

City of Newport  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
March 21, 2012  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:34 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Roger Holstein, Jimmy Rodriguez, Sandy Roumagoux, City Council liaison. Absent: Karen Smith, Susan Boehlert.
3. Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva.
4. Citizens Present: Don McDonald – PAADA (Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse)
5. Approval of Minutes. Nancy moved to approve the minutes of the January 18th, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Ed. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.
6. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. Ed introduced Don McDonald from PAADA. Ed noted that PAADA works with youth and they are looking for projects. Don said PAADA could do surveys or use focus groups to find what kinds are interested in which could help the Committee and Recreation Center for future planning. Jim noted that the Committee had discussed having a student representative serve on the Committee and he also had several ideas of ways to use youth groups in the Department. It was agreed that PAADA would draft a survey that would be used to determine what youth wants the Department to know and what they would like to see the Department do with the information.
7. Parks and Recreation Committee – Expansion of Duties. Jim noted that the City’s Task Force had recommended that the Committee take on some additional roles and duties to assist the Parks and Recreation Department. He added that there were two or three areas that could use immediate help, including special events, Tree City USA, and assistance in forming a foundation to support the Department. The Committee decided they would pass on a request to the City Manager regarding the need for additional members to assist with sub-committees being formed.
8. Report of Director. Jim handed out the current City Council goals for the Department and discussed them with the Committee. The Committee was given a monthly department report for the month of February and updated them on upcoming events.
9. New Business. The Committee asked that topics be listed on the agenda rather than Old and New Business.
10. Old Business. None.
11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2012.