

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2006 – 6:00 PM – Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood Avenue

Members Attending: Gary Parks, Richard Green, Susan Marceau, Julie Price, Peter Seitz, Jon Wood

Members Absent: Gary Jackson

Staff Present: Jeff Powers, Parks Manager; Cynthia Hollerbach, PW Admin Assistant; Curt Peterson, Parks/FM Operations Supervisor; Rick Torassa, City Arborist

Others Present: George Endicott, City Councilor; Ken Armstrong, Pacific Power; and Rich Lance

DECISION ITEMS

Minutes: Peter Seitz motioned to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006 and Richard Green seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tree Issues Under Power Lines – Pacific Power: Ken Armstrong, Senior Area Forester of Pacific Power, spoke about the tree trimming program in Central Oregon. He presented a video about Pacific Power's participation in the Tree Line USA program. Their tree care program has been reviewed by the National Arbor Day Foundation and it was found that Pacific Power's specifications provide for the most up to date tree care while still providing safe reliable service. Company foresters are certified by the International Society of Horticulturists (ISH) as well and contract supervisors and forest technicians. Natural or target pruning is used to direct growth away from conductors. Tree clearance minimums are required by the Oregon Public Utilities Commission. Ken will provide copies of the "Small Trees for Small Places" booklet about the best trees to plant near power lines. Pacific Power's tree maintenance program can be checked out at pacificpower.net/trees.

Street Tree Planting Standards: While the Tree Ordinance states the City will adhere to the ANSI standards for tree pruning and removal and ANSI does not have standards for planting, staff wrote guidelines for tree planting. Also, since ANSI cannot be photocopied and sections distributed, staff has put together a handout for the public. In addition, staff is working on a street tree--small, medium and large--planting list. These documents will be placed on the City's web site. Good response has been received since approval of the Tree Ordinance. Staff has been asked to meet with CDD to discuss the permit process and

how it will work. Staff has been asked to give input on street tree planting for the Highland/Glacier Couplet as well as a 40-acre industrial site in east Redmond. Changes have been made to Chapter 8 of the Standards and Specifications for alignment of tree wells in which tree wells will be located on the back side of the sidewalk rather than next to the curb. Arbor Day is the first full week of April. If you have any ideas for projects or know of anyone wanting to participate, please direct them to the Parks Division at Public Works.

Special Event Permit for Parks/Plaza: The Parks Division felt a need for a special event permit since the Performing Arts Stage is being proposed for Sam Johnson as well as other large events being planned for Redmond. Jeff handed out a list of issues to consider for discussion of a special event permit. City staff will meet to go through these issues; however, Jeff invited the commission to comment at this time. Jeff would like to get the permit process established and then invite the Rotary to present an update to their original stage proposal. Issues to bring up to the discussion are event and parking fees and permits for charitable events. Jeff is open to comments and suggestions. Jeff will bring back a draft permit for further review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dry Canyon Vegetation Management Update: Jeff distributed a copy of the letter being sent out this week to Dry Canyon rim residents. It provides an update on the City's plans and actions related to the Dry Canyon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Endicott announced that he is the Parks Commission replacement for Paul Hathaway. One of his roles is to be an advocate for the Parks Commission and members should let him know if they have any issues to bring to City Council. Councilor Endicott also informed the members that the Comprehensive Plan will be updated and the Parks Commission will be asked to participate in updating the Parks Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by the Parks Commission and SIGNED by the Chairperson this

20 day of March, 2006

Gary A. Dudley
Chairperson