

September 25, 2013
8:38 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

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

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon.
2. Roll Call: Members present were Ed Simon, Jennie Scarborough, Mark Saelens, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Jimmy Rodriguez, Richard Balzer, Alisha Kern. Absent: Jennie Scarborough, Karen Smith, Fred Springsteen, Lori Mackey.
3. Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva and Ted Smith, Interim City Manager.
4. Action Items - Approval of minutes: 7-17-13: Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting with corrections. Balzer seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Director's Report. None.
7. Committee Comments

Municipal Pool - Protiva asked Steinberg and other committee members to speak to the proposed pool layout which he presented. He noted that there would be a special election in November to decide if the project would go forward. Steinberg noted that a Political Action Committee had been formed to promote the project and they were meeting on a regular basis. The committee has set up a website, Facebook page, and are getting yard signs printed, along with other efforts.

Tree City USA - Steinberg stated that she was holding off on the development of the Tree Plan, but was working on the renewal of the Tree City USA status.

Rec. Center, Programs, Sports, Events - Protiva mentioned several events that had taken place, including the Bonne Santé Wellness event at the Senior Center, a table-tennis tournament that was held at the Rec. Center presented by the Senior Center, the Buccaneer Rampage mud race, and coming up in October, the Newport Artisans' Holiday Show. Protiva announced that Liam Hughes had resigned and would be moving to Sisters Oregon to start a new job as the Recreation Executive Director. He added that Heather Hughes from the pool would be the interim Sports Coordinator until a new one could be hired.

Foundation - It was noted that the foundation was still looking for additional board members and Protiva added that Walgreen's had recently donated \$500 to the group.

Parks, Trails and Forests - Protiva noted that he had attended the ORPA conference that had some interesting information. Saelens stated he had been working to get kids involved with a Forest Park educational program and was also working a project at Wilder Park. Simon mentioned that last months' tour of the City parks had been very informative.

8. Develop Next Agenda - Kern asked why the Rec. Center was open at 5 a.m. during the weekdays but not on Sunday. Protiva noted that several years ago when the department's budget was cut, staff was tasked with calculating the least busy hours for the facility and hours were cut on Sunday because of the low usage in those hours.

The committee discussed the current policy for Coast Guard passes and Protiva said he would have an update for them at the next meeting.

Simon mentioned that he thought the Rec. Center should strive to include "wellness center" in the title and start using that on a regular basis. Protiva added that the Rec. Center was currently working to become a Silver Sneakers facilitator and that he and Judy had met with representatives from Samaritan to look into forming some type of partnership.

Simon said he would like to review the Parks and Recreation 5-year goals at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2013.