

City of Newport  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
September 19, 2012  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:32 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Jimmy Rodriguez, Sandy Roumagoux, Fred Springsteen, Richard Balzer, Jennie Scarborough.  
Absent: Sandra Surber.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 15, 2012. Jim mentioned that he had not received a copy yet of the written report presented at the last meeting by Stephanie Simpson. It will be attached to these minutes when it is received. Fred made a motion to approve the August 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. There were no applicants to review at this time.
6. Report of Director. Jim handed out the Fall Activity Guide which was recently mailed out, and discussed possible funding issues with future guides. The Rec. Center Gear Swap was noted, with Jim handing out flyers and informing the Committee of how the Swap would work. Jim noted the Artisans Gift Show would be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, with over a dozen vendors already signed up. Jim mentioned the Forest Park project and the progression of its development. He also noted that October 5<sup>th</sup> was the Mayoral Race Forum which will be held at the Rec. Center at noon. Jim announced that the safety railings at the Senior Center had been installed in the new addition, giving access to the patio area.
7. New Business. The tree seminar slated for the Committee was cancelled. Jim noted that the State was going to present the seminar, but the instructor had asked to reschedule. The seminar would be a tree risk assessment management course, to learn how to determine the health of the tree and whether there is potential risk of it falling and injuring people or destroying property. Nancy gave an update on the Tree City USA application and what would be needed for completion.
8. Old Business. Jim reported that many years ago the City entered into an agreement with the State Parks Department regarding Yaquina Bay State Park. At that time the City thought it was necessary to provide a park for the surrounding neighborhood, so they partnered with the State to provide that, using State property. Not long ago, the playground equipment was removed and replaced by two climbing boulders made of concrete and fiberglass. The State is now interested in removing the boulders and turning that space back into a natural area. Jim said he believed that Coast Park filled the current needs of

the neighborhood and that the boulders could be removed and would most likely be placed at Coast Park.

Jim reported that the lights in the gym had been replaced, the air ducts above the gyms had been cleaned and repainted, and the big gym and dance room floors had been resurfaced.

Jim stated that he had spoken with a local attorney regarding the formation of a foundation for the department. Jim said he felt that this attorney would be able to assist in the formation, but there might be a cost associated with his assistance.

9. Other. Jimmy reported on the work he had been doing on a survey regarding the pool and what the community feels is important for the pool. He had taken measurements at the pool and thought that there might be room for expansion, and improvements at its current location. He is also looking for information on the demographics and population of our area, currently and with predictions for the future.

The Committee discussed the impact of a foundation and how it might affect the department. They also discussed what actions the various sub-committees might take to assist in the formation of the foundation and improvements within the department.

Jim handed out his monthly department report.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012.

The Committee took a field trip to the Newport Pool, Frank Wade Park and Forest Park immediately following the meeting.