

City of Newport  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
December 16, 2012  
MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2012. Jennie made a motion to approve the September minutes. Seconded by Nancy. There were no objections and the motion was approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Committee Applicants. None.
6. Report of Director. Jim distributed the P&R monthly activity report and statistical counts for the month. He also provided the Committee with the Winter Activity Guide and reviewed the contents. It was noted that the Department had just instituted a new “active military” policy, where anyone with an active military card can use the Rec. Center or Pool free of charge, due to a donation by the Fisher Family Foundation. Jim added that the agreement had been signed with the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association regarding Forest Park. They have applied and received a grant for \$16,000 which will be partially used within the Park. Jim reported on the ribbon cutting for the Disc Golf Course, near the Community College, and mentioned the gymnastics clinic that was held at the Rec. Center to raise funds for gymnastics equipment. The clinic raised over \$800 in one day. He added that there would be a large gymnastics meet held at the Rec. Center on the first weekend of February, hosting over 350 participants. Jim reflected on the tragic events that had occurred in Connecticut and Colorado the week before, adding that it made him aware that there was a need for training on this kind of event within the department. He added that he would be working with the Police Department, to assess the issues and possible education opportunities. Jim reported that with Nancy’s help, application had been made to become a Tree City USA. There had been an Arbor Day Celebration, including a tree planting at the Rec. Center. He thanked Nancy for her assistance with the application and Ed for his presentation to the City Council.
7. New Business. None.
8. Old Business. Richard mentioned that chips were needed at the dog park and there was damage being done to some of the equipment due to children playing on it. Jim noted Fred

had been working on the formation of a foundation, and that we are now at the point where we need people to agree to serve on it. The Committee discussed the number of members that were needed to fill the vacancies and how that would affect the search for foundation members. Jim added that the sports and swim programs were going very well. He added that there had been a swim meet last week with many participants and that Kathy Cline does a fine job of keeping everyone safe. He noted that they had changed swim time for the High School and it seems to be working well.

9. Other. Several items were discussed by the Committee, including mapping for trails, future planning and trail bridges.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2013.