

City of Newport  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes Nov. 18, 2009

I. ROLL CALL: Members present: Committee Vice-Chair Karen Smith, committee members Susan Boehlert, Sarah Follett, Sandra Surber, Susan Boehlert, Roger Holstein, and Council Liaison Lon Brusselback. Committee Chairman Paul Reed and committee member Ed Simon were not able to attend.

Also present representing staff: Parks and Recreation Department Head Jim Protiva, Pool Supervisor Kathy Cline, and Administrative Assistant Bob Fuller.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Committee Vice-Chair Karen Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Roger Holstein moved to approve the October 21, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Susan Boehlert and approved on a unanimous voice vote.

III. CONCERNS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Darryl McKeel, a resident of Newport and a regular user of the pool facilities, commented that when the pool's equipment is down, such as during a power outage, the pool apparently drains a significant amount of water, which is then re-filled and needs to be re-heated. He pointed out this is expensive and also inconvenient for patrons. McKeel asked if there was an alarm or similar system that would prevent the pool draining water. Kathy Cline, pool supervisor, said she has asked the vendor several times about this and has not received a satisfactory answer. Sometimes the drain valve will shut automatically and other times it will not. She noted we have a new vendor and she will pursue this further.

IV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR:

A. Parks and Recreation Department Head Jim Protiva invited Pool Supervisor Kathy Cline to update the committee on pool issues.

1. New tiles were installed around the pool which significantly improved the aesthetics of the pool area. The tiles were smoothed to eliminate any sharp edges; a contractor was then hired to apply paint to the tiles but this appears to have some application issues. The paint is "blistering" and peeling from the tiles. Cline advises she will be working with the contractor to rectify what appears to be an application error.
2. Surber suggested contacting a contractor in Portland who may have more experience applying paint to tiles and may have suggestions to correct the problem. Follett asked if it would be more cost-effective to replace the tiles; Cline agreed this might be a solution.
3. The pool now has an "official" Newport Pool t-shirt available for sale/purchase. The design was done by one of the pool lifeguards. Production costs were paid for by returnable can donation program; the shirts sell for \$18. Proceeds will be used to purchase more shirts and similar items (water bottles, etc.) for sale at the pool.

4. The “Spooky Swim” event at Halloween brought in about \$145.00; staff costs were about \$40 so the event was a success.
  5. The “Water Boot Camp” program (a water aerobics class) started about a year ago but was not seeing much response. Recently a new pool employee offered to help with publicity, which resulted in significantly improved turn-out.
  6. The pool will have a table at the next Rec Center rummage sale Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for the pool.
  7. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Aloha Swim will take place at the end of December. This event has a beach/surfing/tropical theme to take a bit of the edge off winter.
- B. Protiva provided copies of the recreation center’s draft business plan to committee members and briefed the committee on the plan and providing a summary of the proposed fee increases. The rec center will still require some level of subsidy but this is not unusual for recreation centers and pools. There will be a formal presentation of the draft business plan to the city council on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Protiva also briefed the committee on the Wilder development that will be near the new college campus in South Beach. This involves local residents Will Emery and Bonnie Serkin donating a piece of property with a park (built at their expense) to the city’s park and trail system.

V. FACILITIES: Protiva provided committee members with plans for the Senior Center Expansion project, and summarized the proposed improvements/changes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: Follett asked for an update on the Coast Park project; Protiva advises he is working with three contractors on design/construction of a boat play platform in the park. He expects to break ground at the site in June of 2010.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: Lon Brusselback asked about the letters of support from the committee mentioned by John Baker at the last meeting. Protiva advises this was not a requirement and noted there are several letters of support from area residents and the Chamber of Commerce included in the draft business plan.

There being no other business, Vice-Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2009 at 8:30 AM at the Rec Center.

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Karen Smith, Committee Vice-Chair

