

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Friday, September 26, 2008, 12 p.m.

Parks and Recreation office

Gentry Building, #1 South 7th

MINUTES

Commission Present: Terry Kloepfel, Marin Blevins, Dennis Knudson, Gary Kespohl

Staff Present: Mike Hood, Mike Griggs, Gary Ristow, Tammy Miller

Guest: Don Laird, Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Kloepfel called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Kespohl, seconded by Blevins.

Naming of bridge at Flat Branch Park

Hood thanked everyone for attending this special meeting and introduced Don Laird of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Hood said he had discussed the bridge at Flat Branch Phase II with Laird, and the Chamber had a desire to name the bridge in honor of Ron Shy, who was responsible for the donation of the structure to the park. Shy and his firm, All State Engineering, solicited materials from vendors and donated the design work and construction of the bridge. Hood said the bridge was 100 percent donated and it seemed appropriate to recognize Shy in this manner.

Originally, plans had called for a simple pedestrian bridge that was estimated to cost about \$125,000. With the unique suspension bridge that is now in place, Hood said the bridge may have cost anywhere from \$150,000 to \$250,000 to build.

The Chamber has requested of the City that the bridge be named Shy Bridge or something very similar, Hood said. Mr. Laird requested that the Chamber have some flexibility as the exact name may not yet be determined as there may be some semantics such as whether to include his first name or the word "Memorial" as part of the name. Hood also indicated that an event may be planned there in October in commemoration. The Council may consider the matter on October 6 after a Commission recommendation.

Kespohl made a motion, seconded by Knudson, that the Commission recommend to City Council that the bridge be named in honor of Ron Shy, per the Chamber of Commerce request.

All in favor, motion passed.

Commission Comments

None

Staff Comments

Hood said the Heritage Festival was a great event with good attendance.

Knudson asked about numbers?

Hood said specifics were difficult, but Saturday was a great turnout, with Sunday down a bit, likely because of weather.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm