

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
August 15, 2012
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:36 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Karen Smith, Jimmy Rodriguez, Fred Springsteen, Richard Balzer, Jennie Scarborough. Absent: Nancy Steinberg, Sandy Roumagoux.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva and Sports Coordinator, Liam Hughes.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2012. Fred made a motion to approve the June 20th minutes. Seconded by Jimmy. There were no objections and the motion was approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Review of Committee Applicants. Jim noted there were still two current applicants to interview: Robert Allen & Julie Bobo-Shisler. Neither people were available to interview at the meeting.
6. Event Updates/Report of Director. Liam noted that the Olalla Lake Triathlon had gone well with the help of many volunteers and he had received lots of positive feedback from participants. Jim asked Liam to speak to his position with the department and the challenges he faces. Liam noted that one of his main responsibilities is to run the various sports leagues for youth and adults. One of the biggest challenges is to find coaches for the youth leagues. Another challenge is the Adult Softball League. Liam noted that a little over 40 people participated in the triathlon. Jim added that Liam does a fantastic job and he wanted to recognize and thank him for his efforts. Jim noted that the quilt show had been here in August and thousands of people had attended. The Annual Seahorse Invitational Meet was also held at the pool in August and we heard no complaints and had no incidents reported which indicates a successful event.

Jim added that two other special events were coming up soon; one was an artisans' gift show which will be just before Thanksgiving time, and next month we are trying to get a used sports gear swap meet lined up. Jim announced that in the first weekend of February we would be hosting a massive gymnastics meet here. It would be a regional, invitational meet.

7. New Business. Jim noted that the Rec. Center would be under construction at the end of the month and first part of September. They will be painting the big air ducts above the gyms, replacing gym lights, and resurfacing the gym and dance room floors.

Jim stated he was working with a local forestry group to put together a maintenance plan for the property behind the swimming pool. The proposed policy should go before the Council sometime in September. The group is looking to name and establish policy for the

area. Jim announced that the Department was in negotiations to acquire several acres of land in South Beach. The area is in alignment with a trail that will go through South Beach up through the Community College, to Mike Miller Park and further.

8. Old Business. Jim mentioned that the Department was working on the final draft of the Fall Activity Guide, which should be out in the next couple of weeks.

Stephanie Simpson gave a report on the Seahorse Swim Meet held in August. She stated they received many compliments on the meet and had 14 teams participate. (See attached report.)

9. Other. Ed Simon asked that the Committee bring updates on their sub-committees to the September meeting.

The Committee discussed the idea of the Department participating in the hospital's festival of trees.

The Committee asked about the Frisbee golf course that was being developed. Jim noted that this was a project taken on by the Ford Foundation Leadership Class and they would be using Wilder property for the course. The City will be partners with Wilder in use of the area and it will be considered a City Park until such time either party does not wish to participate.

Stephanie Simpson asked when the pool would be installing the new ADA chair. Jim said he would get the information for Stephanie.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2012.

Committee members took a walking tour of the Recreation Center and Senior Center immediately following the meeting.