

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
April 20th, 2011
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were: Ed Simon, Roger Holstein, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Sandra Surber, Jimmy Rodriguez, and Sandra Roumagoux, City Council liaison. Absent: Susan Boehlert.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

3. Public Present: Diana Purdy, Tom Kerns.
4. Approval of Minutes. Roger moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011. Seconded by Jimmy. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.
5. Concerns or Comments from Citizens: The attendees were present to join in the discussion of the herbicide usage policy.
6. Report of the Director: Jim noted that the Senior Center remodel was complete and was now in use. The Open House had been last week and was well attended. Also, the Rec. Center held it's 10-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 9th, which was also well attended. Jim gave an update on the Celtic Festival and Highland Games which will be held in June and also noted that "Know Your Newport" would be held at the Rec. Center on May 18th.

Sandra Roumagoux reported that the City Council would be forming a task force to discuss the future of the Parks and Recreation Department, including the pool.

7. New Business: Jim gave an update on the discussion of herbicide usage in City parks and noted that he had been working on a sample policy that could be used as a starting place for further development. The committee discussed the policy with the public attendees and decided that they should hold two public hearings, and for the next Parks and Rec. meeting Jim would contact the State, County, School District, Port and Coast Guard to collect information on their current policies. Jim will figure out dates for the public hearings and reserve the Council chambers for them.
8. Old Business: None.
9. Other: Nancy asked for an update of the Coast Park. Jim noted that he was working with the Public Works Director to come up with a new timeline for the completion of the park and that it would be completed with the grant funds. Jim invited the committee to join him at the Public Works yard to view the pirate ship.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2011