

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
November 14, 2012
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:34 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Nancy Steinberg, Sandra Surber, Sandy Roumagoux, Fred Springsteen, Richard Balzer, Jennie Scarborough, Jimmy Rodriguez Alisha Kern. Absent: Karen Smith.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2012. Nancy made a motion to approve the September minutes. Seconded by Richard. There were no objections and the motion was approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Committee Applicants. The Committee interviewed the attending applicant, Laurie Mackey, and informed her of the issues and plans of the committee. The Committee moved to recommend Laurie for appointment approval of the City Council.
6. Report of Director. Jim noted that he was presenting the Committee with a statistical view of the department and proceeded to explain the various numbers he had gathered. The Committee discussed the statistics and how they affect the department. Jim also informed the Committee of the funds that had been received from Fred Meyer and Wilder Development for the Youth Scholarship Fund. Jim updated the Committee on the disc golf course which was developed and completed through a group working in cooperation with the Ford Family Foundation. He added that there will be a sign erected at the site.
7. New Business. Jim announced the free Thanksgiving dinner that would be available at the Senior Center. The group that presented the meal was recognized by the City for 30 years of service and efforts for providing a Thanksgiving meal for Newport seniors.
8. Old Business. Jim gave an update on Forest Park, noting that the City Council has designated it as a City Park which will be left as a forest. Jim noted that the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association is interested in adopting Forest Park which would assist in the upkeep of the area. Nancy gave an update of the Tree City USA application. Fred updated the committee regarding the formation of a 501c3 foundation, noting that he had met with the attorney to discuss the application. Jim mentioned the fees that were needed for the application.
9. Other. Jim noted that insurance monies for the damaged gym floor had been received and helped reduce costs for resurfacing the entire floor. Also, Jim informed the Committee regarding the water/sewer line issues the Rec. Center deals with in high rains.

Ed Simon asked to have a platform purchased so that people can see the instructor in the Stretch and Flex class.

Stephanie Simpson, the current president of the swim team, spoke to the Committee regarding the impact the team has on the pool and the possibility of getting more hours for team usage. The Committee discussed the availability of time for the swim team.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be on December 19, 2012.