

April 15, 2015
8:34 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Fred Springsteen, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Kevin Greenwood, Paul Stangeland, Jeff Schranz, Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison. Absent: None.

Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva.

Action Items

MOTION was made by Springsteen to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting. Greenwood seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Director's Report

Protiva reviewed the March Department Update that he had handed out and noted that there were two big events coming up; the Home and Garden Show and the Coast Hills Classic Bike Race on May 3rd. Protiva reported that the City Council has approved a "No Smoking in City Parks" amendment to the current ordinance. Protiva noted that a location had been found for a bike pump track in the Wilder Park area, and there is a possible location for another one in town, on 7th and Harney Street. Saelens complimented Protiva on the Home and Garden show presentation. Protiva added that the Rec. Center would be hosting the Know Your Newport event on May 13th.

Sub-Committee Comments

Municipal Pool: Protiva noted that work was being done on the details of the pool project.

Tree City USA: Saelens reported that the Bike and Pedestrian Committee is working on a program that marks trees around town with special interest, such as the Maritime Museum and Aquarium that both have Monterey Cypress at their locations. The project would fit in with the Tree City USA designation and the bike and pedestrians way-finding program. He related that OCCFA have submitted two grants for funding their operations.

Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events: Protiva mentioned that the Rec. Center was working on the Summer Activity Guide and would be meeting with the News-Guard to locate advertisers.

Foundation: Springsteen noted the Foundations monthly meeting would be held directly after the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, and they were introducing the idea of selling bricks as a fund-raiser for the pool project. He added that they had submitted their IRS paperwork and tax forms to the State of Oregon to complete the necessary documentation.

Parks, Trails & Forests

Management Plan for Forest Park: Kern asked about the cable that was strung on the path that goes from the pool up to the water towers and back. Kern added that its current location was dangerous. Steinberg noted that it had been there a long time. Protiva said he would do some research to determine what it was.

Coast Guard Station Trail: Kern said she had recently walked this trail and that it was almost passable to the ocean. She added that there was a tree near the bottom that prevents anyone from going further, but it wouldn't take much to remove it. Protiva stated that he would put in a maintenance request to get the tree removed.

Sam Moore Parkway: Kern mentioned the Sam Moore Parkway was being littered badly by homeless people. Surber added that she felt uncomfortable walking through the area. Protiva stated that citizens that witness alcohol being consumed or they feel threatened, a call should be made to the police. Saelens mentioned that he had mentioned the homeless issue at a recent City Council meeting. He added that Miranda stated that the police should be called anytime there is an issue with them.

South Beach State Park - Trails: Greenwood stated that the Ports was working on the two sites for South Jetty access, one near the Rogue and the other near one of the finger jetties. The next step would be NOAA and the Corps working together to figure out what will be done to the jetty system, as far as developing a trail down to the mudflats. Greenwood said there by funds available for restrooms or parking areas.

Update on Ranger Program Status: Simon stated that he had submitted part of the ranger plan to Protiva, noting that the rangers would be ambassadors for the City, and the Parks and Recreation Department. The rangers would be eyes and ears for people using local trails, carrying maps and assisting people when needed.

Ocean to Bay Trail: Kern asked about the Ocean to Bay trail and the possibility of adding signs near Harney Street to indicate where the trail continues. Protiva said that he would research the issue.

Develop Next Agenda

None.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015.

Adjournment

Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.