

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes 2-17-2010

ROLL CALL: Members present were: Paul Reed, Ed Simon, Susan Boehlert, Roger Holstein Karen Smith, Sarah Follett. Absent: Sandra Surber.

Also present: Lon Brusselback, City Council liaison.

Staff present: Jim Protiva

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Paul Reed asked that the minutes be changed as noted to reflect Deral McKeel's statement. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

CONCERNS OF COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Deral McKeel addressed the committee regarding lighting on the street, and entrance way to the pool. One of the street lights goes off and on irregularly, and with the entrance way not having good lighting the street light is very important for safety. Protiva stated that he had made a call it have it repaired, but Deral said that it was still not fixed. Protiva said that he would call again.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: Protiva noted that Citizens for Clean Air met with the City Council and gave their presentation as they had to the Parks and Rec. Committee. Protiva noted that the Council was receptive to their concerns and he thought that they would include this as one of their sustainability goals.

Protiva said he had met with a group that wanted to give some input on the Coast Park design. He noted that the ship design had been modified to downplay the cannons and weaponry and add on details such as a movable helm and other items. Protiva also noted that he thought they would be able to go out to bid on the project by the end of the month, with building beginning in May or June.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Protiva informed the committee that progress was being made on the Senior Center remodel and that they should be breaking ground around the middle of April. Protiva added that he estimates the project should take between 9-12 months. The committee discussed the funding aspects of the grant, possible contractors for the project, and how the funds were raised.

OTHER: Protiva updated the committee regarding the anonymous land donation which was written about in the local newspaper. He noted that a local person had approached the city to donate a piece of property to be leveraged against a municipal pool, providing the City build the pool adjoining the Rec. Center. Concerns about parking had been raised so other properties were being looked at to facilitate additional parking. The Committee discussed the funding it would cost to improve the existing pool versus building a new one and what the process would be if the Council gives the go-ahead with the project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010.