

September 13, 2011
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Recreation Facilities Management Review Task Force for the City of Newport met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Fred Springsteen, Pat Cowan, Jeff Schrantz, and Thomas Hurst. Josie Bissell, Ed Simon, and Phil Jackson were unable to attend. Also in attendance was Mayor Mark McConnell.

Staff present was City Recorder Hawker, Finance Director Marshall, Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, and City Manager Voetberg.

REFINEMENT OF QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED DURING SITE VISITS TO OTHER FACILITIES

Springsteen noted that the questions are to be considered conversation points and that the discussions with the other organizations should be more of a conversation as opposed to an interrogation.

A discussion ensued regarding other potential questions. Several small changes were indicated, and Hawker noted that she would revise the list of questions and send it to Task Force members via e-mail.

Cowan asked whether there is a magic subsidy/level of support that the city wants to reach, whether it is a dollar figure or a percentage of operational costs. McConnell reported that the city has a sample financial policy directed toward recreation services, but that this is a conversation that the City Council should have within the next few months. He noted that information could still be gathered at this time. Springsteen added that the information being sought is whether the city could get more for its recreation dollars with a different management model. McConnell asked whether the information will be collated so that a comparison could be created. Springsteen noted that a list of best practices can be created. Hurst noted that the first three questions, and question number six, need to be answered by all participants.

Cowan reported that he would miss the next two meetings.

DEVELOP A LIST OF FACILITIES TO VISIT THAT INCLUDES FACILITIES WITH DIVERSE OPERATING MODELS

Protiva distributed a list of potential facilities to visit. The list, with additions from the Task Force, was assigned as follows:

Schrantz Sandy, Silverton, Canby

Springsteen Coos Bay, Reedsport, North Bend

Hurst Anacortes, Astoria, Long Beach, Tillamook, Kelso, Bellingham, Albany
Boys and Girls Club

Cowan Ontario, Forest Grove, McMinnville, Bend

Simon Kroc Center (Salem), Lincoln City, Willamalane Parks and Recreation
District

TASK FORCE COMMENTS

Cowan asked whether there is a "Plan B" if the swimming pool fails. Protiva reported that it would take three years from the time the funding is identified until a new pool is constructed.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on September 27, 2011, at 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.