

July 15, 2015
8:30 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, Jeff Schrantz, Mark Saelens; City Council Liaison. Absent: Paul Stangeland,.

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

Action Items

MOTION was made by Steinberg to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting. Greenwood seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Director's Report

Protiva handed out the monthly reports for May and June and reviewed them with the Committee.

Protiva noted that the pool project was on track, but they were still unsure as to whether it would be within the budget. He noted that the deadline for contracting bids were due later in the month, which would give them a better idea of the actual cost of the project. Seven contractors attended the pre-bid meeting that was held. Protiva explained the criteria regarding the awarding of the bid for the project. Protiva noted that initially, the parking and water/sewer elements were supposed to start ahead of the pool part itself, and were a separate bid from the construction of the pool. Only one bid was received for that portion of the project and the bid was rejected. It was then decided to add those two components back into the pool project. The thought was that it would entice bigger contractors because it made it a bigger project. Protiva stated that they were hopeful that it would mean substantial savings for the City. He added that the parking would be reconfigured substantially, including the police exiting their parking lot westerly to Highway 101. Protiva stated that there was not enough money in the bond to cover the parking reconfiguration. Steinberg noted that \$125,000 was allotted for the parking project. Protiva stated that there were optional alternate deductions that were bid separately which could not be built during the initial construction to ensure the project was within budget. Protiva said they would seek other funds in the event that the bids came in over what was budgeted for the entire project. Protiva noted that the City had sold the bond for \$7.9 million and the entity purchasing the bond provided a very good interest rate, and presented a premium of \$300,000, bringing the value of the bond to \$8.2 million. Protiva stated that other City funds would be providing funds for the water/sewer aspects of the project.

Sub-Committee Comments

Municipal Pool: None.

Tree City USA: None.

Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events: Protiva mentioned that staff was working on fall programming. He added that Mike Cavanaugh was doing a fantastic job and had introduced several new programs for the summer which were doing very well. Protiva noted that the Summer Activity Club was keeping busy. Protiva added that the Buccaneer Rampage would be held in August and it was one of our big, special events to view or participate. Simon noted that several of the local events were really growing. Protiva added that staff was working on a surfing competition and eventually wanted to try a stand-up paddle board competition. Simon noted that he had attended a car show that was sponsored by a surfing team and thought that it might be a good idea for a fundraiser to coincide with the surfing competition. Scarborough stated that she volunteers with a group that is working to bring the "America" replica boat - from the America's cup - and they are working with the Port to secure dock space for the vessel sometime in August. She added that they hoped to provide tours and a cruise, which would be part of the fundraiser.

Foundation: Springsteen noted that he had resigned from the foundation board and he had served to facilitate the formation of it, and Protiva would be running it. Protiva noted that the foundation was looking at selling bricks as a fundraiser, and he had passed the information on to Kathy and Heather at the pool. He added that he had not checked with them recently about the status.

Parks, Trails & Forests: Pump Track Update. Protiva noted that he and the Yaquina Wheels Club were still interested in establishing a bike pump track for the community. The Coast Park location did not work out, so they picked a site in the Wilder Subdivision far enough away from everybody so they didn't think there would be any problems. However, once they had the public hearing, it was clear there was some opposition to the chosen site by the neighbors. He noted that they would be having a meeting the next evening to discuss the pump track and the current dog and disc golf course already located there. Saelens noted that a coffee shop was currently under construction in the Wilder subdivision. Surber asked if the City had property at the base of the hill and if so, citizens could park there and ride the bus to the various parks to provide more parking.

Kern reported that the cable she had asked about before at Forrest Park was still there and she wondered if anything was going to be done about it. Protiva replied that he had looked into it and was told that it was some kind of telephone cable and he wasn't sure that it could be moved. Kern mentioned that it was impossible to get across the little creek there and wondered if it was State or City property. Protiva stated that it was State property. Protiva mentioned that there would be some improvements made to Safe Haven hill, including storage vans that would hold blankets and food.

Green reported on the project he was working on for recreation access to the South Beach jetty. The Army Corps of Engineers protested, so the project would not be going forward. The other spots they are exploring are the end of the fuel dock at South Beach Marina and the cul-de-sac near NOAA and the Oregon State pier system.

Develop Next Agenda

Springsteen asked to have the staff working on the brick fundraiser attend the next meeting.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2015.

Adjournment

Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.