

November 20, 2013

8:37 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, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Richard Balzer, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Mark Saelens. Absent: Jimmy Rodriguez, Fred Springsteen.
3. Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva, Gretchen Havner with the Political Action Committee in support of the pool bond, and Carla Perry.
4. Action Items - Approval of minutes: October 16, 2013: Steinberg moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting with corrections. Balzer seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed.
5. Public Comment: Carla Perry stated that she thought it was very important that the public be kept informed on all the steps of the pool project, now that the bond issue has passed. Steinberg added that the website that had been created would be continued and maintained.

6. Committee Comments

Municipal Pool - The Committee discussed the process that would take place to build the approved municipal pool, including design, construction and the 1% for art aspect.

Tree City USA - Steinberg noted that there would be a tree-planting in the near future to recognize Arbor Day and to adhere to the requirements of the Tree City USA designation.

Rec. Center, Programs, Sports, Events - Protiva presented the current fee schedule and noted that fees were slated to increase at the first of the year, per council resolution. He asked the Committee to discuss the idea of putting the increase off for a year, with the knowledge that property taxes would be increasing with the passing of the pool bond measure.

Smith moved and Kern seconded the motion to suspend the increase of Parks & Recreation user fees for one year. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Foundation - Scarborough noted that the Foundation was looking for one more member.

Parks, Trails and Forests - Saelens mentioned a project he was working on that might be of interest to the Committee.

7. Develop Next Agenda - Joint meeting with Forest group.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2013.
9. Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.