

CITY OF COOS BAY
MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION

May 13, 2010

Parks Commission members present: Beverly Meyers, Jon Eck, Chris Coles, Nathan Clausen

Not Present: Patty Scott, Cindi Miller, Floyd Vandervelden, Bill Otton

Staff present: Steve Doty, Joanna Volz

Guests present: Lindi Quinn, Bear, Joanie Johnson

APPROVAL OF March 11, 2010 MINUTES

Ms. Coles called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. The March 11, 2010 Parks Commission meeting minutes were unanimously APPROVED.

Empire Lakes – Ford Leadership Project

Ms. Lindy Quinn, a member of 2009 Ford Leadership class, gave an update on the “Trails and Tails” project and said they are currently in the fundraising phase. They have been applying for grants and will receive a matching grant from Ford if some of those funds are raised locally. One of the fundraising ideas that was suggested to the group was the idea to have corporate sponsors for the interpretive signs. However, they do not want to take any valuable space away from the intent of the signs, but if they give businesses an opportunity to put their name on the signs, the project will have an opportunity to raise money. The idea is to keep it discreet and to not have any logos on the sign. An example of how the sign would read is: “The Bay Area Ford Leadership Institute Class of 2010 would like to thank Pepsi for their support in our Trails and Tails project.” Ms. Quinn wanted to know what the city’s response would be to this request. Mr. Doty stated that currently the city does not allow any corporate names or logos on banners or signs that are located on any city property. However, he suggested that Ms. Quinn have a mock up made of how a sign would look and how they would want it to read with a corporate name on it so that he would have something that he could present to Mr. Craddock and Mr. Hossley.

Ms. Coles stated that Patrick from Signs Unlimited is ready to go on a proof of the interpretive signs and that Ms. Quinn or Patrick could include the mock up of the corporate sponsor. Ms. Quinn stated that until some of the fundraising is done they cannot go forward with having the proof completed because Patrick is requesting half of the payment down.

Ms. Coles stated that she discussed with Patrick that due to the budget, 2 large and 1 medium interpretive signs would probably work best. Ms. Quinn stated that this is something the group would want to discuss because she was thinking there were supposed to be 3 medium and 1, 3x4 interpretive signs.

Ms. Quinn also stated that the Ford Foundation will be presenting a contract to the city since the city serves as its fiscal agent. All funds will be deposited into a city account; invoices will be paid from the same account.

UPDATE TO DEBRIS BOOM REPAIR

Mr. Doty stated that they finished repairing the boom on April 30, 2010. The work was completed by West Coast Contractors and the final cost came to \$11,500. \$10,000 came from the Marine Board and \$1,500 from city cash.

UPDATE FOR PUMP OUT/DUMP STAION AT CITY DOCK

Mr. Doty stated that the dump out station at city dock is gong to be replaced. There will be little to no out of pocket expense for the city. The cost of the replacement will be \$39,000. \$28,500 will come from the Clean Vessel Act which is federal and then Oregon State Marine Board is putting in \$9,500.

Ms. Joanie Johnson would like to see the city have some sort of way to regulate the dump station to ensure that vessels are dumping out on a regular basis. She has concerns that people have been dumping directly into the bay.

EASTSIDE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Doty said the first of June is when they plan on beginning the work. The parks crew will lay it all out and then SCBEC will do the building.

BAY AREA OPTIMISTS 10TH STREET PARK

Mr. Doty stated that the Bay Area Optimists have disbanded and therefore no longer sponsor the park. The city, SCBEC, or inmate crews are currently keeping the park up, which he mentioned, has been low-maintenance. Until there is a new sponsor for the park, they will keep the name as is.

BUDGET 2010/2011

Mr. Doty supplied a list of proposed projects that have been through the Budget Committee and will be going to the city council for review in June.

PARKS COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Doty mentioned the Mingus trail repair. He stated that the kids from the learning center did a wonderful job working and it was a pleasure having them there.

Ms. Coles extended her thanks to Bev Myers and her volunteers for their wonderful work in Choshi Gardens.

Ms. Myers stated she is down to only 2 volunteers. Ms. Coles stated she could run an ad in an effort to get more volunteers.

Joanie Johnson stated again she would really like to see the Harbor Master have some sort of mandatory schedule set up for people to come in and dump at the station to ensure that no one is dumping directly into the bay. Mr. Doty said he would talk with Mr. Hossley regarding the matter.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Volz