

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kather called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jaime Armstrong, Lex Rau, Mike Worthey and Chair Trace Kather

Absent: Zeus Zamora

Staff present: Deputy PWDS Director Jay Trost

Audience:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of May 27, 2021; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Deputy PWDS Director Jay Trost advised he would like to amend the agenda and add an Information/Discussion item: Public Art in the Parks. Chair Kather made a motion to add Public Art in the Parks to the agenda; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA – None

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Scheduling Public Workshop on Future of Kidtown – Kidtown is a 27 year old community built wooden playground and is reaching the end of its useful life. Jay advised there are grants that could be applied for that would require a 40% match by the City to assist in replacement costs. Grant writing process would need to begin in December. Replacement options include:
- a. Replacing with a similar structure using Trex material at a cost of @\$560,000 if the Leathers Playground group rebuilds the entire structure
 - b. Replacing with a similar structure using Trex material at a cost of @\$309,000 if a community build project is undertaken with the community volunteering to do the construction.
 - c. Change the structure to a traditional playground at approximately \$230,000.
- As Kidtown is a well known park feature would like to determine what the community is interested in replacing it with and if they are interested in a community build. Community meeting scheduled for October 18 at 7 pm to get a general consensus of the community.
- B. Parks Update – In 2021 Parks hosted 17 youth and softball tournaments, eight concerts, and the Art in the Park Festival; schools funded an additional 250 swim lessons, three weeks of golf camps at Salmon Run, flag football and an introduction to aviation camp at the city owned airport. . A second glass basketball backboard has been vandalized. Cameras are being installed to cover additional park areas. The BBQ project is in the final stages and will be ready to use next year. Water has been connected at the Chetco Point dog park, in the process of connecting they found the underground irrigation sprinklers.
- C. Events Update – Natures Coastal Holiday scheduled to be held in Azalea Park this year, light set up to begin in mid-October.

D. Public Art in the Parks – a sculptor from Montana has offered to donate a sculpture to the City and submitted drawings of his proposal. Chetco Point has been suggested as a location. Commission liked the design concepts and agreed with Chetco Point location. Recommended Jay move forward with further discussion with the sculpture on the proposed sculpture design and determined location.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Worthey suggested adding signage advising cameras are being used for surveillance which might deter park vandalism.

Commissioner Armstrong complimented the swimming pool lifeguards for the jobs they' did this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be the Community meeting to discuss replacing Kidtown scheduled for 7 pm, October 21, 2021. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Trace Kather, Chair

(Approved at January 20, 2022 meeting)