

December 18, 2013  
8:30 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, Fred Springsteen. Absent: Jimmy Rodriguez.
3. Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation staff members Jim Protiva, Shannon Rackowski and new Sports Coordinator, Mike Cavanaugh. Bill Barton was also in attendance.
4. Action Items - Approval of minutes: November 20, 2013: Balzer moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting with corrections. Steinberg seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Committee application/recommendation: The Committee reviewed the application submitted by Kathy Quinn. Steinberg moved to recommend the City Council appoint Kathy Quinn to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. Seconded by Smith. All voted aye and the motion passed.

5. Public Comment: The Committee & guests celebrated the passing of the new pool construction and the selling of the bonds for the project.

Protiva mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce, Yo-Pro's, Friends of the Senior Center and Parks and Recreation staff had cooked and provided 150-175 meals to Seniors on the weekend before Thanksgiving.

6. Committee Comments

Municipal Pool - Simon thanked the many people for their hard work in getting the pool bond passed. Kern asked if there were any recent issues with the current pool. Protiva noted that there had been a problem with the thermostat, which heats the air - not the water.

Tree City USA - Steinberg noted that they would be planting a tree immediately following the meeting and then she and Protiva would work to complete the recertification for the next year.

Rec. Center, Programs, Sports, Events - Protiva noted that things were running smoothly and staff was working with the new Sports Coordinator to make a smooth transition.

Kern mentioned that she felt that the machines upstairs were getting too crowded. Protiva said he would address the issue.

Foundation - Springsteen noted that they had split the secretary and treasurers positions and had found a person they thought would be a good candidate for the additional member needed. Springsteen added that they would be taking suggestions regarding future fundraising ideas.

Parks, Trails and Forests - Springsteen noted that he had attended a Council meeting where the decision was made to keep the road to Big Creek Park one way only.

7. Develop Next Agenda - Joint meeting with the Community Forest and bicycle groups, strategic planning for the department, goals, and community event planning.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2013.
9. Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.