduled Eric to install the Tate Memorial bench at Winchell

SVA, since the City did the work at the SVA the parking lot floods and a French drain needs to be installed. Spores suggested there may be room for two benches at the location, Weidner agreed there is room for two. Hayes advised caution on placing benches there, due to impacts on neighbors. 5) There are drainage issues at the “Salmon Bake” fire line side of the City Park. Spores said a lot of gravel has gone onto that area. 6) Gravel is still needed under the bench at Chicken Point. Hayes asked about the research on a solar light for the rock harbor entrance sign. Weidner said he can get a solar panel, bury cable to connect to the light and put a safety cage on the light. Spores asked if that can be done by the next meeting. Weidner said yes, there can be colored or white light. Spores asked Weidner to work with Hayes on the light. Spores asked the status of the wall at Tsunami Park. Weidner said he needs to speak with the neighbors and finding time to work on the wall is a problem, maybe he’ll schedule the County Crew for that project. Spores asked about the Williams Avenue bench. Weidner reminded everyone that the existing bench was placed on the street right-of-way (Berg Street) by someone, not the city. He asked if the Commission wanted to remove, or replace, the bench at that location. Discussion ensued, it was agreed to replace the bench with one that is in stock. Spores summarized that there will be two benches at Winchell St SVA, and one bench at the Williams Avenue (Berg St) site, plus landscaping. Weidner continued: 7) He is working on the fence around the Allyn parking lot. 8) He plans to cut back vegetation and maybe place new wheel bumpers in the recently purchased Taunton parking lot in the spring, maybe by the County Crew. Spores asked if the city will re-stripe the new parking lots. Weidner said the Dooner lot needs storm drain work, the railroad tie supports need to be replaced, and seal coat applied before striping. The Taunton lot needs seal coat before striping and bumpers along the south side. Spores suggested cutting back the brush for a good view of the harbor. Hickerson advised to not worry about placing the Nature Trail directional signs in the City Park until Pogo is done with the drainage work. Weidner agreed. Spores asked if the roofing material has been placed on the steps along the Nature Trail. Hickerson said that work can be done when the weather is drier.

Weidner left the meeting.

Spores announced that since Jaci McKim is here, New Business item – August 21 Solar Eclipse will be discussed next.

McKim came forward, distributing a handout she’d prepared two years ago (copy attached to the original of these minutes), saying she has attended a number of presentations on eclipse events in preparation. Predictions include an estimate of ¼ million people here for the August 21st even; all tourist accommodations and empty cemetery plots, etc. are full; the Mayor has asked her to serve on the City’s recently formed Eclipse Planning Committee. She feels the committee membership should be expanded to include the Chamber of Commerce and the business community. Discussion ensued on items of concern, such as water, restrooms, gasoline, etc. Spores recommended the City not rent out the Community Hall or the gazebo during the time of the eclipse. Granat suggested the City charge if people will be allowed to sleep in the park. Everyone agreed that the City should secure the Community Hall, the gazebo, the parks and SVAs to control camping. Other issues discussed include: parking time limit, restrooms, security by volunteers, launch ramp parking lot, contacting ODF&W, gasoline, water, food, lodging, eclipse glasses. McKim suggested the city buy glasses to handout. Spores referred to a handout about a Travis Metcalfe presentation on August 12th in Newport (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Hayes and Granat volunteered to help with the eclipse event planning.

Granat reported that he is still researching photos for the trail brochures, that McKim need photos of the harbor, Boiler Bay and downtown since the ones she has are fuzzy. McKim said she has contacted Beanie about the Salmon Enhancement sign but they have yet to get together. Spores suggested she contact Pogo and asked her to come to next month’s Commission meeting.

McKim left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Winchell Street SVA** – Discussed earlier under Superintendent Report.

B. **Stone Signage** – Hayes reported that he'd spoken with Mr. Stoner about lighter paint on the lettering of the harbor entrance sign. He'd like to wait until after the light is installed, the repainting may not be necessary. Spores said the Alsea sign is hard to read again due to dirt/mud splash, an ongoing problem.

C. **Depoe Bay Museum** - Murray referred to Granat's email about the going to the Lincoln City OCCC campus for scanning photos (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Everyone agreed this is a good option and thanked Granat for the research. Discussion followed on storage, cloud storage, purchasing the scanner, and setting up a working group later this year.

D. **Nature Trail** – Hickerson said he hasn't been on the trail recently but will do so in the near future.

E. **Boiler Bay Sidewalk** – Spores said that Salazar may need to be reminded to renew his Commission membership. He reported that the ODOT gal was at the Council meeting last night. Murray noted that the existing substandard sidewalk (west side of the highway from Whale Park north to the Bank) was not mentioned by her, only the sidewalk infill at the very north end of town.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **August 21 Solar Eclipse** – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

VII. PARKS COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS - Granat will contact City Planner Lewis about contacting Hancock Forest. Hayes suggested someone contact Salazar. Hickerson asked about the peeling memorial bench plaque. Murray said she will touch base with Weidner to see if there is warranty on the plaques. Hickerson asked about the Katy Roe family request to place a plaque at the tree. Murray said she has not had any contact from the family. Spores asked Hickerson if he'd spoken with Weidner about the Ellsworth bench. Hickerson hasn't yet. Spores asked about the Langston property. Murray said she and Fran Recht will be meeting to discuss the Oregon Parks & Recreation grant opportunity, which has a submittal date of April 1st. Spores reminded everyone that the stump sign still needs to be done.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Bill Spores, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder